

INFORMATION FOR



2017 REGIONAL WRESTLING MEET HOSTS

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Thank you for accepting the task of hosting a regional wrestling meet. You will find it is a great experience. Although it requires much work as the host school, you need much assistance from all participating schools. The reward is seeing the joy, fun, and excitement of the wrestlers!

Good preparation for your regional meet should allow it to run smoothly and successfully.



Instructions

Hold the regional meet on Saturday of week 34 of the IESA standardized calendar approved by the IESA Board of Directors. **In 2017, the date is Saturday, February 25.** As the host school, you set the starting time of the regional. Consider the distance all schools must travel. Generally, a regional begins at 9:00 a.m. and no later than 10:00 a.m.

Be sure that you have the regional plaque and ribbons. These will be sent to you directly from our supplier.

When your regional schedule is set, all teams should be notified of the exact site and start time. If you make ANY changes from previously sent information be sure to notify all schools of the changes you have made. Include in your information time and location of seeding meeting, regional date, meet weigh-in time, meet starting time, a copy of their Regional Entry Form (you have access to this as the regional host from the host site on the IESA website), Also indicate to all schools that all these materials **must be received** by the date of the seeding meeting if no one will be in attendance.

All regional printed materials will be sent to host schools. Please be sure plaques and ribbons are available to distribute the day of your regional.

You **must** conduct a seeding meeting on the Wednesday prior to your regional meet. **In 2017, the seeding meeting date is Wednesday, February 22.** See enclosed section on seeding meeting.

School Entries and Regional Entry Forms

The student's birth date shall be in accordance with By-Law 3.052. Students must be born on or after March 12, 2001.

Individual contestants shall be limited to a maximum of five matches per day. There shall be a minimum rest period of 45 minutes between each match.

Schools must complete the Regional Entry Form. There is no weight certification. On the morning of the regional meet, each wrestler will simply step on the scale and must make weight for the weight class in which he is entered. A wrestler who does not make weight must be scratched and is not eligible to be moved to the higher weight.

A member school will be permitted one team entry with no more than two entries in each weight class. [See sample copy of Regional Entry Form at the end of this booklet.]

A team entry shall consist of entries in at least nine of the 19 weight classes to be eligible for team awards.

A member school may elect to enter one or two individuals in one to eight of the weight classes without being eligible for team awards.

Weight classes shall be as follows: 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 119, 126, 135, 145, 155, 167, 185, 215, and 275. **PLEASE NOTE: THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT IN THE HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS IS 275 LBS....NOT THE 285 LB. LIMIT AS SET FORTH BY NFHS RULE. There is no weight allowance for any weight class.**

Hiring of Officials

Your mat officials have been hired by the IESA. All you must do is pay the officials the day of your meet. The contracts for the officials assigned to your meet will be included in your final host information to be received prior to your seeding meeting. **PLEASE BE SURE TO CALL EACH OFFICIAL AND INFORM HIM OF THE STARTING TIME AND DIRECTIONS TO YOUR SCHOOL.**

Payment of \$160.00 each is the **required** payment for the three mat officials. No more, no less. Officials should be paid the day of the tournament **with a check from the host school**. The Head Official must attend your weigh-in and assist with the weigh-in procedure. Be sure to mention this to him when contacting him about your starting time.

All contest officials shall be familiar with IESA contest regulations for the activity that they are officiating. Make sure your officials are familiar with IESA exceptions to National Federation wrestling rules contained herein.

Selection of Volunteer Workers

For all other positions necessary in the running of your regional wrestling meet, it is recommended that volunteer workers be secured and no one paid. Request assistance from the participating schools if needed. Please make sure everyone knows the rules for their position.

Assign the duties to all workers ahead of time and send to all in writing. The following workers are recommended:

Head scorer
Official scorer at each table
Match timekeeper at each table
Students for moving bout cards to tables and back to head scorer, to post results, and for miscellaneous tasks as needed
Announcer
Awards personnel

Seeding Meeting

It shall be the responsibility of the regional wrestling host to invite the coaches of the participating schools to a seeding meeting on Wednesday prior to the date of the regional. For the **2016-2017** school year, this date will be **February 22**. No team shall be allowed to participate in the regional without official entries submitted at the regional seeding meeting. Schools not in attendance shall have nothing to say regarding seeding. Any wrestler who is seeded must have at least eight (8) varsity matches completed in order to be a seeded wrestler.

Eight contestants in each weight class shall be seeded from entries on the Regional Entry Form in the following manner:

- (a) Head-to-head competition;
- (b) Record against common opponents;
- (c) Overall record of **VARSITY** matches--include matches wrestled regardless of the weight class;
- (d) Vote by the coaches if the eight seeds cannot be determined through steps a through c above.

NOTES:

- *No re-seeding shall be done after all 19 weight classes have been seeded unless a seeded wrestler scratches at which time the remaining seeds are advanced. See Section B below*
- *Only the wrestlers who have wrestled at least 8 varsity matches may be seeded. All other wrestlers are drawn into the bracket. For example, if the 100 lb. weight class has 12 wrestlers entered but only five of the 12 wrestlers have wrestled 8 varsity matches, then only those five wrestlers will be seeded and the remaining seven wrestlers are all*

drawn into the bracket. A wrestler who has not met the 8 varsity match requirement can never be seeded and will be drawn into the bracket regardless of his record. For example, one wrestler in the 126 lb. wt. class has a 16-1 record heading into regionals but only four of the 17 matches were wrestled at the varsity level with the other 13 matches wrestled at the j.v. level. Another wrestler is 1-12 at the same weight class but all matches were varsity matches. The wrestler with the 16-1 record CANNOT be seeded. That wrestler must be a draw because he has not met the 8 varsity match requirement. The wrestler with the 1-12 varsity record may be seeded. A similar situation would hold true if a wrestler, due to injury during the season, enters the seeding day with a 5-0 varsity record. That wrestler cannot be seeded and must be drawn into the bracket whereas a wrestler with a 4-8 varsity record could be seeded.

In the above procedure, if (a) determines all eight seeds, go no further. If it does not, go to (b). If this determines remaining seeds, go no further. If not, go to (c), then (d).

Once the seeds have been determined, no switching of seeds is permitted. This includes wrestlers from the same school who are seeded that are in the same bracket. On the day of the meet, wrestlers may be switched if it is necessary to balance the brackets when a seeded wrestler scratches.

After the eight seeds have been placed on the bracket chart and the byes drawn in order by seed, the remaining wrestlers shall be placed by draw. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top bracket and seeds #2, #3, #6, #7 in the bottom bracket with the exception noted above.

NOTE: IN CASE A SEEDED WRESTLER SCRATCHES THE DAY OF THE REGIONAL MEET, YOU SHOULD SEED A 9TH WRESTLER THE NIGHT OF THE SEEDING MEETING. THIS 9TH SEEDED WRESTLER WOULD STILL BE DRAWN INTO THE BRACKET AND WOULD ONLY BECOME A SEEDED WRESTLER IF ONE OF THE TOP 8 SEEDED WRESTLERS WOULD SCRATCH FOR SOME REASON AFTER THE SEEDING MEETING AND BEFORE THE START OF THE REGIONAL. SEE BELOW AS TO HOW TO HANDLE SCRATCHES AND ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS IN THE BRACKET IF A SEEDED WRESTLER SCRATCHES.

3) Seeded wrestlers may be placed in the same bracket. If two wrestlers from the same school are seeded in the same bracket, do not re-seed so they are placed in opposite brackets. For example, a school has two wrestlers in the 135 lb. weight class. One wrestler received the 2nd seed and the other wrestler received the 3rd seed. These two wrestlers must remain in the exact spot where they were seeded. It is not permissible to move the 2nd or 3rd seeded wrestler to the top bracket.

SEEDING REGIONALS WITH 17-22 WRESTLERS IN A BRACKET

In regionals with 9 teams assigned, eight wrestlers shall be seeded using the criteria established. Once the schools of those 8 wrestlers are determined, at least one wrestler from the remaining schools shall have one of their two wrestlers drawn into the 16 man bracket. The remaining wrestlers shall then be drawn into the pigtail matches. In regionals with 10-11 teams assigned, if there is a 19-22 man bracket, eight wrestlers shall be seeded using the criteria established. However, it may be that not every school can be drawn into the 16 man bracket. If this occurs, then simply draw all of the remaining wrestlers into all of the "draw" slots including the pigtail matches. In these situations, wrestlers who lose the pigtail match are eliminated from the regional and will not be placed in the wrestleback. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top half of the bracket and seed #2, #3, #6, and #7 shall be placed in the bottom half of the bracket.

Pairings/Day of Regional Meet Scratches

- 1) After the seeds have been placed on the bracket chart, the remaining wrestlers shall be placed by draw. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top bracket and seeds #2, #3, #6, and #7 in the bottom bracket. If a seeded wrestler scratches the day of the regional meet, the remaining seeded wrestlers shall be advanced in the bracket. If you seed 9 wrestlers at the seed meeting, then the 9th seeded wrestler would become the 8th seeded wrestler as the wrestlers are advanced. The wrestlers that are drawn into the

bracket will have to be re-drawn to accommodate the scratch. Example: The 105 lb. bracket has 10 wrestlers entered. The 6th seeded wrestler does not make weight. The 7th seeded wrestler now moves into the 6th place slot, the 8th seeded wrestler moves into the 7th place slot, the 9th seeded wrestler (who was originally a drawn wrestler) now becomes the 8th seeded wrestler. Since there are now only 9 wrestlers in the bracket refer to the 9 man bracket chart for pairings. The above example only occurs when a seeded wrestler scratches. Seeds and the placement of the drawn wrestlers remain as done the night of the seeding meeting if there are no scratches.

Wrestlebacks

Wrestleback for Third Place

Wrestlebacks will be for 3rd place but both the 3rd place winner and 4th place winner will qualify for the sectional. The preliminary round and/or quarterfinal round losers to the finalists shall be placed in the first round of the wrestleback bracket. Then place the semifinal round losers in the bracket. [See Bracket Sheet for more details.] Should the winner of the pigtail match fall into the wrestleback and have to wrestle in the 3rd/4th place match and that match would be his 6th match of the day, he must forfeit that match. However, since 4 places advance to the sectional, this wrestler will still advance to the sectional.

Equipment and Supplies

The following is a list of recommended equipment and supplies that you will need to provide:

Current National Federation Wrestling Rule Book

IESA Handbook

Two or more digital scales for weigh-in **(YOU MUST USE A DIGITAL SCALE)**

Wrestling mats (Preferably three--minimum of two)

Time clock for each mat table (Preferably visible throughout the gymnasium)

Scoreboard or flip chart for each mat table

Public Address system

Two master bracket sheets for each weight class for scoring and display purposes

Bout cards for each match---generally done on computer. **YOUR SCHOOL SHOULD USE THE WRESTLING TOURNEY SOFTWARE PROVIDED TO YOU.**

Leg bands for each mat

Contact the schools if you need additional equipment.

Details Between Seeding Meeting and Meet Day

Check your ribbon supply carefully. Sort by weight class and place. Check the regional plaque for damage.

Check your meet facility and make sure all necessary areas are properly prepared.

Contact your mat officials and volunteer helpers to remind them of the date/site/etc.

Details for Meet Day

At the recommendation of the wrestling advisory committee and approved by the IESA Board of Directors, weigh-ins at the state series may be conducted by team rather than by weight class. This is necessary due to the travel that is involved with some regionals making weight class weigh-in a logistical problem for some regional contest managers. Weigh-ins must be conducted using a digital scale.

All competitors must weigh in and make the scratch weight as entered on the Regional Entry Form (without ANY allowance). If a wrestler fails to make the required weight, they can **NOT** move up to the next weight class and must be scratched. See By-Law 4.054 for replacements.

NO STATE SERIES HOST SHALL MAKE A WEIGHT SCALE AVAILABLE TO CHECK WEIGHT BEFORE THE ACTUAL WEIGH-INS BEGIN. NO TEAM MAY WEIGH-IN UNTIL THE HEAD OFFICIAL ASSIGNED BY THE IESA OFFICE IS PRESENT. HOST SCHOOLS IN PARTICULAR MUST ADHERE TO THIS RULE.

No school may bring a scale to the state series site to check weight. A school that checks their weight upon arriving at the state series site will be disqualified from competing if the head official on site is a witness to the checking of weight.

Have the mat official check hair and fingernails of all contestants at weigh-ins.

Call coaches together for final scratches. Have all Regional Entry Forms from all schools available for this meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS AN IESA STATE SERIES ACTIVITY AND THAT YOU MUST CONDUCT THIS REGIONAL WITH TOTAL IMPARTIALITY. PLEASE DO NOT RECOGNIZE ANY TEAM MEMBERS, OR DO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU MAY ORDINARILY DO FOR A REGULAR SEASON MEET (SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS OF YOUR SQUAD MEMBERS, FLASHING LIGHTS, SMOKE, ETC.) THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION TO HELP US CREATE AN EQUITABLE SETTING AS POSSIBLE.

It is strongly recommended that you as the regional host make every effort to have a competent physician or certified trainer either in attendance or on immediate call. National Federation rule 10-2-4 states that in case of injury or illness sustained in the tournament, the tournament director, in consultation with the designated, on-site appropriate health care professional(s) and the coach of the injured or ill contestant, shall determine the contestant's ability to continue.

Finances

Financial report forms will be sent to you from the IESA Office. Admission prices at the regional level are \$2.00 for K-8 Students and Senior Citizens and \$5.00 for Adults and High School Students.

Do not collect any entry fees from the schools assigned to your regional!!! If the tournament runs a deficit, you may assess the participating schools after your financial report is approved by the IESA.

See sample of regional financial report on the next page.



ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

2016-2017 BOYS WRESTLING REGIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT

HOST SCHOOL:	«CommonName»	Reg. # «Reg_host»
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Please return this financial report, unused ribbons, and any money due to the IESA as soon as possible and preferably no later than two weeks after the completion of the tournament. If this deadline cannot be met, please contact the Executive Director. The following items will NOT be approved as

SAMPLE OF FINANCE FORM

- A. _____ Grades K – 8 & Senior Citizens (62+) @ \$2.00 each\$ _____
- B. _____ High School & Adults @ \$5.00 each\$ _____
- C. **Total Admissions**\$ _____

IESA SHARE

- D. **30% of Total Admissions (Line C x .30).....Due to IESA: \$** _____

ALLOWABLE TOURNAMENT EXPENDITURES

All tournament workers should be paid at the same rates as for regular season games. Please try to hold down custodial, police, and supervision costs as much as possible to eliminate or reduce assessments to participating schools. If all of the games are not played at the host school, the host school is still responsible for collecting all admissions and making all payments to the IESA, officials, and other host schools.

- 1. Mat Officials (three officials @\$160 each- **no mileage**)\$ 480.00
- 2. Scorers & Timers\$ _____
- 3. Ticket Takers & Sellers.....\$ _____
- 4. Custodial Service.....\$ _____
- 5. Police\$ _____
- 6. Miscellaneous (documentation required).....\$ _____
- 7. Supervision (Please list the total paid to the right, list individuals below)\$ _____
 - Name _____ Amount \$ _____
 - Name _____ Amount \$ _____
- 8. Trainer\$ _____
- E. Expenditures Sub-total (Add lines 1 through 8).....\$ _____
- F. Total Expenditures (Add line D and Line E)\$ _____

IF LINE C IS GREATER THAN LINE F, PLEASE PUT THE DIFFERENCE (line C – line F) IN LINE G. IF LINE C IS LESS THAN LINE F, PLEASE PUT THE DIFFERENCE (line F – line C) IN LINE H.

- G. Profit\$ _____
- H. Deficit\$ _____

If your tournament shows a deficit, you may assess each participating school. An approved copy of this report must be sent to any school being assessed within one month after approval. Assessments should not be paid until this is done.

ASSESSMENT OF \$ _____ per team

ALL ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID TO THE HOST SCHOOL, NOT THE IESA OFFICE.

THE HOST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S SIGNATURE IS NECESSARY TO APPROVE THIS REPORT. PLEASE SEND A SIGNED COPY OF THIS REPORT AND A CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT SHOWN IN LINE D TO: 1015 MAPLE HILL ROAD BLOOMINGTON, IL 61705

Host School Administrator’s Signature _____ Date _____

Executive Director's Signature of Approval _____ Date _____

Post-Meet Details

You must submit your regional results according to the on-line instructions immediately at the conclusion of the regional on Saturday.

Send a copy of your meet results to all participating schools in your regional. It would be best if all teams left with a copy of the results the night of the meet or they are emailed to all schools the next day.

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR TOURNAMENT MANAGER KEEPS A COPY OF THE RESULTS WITH HIM DURING THE WEEK AS THE IESA OFFICE MAY NEED TO CALL TO DETERMINE A REPLACEMENT WRESTLER AT THE SECTIONAL IF ONE OF THE WRESTLERS WHO ADVANCES TO THE SECTIONAL HAS TO SCRATCH DURING THE WEEK.

As soon as possible and no later than two weeks after the completion of the tournament, submit your financial report with payment to the IESA Office.

Other Wrestling By-Laws from IESA Handbook

The host school shall not make its wrestling event areas available to the visiting teams for practice sessions other than that designated in written instructions prior to the beginning of the scheduled meet time.

The displaying of signs, banners, or placards at tournament games is prohibited. Such devices obstruct the view of spectators, are unsightly, and in many instances may become safety hazards. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.

All mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from playing areas for all tournament play. Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring megaphones, radios, or tape players into the playing area of any state series tournament contest.

If players or representatives of any school entered in a tournament are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or other visiting schools, such as breaking or damaging lockers, etc., destruction to other teams' equipment, buses, etc., such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in repairing or replacing such property or equipment.

Local tournament managers may permit the radio broadcasting of the tournament provided the sponsors of the broadcasts are not manufacturers, distributors, or advertisers of tobacco or alcoholic beverages, political or religious groups, or of any other products or services which might reflect unfavorably upon the school or the Association.

Video-taping will be permitted but will never be used in any official capacity.

Athletic uniforms may not show any commercial or non-school advertising other than the manufacturer's, and must be in accordance with NFHS rules. Warm-ups may include commercial advertising.

Exceptions to National Federation Wrestling Rules

The latest National Federation of State High School Association rules shall govern the rules of play for all athletic activities with the following exceptions: [Numbers in parentheses indicate National Federation rule numbers.]

Weight classes shall be as follows: 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 119, 126, 135, 145, 155, 167, 185, 215, and 275. [4-4-1] **PLEASE NOTE: THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT IN THE HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS IS 275 LBS....NOT THE 285 LB. LIMIT AS SET FORTH BY NFHS RULE.**

Wrestling singlets must conform to rule 4-1-1. "Universal" style singlets are prohibited.

Weigh-in time period may begin two and one-half hours prior to the beginning of a meet. [4-5-1]

Weigh-ins must be conducted in accordance with NFHS rule 4-5-7. Contestants may NOT weigh-in nude. [4-5-7]

Weigh-ins for the state series may be conducted as a team as opposed to weight class. [4-5-3]

NO STATE SERIES HOST SHALL MAKE A WEIGHT SCALE AVAILABLE TO CHECK WEIGHT BEFORE THE ACTUAL WEIGH-INS BEGIN.

The following time limits shall apply to all state series matches and are recommended for regular season dates and tournaments:

Regular match, Championship Bracket, Consolation and Wrestlebacks [6-1-1]

- (1) First period-one minute
- (2) Second and third periods--one and one-half minutes

Overtime

In regular season and tournament competition, the overtime period shall be conducted as follows:

If the score is tied at the end of the three periods, the wrestlers will wrestle an overtime period which will be a maximum of one minute in length. Both wrestlers will be in the neutral position. The wrestler who scores the first point(s) will be declared the winner. If no winner is declared by the end of the 1 minute overtime period, a 30 second tiebreaker will be wrestled. Choice for position is given to the wrestler who scores the first point in the regulation match. The wrestler who scores the first point in the tiebreaker will be declared the winner. If no scoring occurs in 30 seconds the offensive wrestler will be declared the winner and one match point is added to the offensive wrestler's score. Of course, if the points earned in the overtime period or tiebreaker involve a takedown or reversal straight to the back, the match shall continue until the near fall or fall situation has concluded. [6-1-7]

There is no weight allowance. All wrestlers must make scratch weight including the state series. [4-4-4].

Section 4-5-5 of the NFHS rules will apply to regular season meets and tournaments only. It does not apply to the IESA state series.

Four places shall be scored at regionals and sectionals and six at the state final meet. [9-2]

Advancement to Sectional Meet

1. The winners of first, second, third, and fourth places in each weight class at the regional meet are eligible to be entered by their respective schools at the sectional meet. The sectional meet is scheduled for **Saturday, March 4.**
2. The sectional host must be notified of any scratches of qualifiers for the sectional meet as soon as possible so replacements may be contacted.

Team Scoring

First place-- 14 points
Second place--10 points
Third place-- 7 points
Fourth place-- 4 points

Advancement in all championship bracket matches--2 points
Advancement in all consolation bracket matches--1 point
Fall, disqualification, default, or forfeit--2 points
Technical fall--1 1/2 points
Major decision (Winning by 8 to 14 points)--1 point

When a wrestler receives a bye and wins his next match, advancement and match points are doubled. **Example:** *Smith receives bye in preliminary round and pins opponent in quarterfinals. For this the wrestler receives a total of eight points, four for advancement and four for fall. This is a doubling of normal points. If Smith does not win his quarterfinal match, the wrestler receives no advancement points for the preliminary or quarterfinal rounds. Winning in a placing match is **not** an advancement. Please see the enclosed scoring sheet for byes and bonus points.*

Awards

IESA orders all awards and will have the awards shipped directly to the host school.

A plaque shall be awarded to the regional winning team. Schools must have entries in a minimum of nine of the 19 weight classes to be eligible for the team award. Duplicate awards will be made for tied team scores at regionals which should be ordered from the IESA Office by the host school.

When presenting the individual awards at the regional level, host schools should present the awards to the weight classes as they are completed. For example, two weight classes have completed their championship bouts. The place winners for those two classes are then seated in the awards area while the next two championship bouts are taking place. At the conclusion of those two championship matches, awards are then presented to the first two championship bouts that were completed. Do not wait until the very end to award all 19 weight classes at one time.

Ribbons will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place winners in each weight division. Unused awards should be returned to the IESA Office as soon as possible.

Forms Included

Byes and Bonus Points

Wrestling Brackets