



Sectional Wrestling Host Book

Thank you for accepting the task of hosting a 2025 sectional wrestling meet. You will find it is a great experience. The reward is seeing the joy, fun, and excitement of the wrestlers as they attempt to make it to the IESA state wrestling finals!

The sectional meet is scheduled for Saturday [March 1](#). Please note, the starting time for all sectionals is 9:00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. OFFICIALS: The IESA has hired the officials necessary for your meet. Included in your mailing will be the names and contact information for the [five](#) officials assigned to work your sectional. Please be sure to call the officials assigned to your sectional and inform them of the starting time and be prepared to pay the officials the day of the meet. Each official should be paid \$225.
2. AWARDS: The sectional plaques and medals will be sent to you from our supplier, A & M Products, Princeton, IL. [The first place team will receive plaque](#). The first, second, third and fourth place individual in each weight class will receive a medal. If you do not receive the plaques from our supplier two weeks prior to your sectional, please contact the IESA Office. Bracket boards will be sent to you from our supplier. The bracket boards should be awarded to the champion of each weight class. DO NOT ORDER ANY BRACKET BOARDS. BE SURE TO GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL WINNER THE BRACKET BOARD ALONG WITH THEIR MEDAL.
3. All teams should be notified of the exact site. If making any changes from previous information, be sure to notify all schools and officials. Include in your information the starting time for weigh-ins and the time when actual wrestling will begin. A 60-minute weigh-in period shall be scheduled to start 90 minutes prior to all sectional tournaments. Teams must weigh-in together.

SECTIONAL ENTRIES AND PAIRINGS

1. Sectional tournaments will follow a true wrestleback format. 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.
2. The listing of sectional qualifiers will be available online after [Monday, February 24](#). As the host, you will have access to this information. There are four regionals that "feed" your sectional and three wrestlers from each weight class in each regional advance to the sectional. For your sectional, there will be a total of 12 wrestlers in each weight class.
3. SEE ENCLOSED SAMPLE BRACKET FOR SAMPLE PAIRINGS. The first number is the regional number and the second number is the place...so a 1-2 would mean the second place wrestler from regional #1; 3-1 would be the first place wrestler from regional #3.



Sectional pairings will be released after the regional and will be different for each weight class.

Please note:

- Sectional A will have regionals 1, 2, 3, 4; pairings will reflect 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, etc.
 - Sectional B will have regionals 5, 6, 7, 8; pairings will reflect 5-1, 6-1, 7-1, 8-1, etc;
 - Sectional C will have regionals 9, 10, 11, 12; pairings will reflect 9-1, 10-1, 11-1,12-1, etc;
 - Sectional D will have regionals 13, 14, 15, 16; pairings will reflect 13-1, 14-1, 15-1, 16-1, etc.
3. There shall be a minimum rest period of 30 minutes between matches for each wrestler.
 4. Each student shall be limited to wrestling in the weight class in which they qualified at the regional meet. The wrestler must make scratch weight. For example, an 85 lb. wrestler can weigh a maximum of 85 lbs. A wrestler who fails to make weight the day of the sectional meet must be scratched. They cannot move to a higher weight class. If a wrestler does not make weight, they are out of the sectional meet.
 5. Should a wrestler need to scratch during sectional week for injury, illness, or ineligibility, it shall be the responsibility of the principal or coach of the wrestler who is scratching to notify the IESA Office that an alternate may be necessary. The IESA office will then contact the alternate.

If there is a wrestler who advances from regional to sectional but scratches prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the sectional, the following criteria will determine who takes the spot in the sectional:

- a. The first alternate shall be the wrestler in the regional who was defeated in the 3rd place match.
- b. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the regional championship bracket but failed to qualify as a third place winner or as the first alternate.

Scratches of wrestlers advancing to the sectional must be reported by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the sectional in order for the alternate to advance. Scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on that Thursday will not be replaced. There are no substitutions for injury, illness, or ineligibility the morning of the sectional meet.

If there is a scratch during the week, the web listing for your sectional contestants will be updated. There are no replacements for scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday preceding the sectional.

SELECTION OF VOLUNTEERS

1. For all other positions necessary in the running of your sectional wrestling meet, it is recommended that volunteer workers be secured. Request assistance from the participating schools if needed. Please make sure everyone knows the rules for the position they will be working.
2. 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

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

1. Let all schools know of any equipment that they may need to provide for you such as time clocks, mats, etc.
2. The following is a list of recommended equipment and supplies that you will need to provide:

Current National Federation Wrestling Rule Book

IESA Wrestling Terms and Conditions

Two or more certified scales for weigh-in---****You must use a digital scale ****

Floor mats (Four mats required)

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--Be sure to use Trackwrestling

Leg bands for each mat

DETAILS FOR MEET DAY

1. Call coaches together for final scratches. Any coach who reports a scratch the day of the meet will forfeit that spot. That wrestler's spot will not be replaced but you should advance wrestlers from the regional in the bracket (see below).
2. All competitors must weigh in and make the weight at which they qualified. If a wrestler fails to make the required weight, they can NOT move up to the next weight class and must be scratched. Any scratch reported to us after that and/or any wrestler who fails to make weight on Saturday morning shall be scratched without any replacement. Further, you DO NOT advance the wrestlers in the bracket if there is a scratch after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday or if a wrestler misses weight Saturday morning. That simply become a forfeit win for the opponent of the scratched wrestler.
3. No school may bring a scale to the sectional site to check weight. NO STATE SERIES HOST SHALL MAKE A WEIGHT SCALE AVAILABLE TO CHECK WEIGHT BEFORE THE ACTUAL WEIGH-INS BEGIN. A school that checks their weight upon arriving at the sectional site will be disqualified from competing if the head official on site is a witness to the checking of weight.
4. Mat officials will check hair and fingernails of all contestants at weigh-ins.



5. 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. Digital scales must be used for weigh-ins.
6. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS AN IESA STATE SERIES ACTIVITY AND THAT YOU MUST CONDUCT THIS SECTIONAL WITH TOTAL IMPARTIALITY. PLEASE DO NOT DO ANY SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS OF YOUR SQUAD MEMBERS, FLASHING LIGHTS, SMOKE, ETC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION TO HELP US CREATE AS EQUITABLE A SETTING AS POSSIBLE.

FINANCES

Financial report forms will be sent to you from the IESA Office. Admission prices at the sectional level are \$10.00 for all spectators.

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

HOSPITALITY IS NOT AN ALLOWABLE EXPENSE.

Expenditures not permitted will be detailed on the financial report form.

*Financial reports and instructions will be sent in a separate document.

T-SHIRT SALES

Merchandise pertaining to IESA Wrestling will be sold at your site. This has been approved and mandated by the IESA Board of Directors. The only merchandise that will be shipped to your site is t-shirts. A reconciliation form will also be sent so that you can accurately report sales, money collected, etc. A sample of that form is included. This is only a sample. The official form will come with the T-shirts.

The IESA merchandise vendor is The Cubby Hole. The Cubby Hole will either personally attend and sell the merchandise at your site, or they will ship the merchandise to you and you will need to sell the merchandise at your contest. Either way, you will receive a percentage of the sales. The Cubby Hole will contact you and make all of the necessary arrangements.

POST-MEET DETAILS

Enter the sectional results on-line at the IESA website immediately at the conclusion of the meet, and no later than 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. Please see the enclosed instructions.

1. Send a copy of your meet results to all participating schools in your sectional.



2. As soon as possible and no later than two weeks after completion of the tournament, submit your financial report with payment to the IESA Office.
3. Please be sure all wrestlers advancing to the state finals are aware that the tournament will be held at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb on Friday and Saturday, [March 7 & 8](#).

ADVANCEMENT TO THE STATE MEET

1. The winners of first, second, third, and fourth places in each weight class in the sectional meet advance to the state meet.
2. The IESA Office must be notified of any wrestlers who qualify for the state meet who will be scratched from the state meet as soon as possible after the sectional 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--1½ points
- Major decision (Winning by 8 to 14 points)--1 point

When a wrestler receives a bye and wins their next match, advancement and match points are doubled. Example: Wrestler A receives bye in preliminary round and pins opponent in quarterfinals. For this, Wrestler A receives a total of eight points, four for advancement and four for fall. This is a doubling of normal points. If Wrestler A does not win the quarterfinal match, they receive no advancement points for the preliminary or quarterfinal rounds. Winning in a placing match is not an advancement. See the enclosed scoring sheet for Byes and Bonus Points.

AWARDS



1. **A plaque shall be awarded to the first place team.** All schools shall be eligible for the sectional team award.
2. When presenting the individual awards at the sectional 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.

OTHER WRESTLING BY-LAWS

1. 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.
2. The displaying of signs, banners, or placards at tournament games is prohibited. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.
3. 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, etc. into the playing area of any state tournament series contest.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Video-taping will be permitted but will never be used in any official capacity.
7. 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