

INFORMATION FOR



2019 SECTIONAL WRESTLING MEET HOSTS

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Thank you for accepting the task of hosting a sectional 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 as they attempt to make it to the IESA state wrestling finals!

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

Instructions

1. The sectional meet is scheduled for Saturday of week 35 of the IESA standardized calendar. **In 2019, the date is March 2. Please note, the starting time for all sectionals shall be 9:00 a.m.** Since your officials are already hired, the sectional must be held on this date. Please be sure to call the officials assigned to your sectional and inform them the starting time.
2. The sectional plaques will be sent to you from our supplier. The first and second place teams receive plaques. If you do not receive the plaques from our supplier within two weeks of your sectional, please contact the IESA Office. You will receive bracket boards and the first, second, third, and fourth place individuals medals for each weight class from the IESA Office. **DO NOT ORDER ANY BRACKET BOARDS. BE SURE TO GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL WINNER THE BRACKET BOARD ALONG WITH HIS MEDAL.**
3. All teams should be notified of the exact site. If making any changes from previous information, be sure to notify all schools. Include in your information the date and starting time.

Sectional Entries and Pairings

1. The sectional qualifier listing will be available on-line at the IESA website after Monday, February 25. There will be eight qualifying wrestlers for each of the 19 weight classes for your sectional. As the host, you have access to this information.
2. All regionals are numbered from 1 to 16. Your sectional will have four regionals that "feed" your sectional. Sectional A will have regionals 1, 2, 3, and 4 assigned to it; Sectional B will have regionals 5, 6, 7, and 8 assigned to it; Sectional C will have regionals 9, 10, 11, and 12 assigned to it; and Sectional D will have regionals 13, 14, 15, and 16 assigned to it. SEE ENCLOSED SAMPLE BRACKET FOR PAIRINGS FOR DETAIL. Sectional pairings will be different for each weight class and they will be released after the regional.
3. The student's birth date shall be in accordance with By-Law 3.052. Students must be born on or after March 10, 2003.
4. There shall be a minimum rest period of 45 minutes between matches for each wrestler.
5. Each student shall be limited to wrestling in the weight class in which he qualified at the regional meet. He must make scratch weight. For example, an 85 lb. wrestler can weigh a maximum of 85 lbs. A wrestler who fails to make weight must be scratched.

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.

6. *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's principal or coach that he will replace the regular qualifier. 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. 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: The first alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinal to the eventual 3rd place winner. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinal to the eventual 4th place winner. The third alternate shall be the wrestler who had the higher seed who did not place. There are no replacements for scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday preceding the sectional.

7. 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.

Hiring of Officials

1. Officials for your sectional have been hired and assigned by the IESA Office. Enclosed is the contract for each official assigned to your sectional.
2. Payment of \$170.00 each is the **required** payment for the three mat officials. No more, no less. Officials should be paid the day of the tournament.
3. 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

1. For all other positions necessary in the running of your sectional 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 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 Handbook

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

Floor mats (Three mats are 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 the software from Preferred Educational Software

Leg bands for each mat

Use the wrestling software provided by IESA to run the computers

Details for Meet Day

1. All competitors must weigh in and make the weight at which they qualified. If a wrestler fails to make the required weight, he can **NOT** move up to the next weight class and must be scratched.

In cases where a wrestler fails to make weight, the other wrestlers from the regional of the scratched wrestler shall be advanced in brackets, if possible. For example, the 1st place wrestler from a given regional does not make weight and has to scratch. The 2nd place wrestler from that regional moves to the 1st place slot and the 3rd place wrestler from that regional moves to the 2nd place slot. 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: The first alternate shall be the wrestler in the regional who was defeated in the 3rd place match. 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. There are no replacements for scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday preceding the sectional.

2. Please see By-Laws 4.054 on replacements for illness, injury, or scholastic ineligibility. They are also listed in the current Wrestling Terms & Conditions.
3. Have a mat official check hair and fingernails of all contestants at weigh-ins.
4. Call coaches together for final scratches.
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. 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. 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 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 AS EQUITABLE A SETTING AS POSSIBLE.**

Finances

1. Sectional financial report form is included. Admission prices at the sectional level are \$2.00 for K-8 Students and Senior Citizens and \$5.00 for Adults and High School Students.

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 company that will sell the merchandise is The Cubby Hole--the same company that sells at all of our state finals. 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. T-shirts must be sold for \$17.00 each.

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. 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, IL, on Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9.

Other Wrestling By-Laws from IESA Handbook

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. 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.
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 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.

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]

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

Weigh-in time period may begin two and one-half hours prior to the beginning of a meet. [4-5-3]

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

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]

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

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

Advancement to State Meet

1. The winners of first, second, third, and fourth places in each weight class in a sectional meet are eligible to be entered by their respective schools at 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 his next match, advancement and match points are doubled. Example: Smith receives bye in preliminary round and pins opponent in quarterfinals. For this he 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, he receives 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 and second place teams. All schools shall be eligible for the sectional team award.

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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.
3. **Medals will be given to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finisher in each weight class. A bracket board shall also be given to each weight class winner. Unused awards should be returned to the IESA Office as soon as possible. Do not order bracket boards. The IESA Office will order the boards for you and ship them to your school.**



IESA WRESTLING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT BRACKETS & PAIRINGS

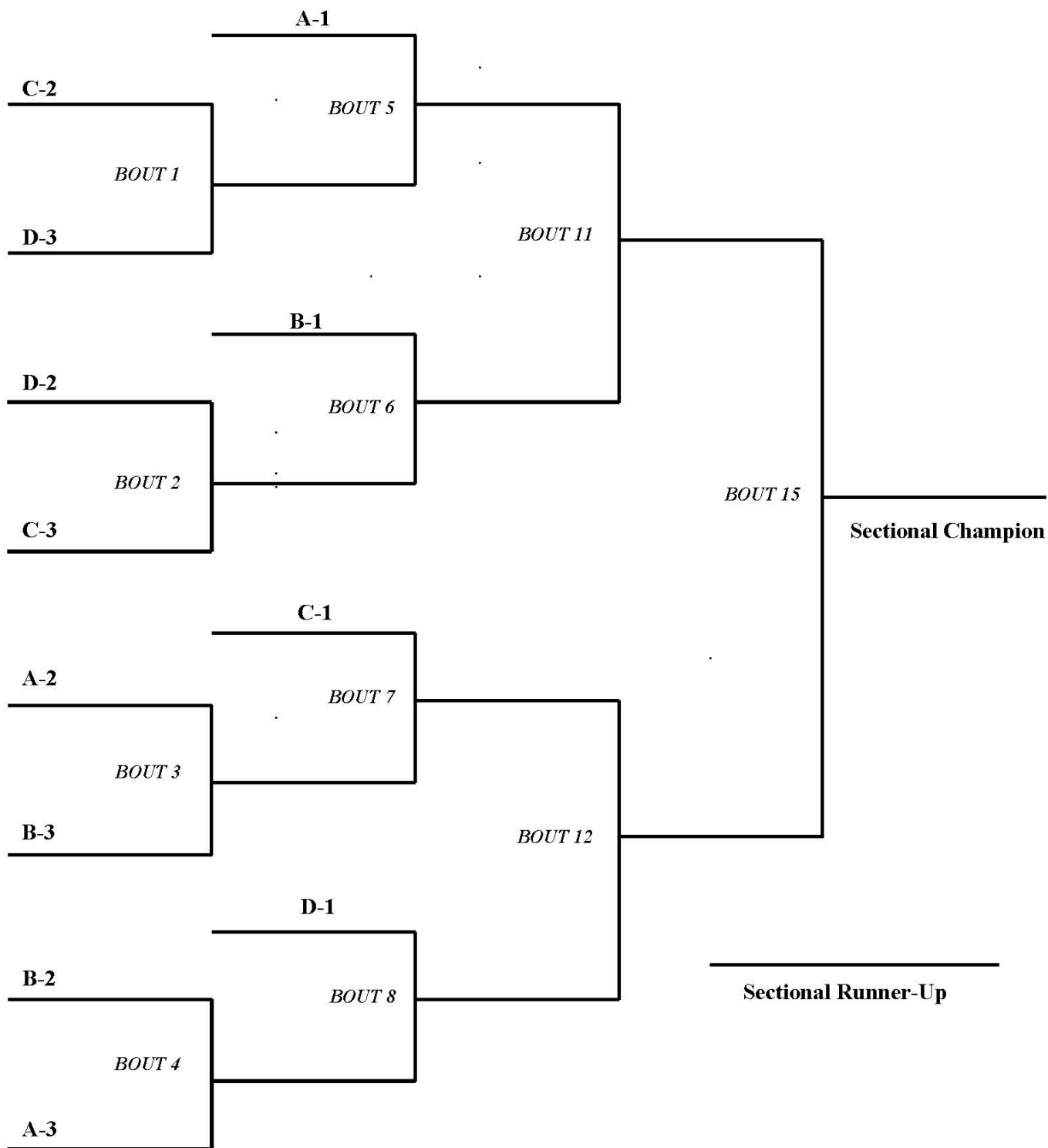
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

First Round

Quarter-Final Round

Semi-Final Round

Final Round





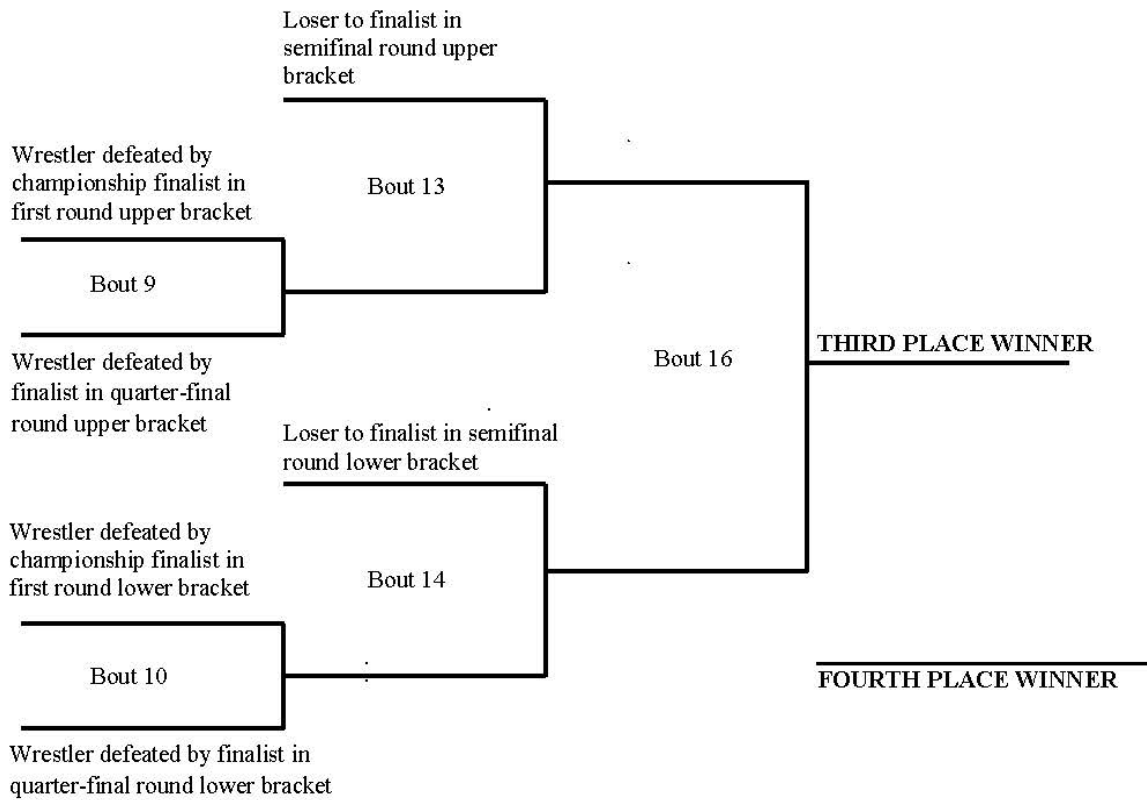
Consolation Bracket for Sectional

Wrestlebacks – for wrestlers defeated by the two finalists

First Round

Second Round

Third Round



NOTES

1. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers advance to the state meet.
2. The only way there would be a bye in the 1st round of the championship bracket would be if fewer than 4 wrestlers advance from one regional, if a wrestler fails to make weight the day of sectional, or a wrestler scratches.
3. Pairings will be different for each weight class.
4. There is a chance for a Bye in the first round of the wrestlebacks.