



2023-24 Boys & Girls Wrestling Series - Terms & Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSAA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2023-24 IHSAA Class 1A, 2A and 3A Boys & Girls Wrestling Tournament Series.

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Classifications in the IHSAA Wrestling State Series will be determined according to IHSAA Policy 17 (Classification System).

II. DATES AND SITES

A) Boys Individual Tournament Series Dates and Sites:

- 1) Regionals: February 3rd

Tournament sites and team assignments will be posted online.

Note: It is recommended that Regionals be held as one-day tournaments on Saturday, February 3rd. Two-day Regionals may be conducted with the consent of the IHSAA.

- 2) Sectionals: February 9th -10th

Tournament sites and correlated Regionals will be posted online.

Note: All Sectional tournaments shall be two-day tournaments.

- 3) State Finals Tournament: February 15th - 17th

The 2023-24 Class 1A, 2A and 3A Individual State Final tournaments will be held at the State Farm Center, University of Illinois, Champaign. Randy Conrad has been appointed manager in charge of local arrangements.

B) Dual Team Tournament Series Dates and Sites:

- 1) The Team Sectional qualifier will be the school accumulating the most team points at the Individual Regional.
- 2) Sectionals - February 20th
 - Sites will be assigned by the IHSAA.
 - a. Four Regional championship teams shall compete at each of four Sectional semi-final sites.
- 3) State Final Tournament – February 23rd - 24th
 - a. A blind draw will be used to determine placement on the bracket for the State Finals.

Note: Pairings for the Dual Team Sectional matches will be drawn at the Winter Sports pairings drawing at the IHSAA Office in early December. In each Dual Team Sectional, only the semi-final matches shall be conducted on February 20th. The two teams winning semi-final matches will advance in the Dual Team State Tournament.

C) Girls Individual Tournament Series Dates

- 1) Regionals: January 26th-27th
- 2) Sectionals: February 9th – 10th
- 3) State Finals Tournament: February 23rd – 24th

III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSAA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2023-24 Entry Policies and Procedures.

- A) **Online Entries:** All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSAA Schools Center on the IHSAA Website at www.ihsaa.org. The deadline for entry in wrestling is November 1, 2023. The 2023-24 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSAA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSAA website.
- B) **Late Entries:** Any attempt to enter a sport or activity online after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSAA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.
- C) **Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure):** To withdraw without penalty, the IHSAA Official Representative must notify the IHSAA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from wrestling prior to the seeding meeting date and/or the date the List of Participants is due for that sport. If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting date/List of Participants due date and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.
- D) **Eligibility:** All member schools in good standing may enter an individual(s) or a team under the provisions of IHSAA By-law 3.054.
- E) **Affirmative Action:** Only boys shall be permitted to participate in the boys' state series except as provided in the IHSAA Affirmative Action Policy. Only girls shall be permitted to participate in the girls' state series.

IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A) **Regional Meets:** For Individual Regional Tournaments, the host school shall pay for all local expenses. The host school shall receive a guarantee of \$1,800. The host school shall retain 20% of the net income and submit the remainder plus \$75 Track Wrestling fee to the IHSAA. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. The IHSAA office will pay all postseason officials.
- B) **Sectional Meets:** For Individual Sectional Tournaments, the host school shall pay for all local expenses. The host shall receive a guarantee of \$2,500 and receive 20% of the net income minus the \$75 Track Wrestling fee to the IHSAA. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. The IHSAA office will pay all postseason officials. For Dual Team Sectional Tournaments, the host school shall pay for all local expenses. The host school shall receive a guarantee of \$600 and receive 20% minus the \$50 Track Wrestling fee. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. The IHSAA office will pay all postseason officials.
- C) **State Final:** In the State Final Dual Team Tournament only, each participating team shall receive reimbursement according to the following schedule.



Round Trip Mileage to State Final Site	Flat Rate Reimbursement
0-150 miles	\$ 250.00
151-300 miles	\$ 500.00
301-over miles	\$ 750.00

Mileage is \$5.00 per round trip mile for the first 50 miles and \$3.00 for each round-trip mile beyond 50.

Mileage shall be based on one (1) round trip to and from the State Final site. No reimbursement will be guaranteed to member schools which qualify individual contestants.

Note: Neither the State Association nor the local tournament management will assume responsibility for expenses of any kind other than those specified above.

D) Admission Fees:

- 1) In the Individual State Tournament Series, ticket prices have been established by the IHSA Board of Directors. The per session prices are as follows:

Regional: \$8.00 all-day pass (one-day tournament)
\$5.00 per day (two-day-tournament)

*A convenience fee may apply at schools using GoFan in the Regional round.

Sectional: \$7.00 per session – digital ticket
\$8.00 per session – cash ticket

State Final: \$10.00 or \$12.00 per session (5)
\$50.00 or \$60.00 season

- 2) In the Dual Team State Tournament Series, ticket prices on a per session basis have been established as follows:

Sectional: \$7.00 – digital ticket

State Final - Quarterfinals and Semifinals: \$9.00

State Final - Final Session: \$9.00

Season Ticket Prices for Regional/Sectional Meets and Tournaments:

Local managers of Regional and/or Sectional meets, and tournaments may sell season tickets along with session tickets. In the event a manager exercises this option, season ticket prices will be the same as the single-session price multiplied by the number of sessions.

For the Individual State Final, reserved tickets will be sold in advance by mailing in the form found online through the Schools Center or at the gate during the first day of the tournament. **Orders with correct remittance should be sent to: IHSA State Wrestling Tournament Tickets, State Farm Center, 1800 South First Street, Room 101, Champaign, IL 61820. Make checks payable to University of Illinois.**

Note: Under no circumstances shall there be a refund of ticket money for tickets sold in advance for the State Finals even when the tournament sessions are necessarily postponed. Tickets purchased in advance shall be good for the session when it is held.

E) Rights Fees for TV and Radio:

See the IHSA web site (www.ihsa.org) for the fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA for television and cable broadcasts and radio originations.

The Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in these Terms and Conditions.

V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS

A) Boys Individual Regional Tournament Entries:

- 1) Each school shall submit to the Regional Manager at the seeding meeting the following information for all wrestlers who may participate in the Regional:
 - a. The completed Regional List of Participants, which is the Body Fat Roster for your school.
 - b. The Individual Wrestler's Season Record Verification Form listing the wrestler's actual weights and records from all their season matches. **(Entry in the tournament begins at the seeding meeting.)**

Note: In lieu of the official verification forms available online, coaches may submit computerized records listing the necessary information.

*Only wrestlers who are on the Body Fat Roster, that was turned in, will be allowed to enter the Regional Tournament or be able to be an alternate in the Regional Tournament. Wrestlers who fail to make weight may be moved to a higher weight class. Wrestlers entered at the seeding meeting who subsequently become ill or injured may be replaced.

- 2) Criteria for determining seeded wrestlers will be without exception:
 - a. Head-to-Head. (If both wrestlers have beaten each other the same number of times, then go to the next criteria.)
 - b. Record versus common opponent.
 - c. Vote of the coaches. If tied for a seed, re-vote on tied wrestlers only. If tie remains, flip the coin.

B) Seeding and Schedules in the Boys Individual State Tournament series will be done according to the following plan:

- 1) In the **Regional Tournaments**, only four (4) wrestlers in each weight class will be seeded in a meeting of coaches called for this purpose. In Regional weight classes that have nine (9) or more wrestlers, coaches will seed the top eight (8) wrestlers at the seed meeting. Whenever possible, the top four (4) seeded wrestlers will not wrestle until the quarterfinals. Coaches should provide the team roster with individual records to the Regional host on Wednesday prior to the Regional seed meeting. Any wrestler nominated for a top 4 seed at the Regional seed meeting must remain as a wrestler eligible for seeding until all four wrestlers are seeded in that weight class. This seeding session shall be held on **Thursday** prior to the first session of the Regional Tournament. Only extenuating circumstances should require a seeding meeting to be conducted during the weigh-in. A scratch session shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the weigh-in and the start of the tournament, and brackets shall be reseeded if a seeded wrestler withdraws. (See tournament manual for requirements regarding scratches.)

Under no circumstances shall the seeding and pairing of wrestlers delay the start of the first wrestling session.

Note: In Class 2A and Class 3A Individual Regional tournaments, schools will use an eight-person bracket when possible. When the number of competitors is not a power of two (2, 4, 8, etc.) for any specific weight class, there shall be byes in the initial round of competition. The number of byes shall be equal to the differences between the number of



competitors and the next higher power of two. There shall be no byes, after the first round of competition in either the championship or consolation brackets.

- 2) **Individual Sectional Pairings:** Wrestlers have been paired by a chance drawing. Champions and runners-up of the same Regional have been drawn to opposite half brackets, and third-place winners have been drawn to the opposite quarter brackets to the runners-up of the same Regional. In the first round of competition, Regional champions shall receive byes and Regional Runners-up will be matched with third-place winners.
- 3) **Individual State Final Pairings:** A separating/seeding criterion will be used on all Sectional champs to separate them in each weight class according to a listing of specific performance criterion that relates to the overall performance for that year and the previous year's state tournament only. The Sectional Manager will calculate the seeding points of each Sectional champ and enter the points online in the winners' reports. The criteria would be as follows:
 - a. Establish a point system for each of the Sectional winners. The wrestler that has the highest number of points would be seeded number one; the wrestler with the second highest points would be seeded number two etc.
 - b. The wrestlers that placed second and third in each Sectional would be assigned to a designated spot in the opposite bracket of the winner from that Sectional.
 - c. The 4th place finisher would be assigned to a designated spot on the same side of the bracket as the Sectional champ, but not in the first round.

- Returning state champions at any weight class:
30 points
- Returning 2nd or 3rd place winner at any weight class:
25 points
- Returning 4th, 5th, or 6th place winner at any weight class:
20 points
- Returning state qualifier at any weight class:
10 points

- 37 or more wins 15 points
- 32 to 36 wins 10 points
- 27 to 31 wins 7 points
- 22 to 26 wins 5 points

If tied for a place, flip of a coin would determine the seed of the wrestlers for placement of that seed on the bracket, except for the number one (1) seed and if the returning champ at that weight class is tied for the number one (1) seed, the returning champ will be seeded number one (1).

- 4) **Dual Team Sectional tournament pairings** for each class shall be drawn by the IHSAA and posted online in December. State Final pairings will be drawn yearly at the Winter Sports drawing.
- C) **Dual Team Roster:**
 - 1) A team roster listing a maximum of twenty-one (21) wrestlers who constitute the tournament squad shall be submitted to the Dual Team Sectional and Dual Team State Final tournament managers prior to the weigh-in

for each tournament. NFHS rule 11-1-4 requires wrestlers to weigh in at the same weight on both days of a dual team tournament. Only these twenty-one (21) wrestlers may weigh-in. Schools may substitute persons on their team rosters for any reason and at any time between contests, provided all substitutes meet IHSAA eligibility requirements.

- D) **Girls Individual Regional Tournament Entries**
 - 1) Each school shall submit to the Regional Manager at the seeding meeting the following information for all wrestlers who may participate in the Regional:
 - a. The completed Regional List of Participants, which is the Body Fat Roster for your school.
 - b. The Individual Wrestler's Season Record Verification Form listing the wrestler's actual weights and records from all their season matches. **(Entry in the tournament begins at the seeding meeting.)**

Note: In lieu of the official verification forms available online, coaches may submit computerized records listing the necessary information.

*Only wrestlers who are on the Body Fat Roster, that was turned in, will be allowed to enter the Regional Tournament or be able to be an alternate in the Regional Tournament. Wrestlers who fail to make weight may be moved to a higher weight class. Wrestlers entered at the seeding meeting who subsequently become ill or injured may be replaced.

- 2) Criteria for determining seeded wrestlers will be without exception:
 - a. Head-to-Head. (If both wrestlers have beaten each other the same number of times, then go to the next criteria.)
 - b. Record versus common opponent.
 - c. Vote of the coaches. If tied for a seed, re-vote on tied wrestlers only. If tie remains, flip the coin.
- E) **Seeding and Schedules in the Girls Individual State Tournament series** will be done according to the following plan:
 - 1) In the **Regional Tournaments**, only four (4) wrestlers in each weight class will be seeded in a meeting of coaches called for this purpose. In Regional weight classes that have nine (9) or more wrestlers, coaches will seed the top eight (8) wrestlers at the seed meeting. Whenever possible, the top four (4) seeded wrestlers will not wrestle until the quarterfinals. Coaches should provide the team roster with individual records to the Regional host on Tuesday prior to the Regional seed meeting. Any wrestler nominated for a top 4 seed at the Regional seed meeting must remain as a wrestler eligible for seeding until all four wrestlers are seeded in that weight class. This seeding session shall be held on **Wednesday** prior to the first session of the Regional Tournament. Only extenuating circumstances should require a seeding meeting to be conducted during the weigh-in. A scratch session shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the weigh-in and the start of the tournament, and brackets shall be reseeded if a seeded wrestler withdraws. (See tournament manual for requirements regarding scratches.)
 - Under no circumstances shall the seeding and pairing of wrestlers delay the start of the first wrestling session.
 - 2) **Individual Sectional Pairings:** Champions and runners-up of the same Regional have been drawn to opposite



half brackets. In the first round of competition, Regional champions and Regional Runners-up will receive byes.

- 3) **Individual State Final Pairings:** A separating/seeding criterion will be used on all Sectional champs to separate them in each weight class according to a listing of specific performance criterion that relates to the overall performance for that year and the previous year's state tournament only. The Sectional Manager will calculate the seeding points of each sectional champ and enter the points online in the winners' reports. The criteria would be as follows:
- Establish a point system for each of the Sectional winners. The wrestler that has the highest number of points would be seeded number one; the wrestler with the second highest points would be seeded number two etc.
 - The wrestlers that placed second and third in each Sectional would be assigned to a designated spot in the opposite bracket of the winner from that Sectional.
 - The 4th place finisher would be assigned to a designated spot on the same side of the bracket as the Sectional champ, but not in the first round.

Returning state champions at any weight class:
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Returning 2nd or 3rd place winner at any weight class:
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Returning 4th, 5th, or 6th place winner at any weight class:
20 points

Returning state qualifier at any weight class: 10 points

20 or more wins	15 points
15 - 19 wins	10 points
10 - 14 wins	7 points

If tied for a place, flip of a coin would determine the seed of the wrestlers for placement of that seed on the bracket, except for the number one (1) seed and if the returning champ at that weight class is tied for the number one (1) seed, the returning champ will be seeded number one (1).

VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES

- A) **Boys Individual Tournaments**
Individual Regional and Individual Sectional time schedules will be announced by the local tournament managers. No session may be scheduled during normal school hours. Following is the time schedule for the Boys Individual

State Final Tournaments:

Thursday, February 15, 2024

First Session

10:00 a.m. - Doors will open for Weigh-ins and Skin Checks (1A-2A-3A)
10:30 a.m. - Class 1A-2A-3A Weigh-ins and Skin Checks including hair, nails, and special equipment
10:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Coaches meeting
10:45 a.m. - Officials Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Table Workers Meeting
11:15 a.m. - (approx.) Open Mats
11:45 a.m. - Close Mats
12:00 noon - Class 1A Preliminaries
2:15 p.m. (approx.) - Class 2A Preliminaries
4:30 p.m. (approx.) - Class 3A Preliminaries
6:45 p.m. - Class 1A & Class 2A Winner's Bracket Quarterfinals
(Continuous wrestling once wrestling begins at 12:00 noon)

Friday, February 16, 2024

Second Session

6:00 a.m. - Doors open for weigh-ins
7:00 a.m. - Class 1A-2A-3A Weigh-Ins
8:30 a.m. - Class 3A Winner's Bracket Quarterfinals & First Round Wrestlebacks
11:00 a.m. - (approx.) Class 1A & Class 2A First Round Wrestlebacks
1:30 p.m. - (approx.) Second Round Wrestlebacks (1A-2A-3A)
4:30 p.m. - Clear State Farm Center

Third Session

6:00 p.m. - Open State Farm Center Doors to the public
7:00 p.m. - Semifinals Championship Round (1A-2A-3A)

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Fourth Session

6:30 a.m. - Doors open for weigh-ins
7:30 a.m. - Class 1A-2A-3A Weigh-Ins
9:00 a.m. - Quarterfinal Wrestlebacks (1A-2A-3A)
11:00 a.m. - Semifinal Wrestlebacks (1A-2A-3A)
1:00 p.m. - 3rd-4th-5th-6th matches (1A-2A-3A)
3:30 p.m. - Clear State Farm Center

Fifth Session

4:30 p.m. - Open State Farm Center
5:00 p.m. - Line-up Grand March
5:30 p.m. - Grand March
6:00 p.m. - Championship matches (1A-2A-3A): Starting weight class determined by drawing during the winter sports bracket drawing.

- B) **Dual Team Tournaments**
- Sectional Dual Team semifinals will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024; only the semifinals will be wrestled.
 - In the Dual Team Sectionals and State Final, the weight class in which wrestling shall begin, will be determined



by randomly selecting one of the fourteen weight classes at weigh-ins. Once the beginning weight has been selected, the weight classes shall run consecutively.

- 3) Following is the time schedule for the Girls Individual and Dual Team State Finals on February 23-24, 2024.

Friday, February 23, 2024 – Girls Individual Tournament on 6 mats

6:30 a.m. - Doors open
 7:30 a.m. - Weigh-ins
 9:00 a.m. - Round 1
 11:00 a.m. - Quarterfinals & Round 1 Wrestlebacks
 1:30 p.m. - Round 2 Wrestlebacks

Dual Team Tournament on 6 mats

3:30 p.m. - Weigh-ins
 5:00 p.m. - Top bracket quarterfinals
 7:00 p.m. - Bottom bracket quarterfinals

Saturday, February 24, 2024

7:30am - Weigh-ins

Girls Individual Tournament on 3 mats

9:00 a.m. - Championship semifinals & Round 3 Wrestlebacks
 11:30 a.m. - Consolation semifinals
 12:15 p.m. - Placement matches
 1:45 p.m. - Grand March
 2:00 p.m. - Championship matches (on 1 mat)

Dual Team Tournament on 3 mats

9:00 a.m. - Top bracket semifinals
 11:00 a.m. - Bottom bracket semifinals

Dual Team Tournament on 6 mats

6:00 p.m. - Championship & 3rd place duels

Boys Regional: The first alternate shall be the wrestler defeated in the third-place match. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the championship bracket but failed to qualify as a place winner or as the first alternate. Should more than one (1) wrestler meet second alternate criterion then the one who was defeated by the highest seeded place winner shall qualify as the second alternate and advance to the Sectional. The other wrestler shall become the third alternate.

Girls Regional: The first alternate shall be the wrestler who was defeated by the highest-placing wrestler in the consolation round prior to the consolation semifinals. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who was defeated by the second highest-placing wrestler in the consolation round prior to the consolation semifinals.

Boys & Girls Sectional: The first alternate shall be the wrestler who lost to the third-place winner in the consolation semi-final. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who lost to the other semifinalist of the consolation bracket, unless the two wrestlers have met previously in the tournament then the winner of that match is the first alternate.

Note: In all tournaments, the alternate shall always be considered as being the lowest-placing wrestler to qualify.

*Example: If an alternate is required for a champion, the second-place wrestler shall be considered as the champion for the purposes of pairing, third would move to second, and the alternate would be placed in as the third-place qualifier.

- 4) **Deadline for Withdrawing:** If a wrestler qualifies for advancement and is unable to compete for any reason (including failure to make weight), he has until the weigh-in time deadline before withdrawing.

VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

A) Individual Advancements:

- 1) **Boys Regional to Sectional:** First, second and third place winners from each weight class will advance from Regional to Sectional competition where twelve (12) wrestlers in each weight class will compete for State qualifying berths.
Girls Regional to Sectional: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place winners from each weight class will advance from Regional to Sectional competition where twelve (12) wrestlers in each weight class will compete for State qualifying berths.
- 2) **Boys & Girls Sectional to State Final:** First, second, third and fourth place winners from each weight class will advance from Sectional to State Final competition. Sixteen (16) wrestlers in each weight class will compete for championship honors.
- 3) **Alternates:** If any of the qualifiers from the Regional Tournaments should be unable to participate in the Sectional Tournaments, or any of the qualifiers from the Sectional Tournaments should be unable to participate in the State Final Tournament, alternates shall be selected. The preceding tournament manager (Regional manager for Sectional and Sectional manager for State Final) shall select the alternate using guidelines as follows:

Note 1: Alternates substituting for any Sectional or State Final qualifiers may be entered up to the weigh-in time deadline. It shall be the responsibility of the IHSA Official Representative or coach to notify the previous tournament manager at the earliest possible time that an alternate may be necessary. That tournament manager is responsible for informing the alternate's coach that he will replace the regular qualifier.

Note 2: Should a qualifying champion or runner-up to the Individual Sectional or State Final tournament withdraw or be disqualified before or at the weigh-in deadline preceding the first session of such tournament for reasons including failure to make weight, and no alternate is available, the remaining qualifiers from the same Regional or Sectional in that weight class shall be moved up in the bracket, i.e., third to second, second to first, so that the resulting forfeit shall only occur in the initial round of competition.

Note 3: If the qualifying tournament alternates are not available or can't make weight for the sectional or state tournament, then the other alternates in attendance at that weight class would get the opportunity to take that spot by virtue of blind draw.

B) Team Advancement:

- 1) The team scoring the most points at the Individual Regional will advance to the Team Sectional. Pairings for the Sectionals shall be drawn by the IHSA and posted online in December.



- a. Four (4) Class 1A, 2A and 3A teams will compete in each of four Sectionals, where the winners of the semi-final matches will advance to the State Finals.
- 2) To be eligible as a team a school must compete in at least ten (10) weight classes in the Individual Regional tournament. If a qualifying team did not compete in the required ten weight classes, the next highest finishing team with ten competing wrestlers shall advance.
- 3) Each Class 1A, 2A and 3A Sectional semi-final winners shall advance to the State Final Dual Team tournament. Teams shall compete in each of the three classifications. State Final pairings shall be determined by a blind draw conducted at the Winter Sports drawing.
- 4) In each dual meet, home team designation shall be alternated by weight class. The team whose wrestler has choice of starting positions at the beginning of the second period in each match shall be considered "home" team and shall be governed by Rule 6-2-2. The "home" team wrestler shall report to the official's table and identify himself by name and weight class. Thereafter he cannot be withdrawn or replaced without being disqualified from the weight class.

- C) **Weight Control Plan Entries: (Individual)**
 - 1) School athletic authorities should carefully read the information on the 2023-24 Weight Control Plan and the Questions and Answers which are included in the Wrestling School Manual which is online in the Schools Center. The weight control regulations establish the minimum weight at which wrestlers may compete in the Individual and Dual Team State Series.
 - 2) A wrestler shall not enter nor participate in a weight classification lower than the one for which they have been body fat tested as the minimum weight. (See Weight Control Plan)
 - 3) If a wrestler weighs in two weight classes above a certified weight, then the wrestler would recertify at one weight class above his certified weight. (A wrestler that has weighed in at 132 may weigh in at 132 or 138. If that wrestler weighs in at 145, that wrestler may not weigh in lower than 138 the rest of the season).
 - 4) Coaches must present the Body Fat Roster to the Meet Manager at all weigh-ins and **provide the meet official with a copy**. Coaches must keep an accurate weigh in sheet for each weigh in with date, actual weight of each wrestler that is weighed in, and signed by the weigh in supervisor.
 - 5) All wrestlers must be certified at their lowest weight class they will enter the Individual or Dual Team Wrestling State Final Tournament by the conclusion of weigh-ins for the Regional Tournament. If a wrestler is not able to meet this deadline due to an injury, he/she may certify and participate at the Dual Team Sectional or Dual Team State Finals for the first time all season as long as he/she is medically cleared and has met all other weight certification requirements.

- D) **Weigh-in:** All contestants are required to weigh-in in accordance with Rule 4-4 and 5. In Individual Regional Tournaments, each participant shall be named to his respective weight class prior to the conclusion of the weigh-in. Rule 4-5-5. A wrestler is considered a participant in the championship tournament series when they have been entered and have met the weight requirements on the first day of the Regional Tournament. Thereafter, if they fail to make weight requirements in the Regional, Sectional or State Final, or if they fail to appear for any match, their participation in the Individual Tournament series is over and their opponent(s) shall be awarded both forfeit and advancement points when applicable.

Each contestant must weigh in on the second day of the Individual Sectional and State Final Tournaments. One (1) additional pound will be allowed on each succeeding day of each tournament. (4-5-4) The weigh-in time shall be held within the following time schedules (As determined by Meet Manager):

Note: Everyone must be in the weigh-in area at the designated starting time.

- 1) For Individual Regional Tournaments: A maximum of two (2) hours and a minimum of one-half hour preceding the opening of the tournament. (Specific time will be set by the meet manager and all participants must be in the weigh-in area at the designated starting time.)

VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

- A) The official 2023-24 National Federation Wrestling Rules shall be in effect for all tournaments.
- B) We will use the 14 weight classifications listed in Rule 4-4-1 of the National Federation Rules Book.

Boys Weight Classifications

- 106 lbs. and under
- 113 lbs. and under
- 120 lbs. and under
- 126 lbs. and under
- 132 lbs. and under
- 138 lbs. and under
- 144 lbs. and under
- 150 lbs. and under
- 157 lbs. and under
- 165 lbs. and under
- 175 lbs. and under
- 190 lbs. and under
- 215 lbs. and under
- 285 lbs. and under

Girls Weight Classifications

- 100 lbs. and under
- 105 lbs. and under
- 110 lbs. and under
- 115 lbs. and under
- 120 lbs. and under
- 125 lbs. and under
- 130 lbs. and under
- 135 lbs. and under
- 140 lbs. and under
- 145 lbs. and under
- 155 lbs. and under
- 170 lbs. and under
- 190 lbs. and under
- 235 lbs. and under

Note: Tournament weigh-in allowances as prescribed in National Federation Rule 4-5-4 shall be granted.



- 2) For Individual Sectional Tournaments: The manager may set the starting time up to a maximum of two (2) hours and a minimum of one-half hour preceding the opening of the individual tournament. (Specific time will be set by the meet manager and all participants must be in the weigh-in area at the designated starting time.)
 - 3) The second day weigh-in for the Sectional Individual Tournaments shall be held not more than two (2) hours or less than one-half hour before the second session.
 - 4) For State Final Tournament(s): (see tournament time schedule, VI-A).
 - 5) All dual meet tournament teams shall weigh-in each day of competition a maximum of one (1) hour and a minimum of one-half hour before the first scheduled round of meets. (Rule 4-5-1 and 4-5-4)
 - 6) A two (2) pound weight allowance will be given to all wrestlers after December 25 for any weight class that they have made scratch weight at least once. When a wrestler goes down to a lower weight class for the first-time weigh-in, the wrestler must make scratch weight at that weight class for that first time weigh-in. No allowances are given for a first-time weigh-in at a lower weight class **including consecutive day allowance.**
- E) Length of Matches:
- 1) All championship bracket matches, and third and fourth place matches shall be six (6) minutes in length divided into three (3) periods of two (2) minutes with no rest between periods.
 - 2) **All consolation matches shall be six (6) minutes in length consisting of three two 2-minute periods.**
 - 3) In case of a tie after a regulation match the contestants shall wrestle an overtime match in accordance with National Federation Rule 6-1-3.
- F) Overtime Matches: All ties in the individual and dual team tournament matches shall be resolved by an overtime as provided in the National Federation Overtime Criteria.

Note: When available, referee/assistant referee officiating teams shall officiate all third-place matches in Regional Tournaments employing three officials and all Sectional Tournament championship and third-place bouts. The referee/assistant referee teams will referee all bouts in the Class 1A, 2A & 3A State Final Tournament.

- G) Team Scoring:
- 1) According to IHSAA by-law 3.054, all member schools must have competed in at least six (6) contests to be eligible for team honors. Entries may be accepted for individuals from member schools who have not met the six (6) contest requirement, however, no team points will be awarded to these individuals. If an individual should place, points for that place will not be awarded.
 - 2) In all Individual Regional Tournaments scoring shall be: first place, 14 points; second place, 10 points; third place, 7 points and fourth place, 4 points. All weight brackets will be scored as power of two when determining advancement points.
 - 3) In all Individual Regional Tournaments, two (2) additional points shall be credited to a team's total for each fall during the tournament and two (2) points for each default, forfeit and disqualification. In the championship bracket, a team shall also be awarded two (2) points for

each match won except in the championship final match. In the consolation bracket of Regional Tournaments, a team shall be awarded one (1) point for each match won except in the third-place matches. In addition, in both the championship and consolation bracket one and one-half (1 1/2) team points shall be awarded each technical fall and one (1) team point shall be scored for a major decision victory margin of eight (8) or more points.

Note: In all Regional Tournaments, if a wrestler received a bye in the preliminary round of competition, they shall be awarded two (2) advancement points for that round if they win the next match. In addition to the advancement points, they shall be awarded for the bye the same number of "bonus" points, if any, they earned for winning their first match by fall, forfeit, default, disqualification, technical fall, or major decision. In Regional Tournament consolation brackets, wrestlers receiving byes in the preliminary round of competition shall be awarded one (1) advancement point and applicable "bonus" points if they win their next match.

- 4) See Rule 9-2-2 a, b, c, d, e, regarding the recording and posting of team scores after the semifinal matches in Regional Tournaments.
 - 5) At the Individual Sectional and State Final Tournaments, no individual team scores will be kept.
- H) Team Tiebreaker:
- 1) **Individual Regional Formula:** To determine the place winners of a Regional Tournament which ends in a tie for the first two places, the following criteria will be applied in the order listed:
 - a. The team whose opposing wrestlers or team personnel has been penalized the greater number of team points for flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be declared the winner.
 - b. The team whose opposing head coach has been penalized the greater number of team points for coach misconduct shall be declared the winner.
 - c. The team whose opposing wrestlers where penalized the greater number of match points for unsportsmanlike conduct during a match shall be declared the winner.
 - d. The team with the most individual champions will be declared the winner.
 - e. The team with the most second place winners will be declared the winner.
 - f. The team with the most third place winners will be declared the winner.
 - g. The team with the most fourth place winners will be declared the winner.
 - h. The team with the most victories in head-to-head competition with other tied teams throughout the tournament shall be declared the winner.
 - i. The team with the most victories in the championship and consolation brackets shall be declared the winner. (Do not count byes.)
 - j. The team that has accumulated the most advancement points throughout the tournament shall be declared the winner. (Do not count bonus points.)



- k. The team with the most pins, and wins by default, disqualification or forfeits in the tournament shall be declared the winner.
 - l. The team with the most technical falls shall be declared the winner.
 - m. The team with the most major decisions shall be declared the winner.
 - n. If a tie exists, a winner shall be declared by a flip of the coin.
- 2) **Dual Team Sectional and State Final Formulas:** In the event that a tie score exists in a dual meet at the Sectional, or State Final Tournament, refer to NFHS rule 9-2-2.

I) **Team Bench:** The dual team bench shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-six (26) individuals, including a maximum of twenty-one (21) wrestlers in proper uniform, listed on the team roster. The five (5) remaining individuals must be connected with the team and may include coaches, trainers, managers, etc.

- J) **Consolation Matches: (Individual Tournaments)**
- 1) In the Regional Tournaments a modified double elimination format will be utilized. All wrestlers losing their first-round match shall compete in the wrestle backs.
 - 2) In the Sectional Tournaments, **all wrestlers losing their first-round match shall compete in the wrestle backs.**
 - 3) In all Regional Tournaments, the championship and consolation final matches shall be wrestled at the same time. When possible, two (2) officials shall work the third-place match and one (1) official the championship match.
 - 4) In all Sectional Tournaments, the championship and third place matches shall be conducted simultaneously. Two (2) officials shall referee each third-place match and two (2) officials shall referee each championship match.
 - 5) In the State Final Tournament, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place winners will be determined by "wrestling back." **All wrestlers losing their first-round match shall compete in the wrestle backs.**

- K) **Disqualification and Forfeits:**
The following interpretation of Rule 8-4, 6 and 10-2-1 through 7 shall apply for 2023-24 tournaments:
- 1) **Individual Tournaments:** If disqualification is due to an illegal hold or a technical violation - including stalling - the wrestler would not be eliminated from competition for consolation matches. Disqualification for any other reason (Rule 8-4,6 and 10-2-1, 2, 5, 6 and 7) eliminates a contestant from further competition as follows:

Regional Individual Tournament - disqualified from further competition in individual series.

Sectional Individual competition - disqualified from further competition in individual series.

State Final Individual competition - disqualified from further competition in individual series.

- 2) Disqualification (except for the infractions listed in K1) in Dual Meet competition:

Sectional Dual competition - disqualified from further competition in Sectional team meets.

State Final Dual Team competition - disqualified from further competition in State Final Dual Team Meet.

- 3) **Forfeits and Disqualifications in Individual Tournaments:**
 - a. **Regional and Sectionals:** If a wrestler has advanced to the semifinal round and they forfeit this match or are disqualified as in Rule 8-4,6 or 10-2 (except for the infractions listed in "K-1") **they shall not be permitted to wrestle for third place.** If they forfeit (unless due to injury or illness as in Rule 10-2-4) or are disqualified in (1) the third-place match, they shall not be considered for individual advancement as provided under 'Advancement of Winners' above. Fourth place shall be void and no fourth-place medal awarded.

The Championship match:

- b. Second place shall be declared void. No medal shall be awarded. The winner and loser of the third-place match shall advance to the applicable tournament along with the champion.
 - c. **State Final tournaments:** Unless as verified as in K-3a, the forfeiting or disqualified contestant shall be ineligible for the consolation brackets and if the forfeiture or disqualification occurs in a championship, third or fifth place match the place shall be voided and no medal awarded.
- 4) **Forfeits in Dual Team Tournaments:**
Each school participating in the dual meet tournament series is expected to have wrestlers entered and actively compete in each of the fourteen weight classes in each dual meet. Failure to enter a wrestler in any weight class or failure for a wrestler to appear for his match shall result in a forfeit awarded to the opponent in the uncontested weight class in that meet only. Forfeits do not carry-over to subsequent meets.

- L) **Sideline Coaching:** Rule 7-5-1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be strictly enforced. Coaches should observe the following:

- 1) at the State Final Individual tournament two (2) coaches or other school approved certified adult school personnel from each opposing team will be permitted in chairs at the edge of the mat during all matches. At Regional and Sectional Individual tournaments, facilities permitting, a maximum of two (2) team representatives, of which at least one shall be a coach or other school approved certified adult school personnel, from each team may be permitted at mat side.
- 2) Coaches or others connected with a Dual Team Tournament meet should remain seated in the restricted area during the time the match is in progress (Rule 2-2-1).
- 3) Coaching should be limited to words of help and encouragement, and the ethics of good sportsmanship must be observed.

- M) **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any wrestler, coach and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. The IHSAA By-laws 2.030,



3.151, 6.011 and 6.012 give the Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, the coach, athletes, or any member of the faculty or Board of Education or any other official representative of any participating school. This authority will be exercised by the Board of Directors.

- N) Video Taping: Videotaping will be allowed provided the local manager has a comparable area for competing schools to videotape. When one school requests the video space, then the local manager shall provide similar space to competing schools. Non-competing schools and spectators will be allowed to videotape matches in the stands, provided they do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators.

IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

- A) Presale Tickets: See IHSAA Website for presale information.
 B) All-Star Teams: No athletic team from any member school may compete against an "all-star" team. No school official from a member school shall assist, either directly or indirectly, with any contest by an all-star team during the school year, unless the contest is approved by the Board of Directors.
 C) State Final Passes: Each school with one or more individual qualifiers for the Individual State Finals will receive tournament passes for wrestlers and coaches.

1 or 2 wrestlers = 2 coaches passes – **No extra passes can be purchased.**

3 or 4 wrestlers = 2 coaches passes - The school can purchase an all-session ticket and exchange it for one additional coach's pass.

5 or more wrestlers = **3 coaches passes are given. Additional passes are not available for purchase.**

Each school qualifying a team for the State Final Dual competition shall receive twenty-six (26) passes, twenty-one (21) of which may only be used for uniformed wrestlers.

Note: Any school desiring to bring additional coaches, managers, trainers, etc., over and above the number of passes allotted, must purchase regular admission tickets for the extra personnel. No school will be permitted more than twenty-six (26) participant passes.

Alternate Passes: An alternate wrestler who gets into the tournament will receive a tournament pass, and the coaching staff will receive two coaches passes if they don't already have them for other wrestlers. Alternates who don't get into the tournament are welcome to stay and watch Session 1. When they leave the State Farm Center, they will need to purchase a ticket to re-enter.

- D) Bands: May be used by local tournament directors prior to the start of a session.
 E) Artificial Noisemakers: Mechanical noisemaking devices such as air horns and whistles shall be excluded from the gymnasium. In addition, any noisemaking devices that interfere with the competition shall be prohibited.
 F) Signs and Banners: The displaying of signs, banners, placards, or similar items at IHSAA state series events is permitted, provided:

- 1) They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use.
- 2) They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community.
- 3) They are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner which interferes with play.
- 4) They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and
- 5) They are not safety hazards.

- G) Cheerleaders: At all Regional and Sectional Tournaments, cheerleaders may be permitted on the floor to cheer depending on the facilities and available space. They are not to interfere with the conduct of the matches by standing up, obstructing the scoreboard, pounding on the mat, etc.

Note: At the State Final, a maximum of eight (8) cheerleaders will be permitted in a designated area for dual competition only. No cheerleaders will be permitted on the floor at the Individual State Final.

- H) Damage to Property or Equipment: If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

- I) Media Coverage & Rights Fees for Broadcasting:

Coverage

- 1) State series hosts should work to accommodate media members with space to cover State Series events whenever possible.
- 2) For State Series events, the IHSAA Press Box Policy should be used as a guide for determining media press box access should space become an issue.

Broadcasting

- 1) Radio or audio-only internet broadcasts are not subject to a broadcast rights fee at the Regional, Sectional, or Super-Sectional levels. A \$100 fee exists at the State Final round, pending approval by the IHSAA after completion of the IHSAA's broadcast application form.
- 2) If a State Series contest/event is broadcast on the NFHS Network, then there is no rights fee due and no other video streaming/TV broadcasts will be allowed, pending special permission from the IHSAA.
- 3) If a State Series contest/event is not broadcast on the NFHS Network, then the broadcast rights may be purchased to broadcast via video streaming/TV pending approval by the IHSAA after completion of the IHSAA's broadcast application form.

Note: Broadcast application forms can be accessed by Googling "IHSAA Broadcast Applications" or directly at IHSAA.org/News-Media/News-Media-Center/Broadcast-Applications

- J) Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products: The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSAA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including



parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSAA event being held at the site.

- K) Use of Inhalers: A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSAA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois School Code.
- L) Alcoholic Beverages and IHSAA State Series Events: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSAA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSAA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSAA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSAA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSAA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.
- M) Prayer over the Public Address System: Prayer at an IHSAA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

X. AWARDS

- A) In all Individual Regional Tournaments, medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third individual place winners in each weight class. In all individual Sectional Tournaments, medals will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth place winners in each weight class. Plaques will be awarded to the school winner in the Individual Regional Tournaments.
- B) In the State Final Individual Tournament, medallions will be awarded to the first six (6) place winners in each weight class.
First, second, third and fourth place trophies will be awarded to the school winners in Classes 1A, 2A and 3A of the State Final Dual Team Tournaments.
In addition, twenty-six (26) medallions will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place teams in each class.
- C) Grand March: While participating in the Grand March, wrestlers shall wear their school's official warm-up or team uniform. No extra clothing, hats, caps, signs, or other adornment may be worn or carried. If a contestant fails to cooperate in the above requirement, they shall be prohibited from participating in the Grand March. Only coaches or certified school personnel shall participate in the Grand March with a school's qualifying wrestler(s).
- D) Awards Ceremonies: At all tournaments when wrestlers are receiving awards, they shall wear their school's official warm-up or team uniform. No extra clothing, hats, caps, signs, or other adornment shall be worn or carried at the awards ceremony or any other time on the State Farm Center floor. If

a contestant fails to wear their official school warm-up or uniform, they shall not be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony.

XI. OFFICIALS

- A) Individuals: In each of the Regional and Sectional Tournaments, all matches preliminary to the semifinal round shall be wrestled during the opening session. Two (2) officials and two (2) mats for all sessions of the Regional Tournaments shall be provided. Whenever possible, three (3) officials will be assigned to Regionals. Five (5) officials shall be assigned for all sessions of the Individual Sectional Tournaments. Sectional Tournament centers are to use a minimum of three (3) mats for the first two (2) sessions. Where facilities permit, four (4) mats should be used for the first session.
- B) Dual Team: Two officials shall be assigned to officiate each Dual Team Sectional tournament. Two (2) additional officials can be assigned at the expense of the host school. At the State Final tournament two officials will be assigned to officiate each meet.
- C) Official Fees:
The following fee schedule for officials will be adhered to.
Wrestling (Classes 1A,2A,3A) (Flat fees per tournament):
The IHSAA Office will pay each Individual Regional official – \$195.00 per tournament
The IHSAA Office will pay each Individual Sectional official – \$243.00 per tournament
The IHSAA Office will pay each Team Sectional official – \$81.00 per tournament
Boys Individual State Final – \$517.00 (flat fee) plus up to two (2) nights' lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSAA Administrator.
Team State Final – \$289.00 (flat fee) plus up to one night's lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSAA Administrator.
Girls Individual State Final – \$172.00 (flat fee)

Mileage Policy: In the state series, to assist officials for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they drive more than 70 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSAA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of thirty (30) cents per mile for all mileage more than 70 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 70 miles round trip.