I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the State Wrestling tournaments. Plans for the tournaments were formulated by the State Wrestling Committee and approved by the Board of Control.

B. Schools choosing to enter the tournaments have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Wrestling Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Wrestling Rule Book will be followed.

C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.

D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.

E. All wrestlers must have their minimum weight class certified by a physician prior to their first competition. A hydration test and body fat analysis must be completed for all participants prior to certification, indicating a weight that corresponds to a 7% level of body fat for each wrestler (12% for females). Coaches should refer to the MPSSAA Weight Certification/Management Program regarding specific guidelines and regulations.

F. A two-pound weight allowance will be added to each weight class on December 25.

II. REGION INFORMATION FOR DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Tournament Organization

1. The single-elimination region dual meet tournaments for the 4A-3A and 2A-1A classifications are scheduled for Feb. 11, 2015. Semifinal bouts will begin at 5:30 p.m. Finals will start at 7:30 p.m.

2. The weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. A team may weigh-in a maximum of 20 wrestlers.
3. The top four teams in each region will be eligible to participate, seeded one through four based on the state point system. Schools will use their entire dual- and tri-meet schedule. Dual meet tournaments and meets conducted in quadrangular events do not apply.

4. Teams will be awarded eight points for a win. The total number of points accumulated will be divided by the total number of dual meets wrestled to arrive at a power rating.
   a. The minimum divisor will be 11. If more than 11 contests, divide by actual number.
   b. The result shall be carried out two decimal places and shall not be rounded up or down.

5. If the use of the point system results in a tie, the following criteria will be used in sequence. The criterion applies exclusively to regularly scheduled dual- and tri-meets except criteria C. Regarding criteria A, C and D, if three or more teams are tied and not equally affected, proceed to the next criterion.
   a. Head-to-head competition in regularly season dual- or tri-meets.
   b. Most dual meet wins in current season.
   c. Head-to-head competition in dual meet tournament.
   d. Higher point differential against common opponents.
   e. Highest power-point average against MPSSAA schools.
   f. Higher finish in previous season State Dual Meet Championship.
   g. Higher seed in previous season State Dual Meet Championship.
   h. Higher finish in previous season Region Dual Meet Championship.
   i. Higher seed in previous season Region Dual Meet Championship.
   j. Coin flip

6. Each school will complete the two forms found on the wrestling page of MPSSAA.org and return them to the region dual meet director listed on page 46 by the following deadlines:
   a. Form A (Team Wrestling Schedule Form) by December 5.
   b. Form B (Dual Meet Entry Form) due 24 hours before regional dual meet tournament.

7. All teams are automatically entered in the dual meet tournament unless a letter, signed by the principal, is received by the MPSSAA executive director by January 10.

B. General Policies

1. The cost of admission is $5 for any person 7 years of age or older.

2. A plaque will be awarded to the championship team. Individual certificates will be awarded to each member of the championship team.

III. STATE INFORMATION FOR DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Tournament Organization

1. The 2015 single-elimination state dual meet tournament will be conducted in two sessions at North Point High School on Saturday, February 14.
2. **Weigh-in:**

   4A-3A — 10:30 a.m.  
   2A-1A — 12:30 p.m.

3. **Schedule:**

   **Session #1:**
   4A-3A semifinals — noon (two mats)
   2A-1A semifinals — 2 p.m. (two mats)
   BREAK — GYM WILL BE CLEARED

   **Session #2:**
   2A-1A finals and 4A-3A finals — 5 p.m.

B. **General Policies**

1. The cost of admission is $6 per session for any person 7 years of age or older.

2. A plaque will be awarded to the championship team and the finalist team. Individual plaques will be awarded to members of the championship team and the finalist team.

**IV. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS**

A. **Tournament Organization**

1. The city/county/conference tournament is considered the beginning of the state tournament series and will be governed by state tournament policies.

2. A team may enter a maximum of one wrestler per weight class in the city/county/conference tournament.

3. A wrestler must be entered in the city/county/conference tournament in order to compete in the region tournament. A wrestler may not change weight classifications after the city/county/conference tournament.

4. Teams may only participate in sanctioned tournaments.

5. All weight certification criteria or other entry criteria must be satisfied prior to the city/county/conference tournament.

6. If two state champions from the previous season both win region championships, the State Wrestling Committee will adjust the state tournament seeding format so that the two state champions are in separate halves of the state championship bracket.

B. **Playing Rules**

1. Wrestlers entered in the region and state tournaments must be eligible in their local school systems at the time of seeding.

2. A contestant who is disqualified for flagrant misconduct at the city/county/conference or region tournament will be eliminated from further tournament competition.

3. **Weight Rules**

   a. Each contestant must comply with weight control regulations found in the current MPSSAA Handbook and as described in the MPSSAA Weight Certification/Management program.

   b. The region tournament director will verify the certified weights of all wrestlers entered.

**V. REGION TOURNAMENT**

A. **Tournament Organization**

1. Each region will conduct an eight-line tournament, **double elimination beginning with the quarterfinals**. The top four wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the state tournament.
2. Region directors are responsible for scheduling a seeding meeting to occur within 48 hours of the conclusion of the last city/county/conference championship in their respective regions and to notify representatives of participating schools.

3. **Two-day region tournaments will begin at 5 p.m on Friday, weigh-ins will begin at 3:30 p.m.**

4. **One-day region tournaments will begin at 9:30 a.m on Saturday, weigh-ins will begin at 8:00 a.m.**

5. All mats/wrestling will be in one gymnasium. The layout of mats must conform to NFHS standards.

6. **Regional Tournaments** (Tournament directors email addresses on the wrestling page of mpssaa.org)

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B. Seeding and Qualifying

1. The eight wrestlers in each weight class who have achieved the highest point totals will qualify and will be seeded 1-through-8, respectively.

2. The Point System Criteria shall be used to determine point totals (page 45). All schools must complete electronically the regional seeding form found on the MPSSAA website (www.mpssaa.org) and bring a copy to the seeding meeting. This will be the only form accepted for determining wrestler point totals.

3. Wrestlers who have not otherwise qualified according to the Point System Criteria will automatically qualify for the regional tournament if they place in their city/county/conference tournament as described below (Placement Criteria). A wrestler who so qualifies will wrestle the No. 8 seed in order to advance to the quarterfinal round unless seeded to a higher position in the bracket (See Point System Criteria For MPSSAA Region Tournament Seeding, Item 6).

   **Placement Criteria**
   - 5 Teams 1st and 2nd Place Wrestlers Qualify
   - 6-10 Teams 1st-through 3rd Place Wrestlers Qualify
   - 11-15 Teams 1st-through 4th Place Wrestlers Qualify
   - 16-20 Teams 1st-through 5th Place Wrestlers Qualify
   - 21-25 Teams 1st-through 6th Place Wrestlers Qualify

4. The number of teams in a city, county, or conference tournament will be defined as the number of teams that participate in the tournament.

5. If qualifiers are withdrawn, substitutes/alternates may be inserted up to the deadline established by a particular region, with the bracket reseeded accordingly. A substitute/alternate may not be added unless the total number of wrestlers in a particular weight is less than eight, including wrestlers who qualify according to the placement criteria.

C. General Policies

1. Certificates will be presented to the top four finishers for each weight class.

2. A team championship plaque will be awarded in each classification.
3. Persons age 7 years and older will be charged admission. The cost of an all-session tournament pass is $12. An individual session ticket is $5.

VI. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The format of the tournament shall be double elimination. The seeding meeting will take place at Blake High School on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

2. The 2015 tournament: March 7-8 (Cole Field House—University of Maryland College Park). Directions to UMCP from I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway): Exit Route 1 South. Go one mile. Bear right onto MD. Rte. 193 West (University Blvd.) - At second light; turn left on Stadium Drive. Bear right on Valley Drive at 1st traffic circle. Go around 2nd traffic circle. Cole Field House will be adjacent to the tennis courts to your left. Please adhere to all campus parking regulations.

3. Tentative schedule and format

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4. Team packets may be picked up by the head coach after 11 a.m. in the main lobby of Cole Field House. At this time, the head coach will receive identification bands and the student manager(s) will have their hand(s) stamped.

5. Although space will be available to shower and change clothes, lockers will not be available.

6. Required meetings

   a. Coaches of all competing wrestlers will meet at 1:45 p.m. Friday, March 6.

   b. Coaches of wrestlers remaining in the tournament after the Friday session will meet at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, March 7.

7. Official school party (issuance of identification bands)

   a. Identification bracelets will be issued to coaches who qualify as part of the official school party, limited to and identified as follows:

      (1) When one wrestler represents a school: two wrestling coaches or one coach and one manager.

      (2) When two or more wrestlers are representing a school: two wrestling coaches and one other non-contestant (i.e., student manager or assistant coach).
b. Identification bracelets must be worn for authorized entry into all areas that are off-limits to nonparticipants.

c. Wrestlers will be stamped at the weigh-in site. Wrestlers who are eliminated from competition do not have to pay admission for the second day.

8. MPSSAA will reimburse the cost of one insured, chartered carrier from each region for members of the official school parties in that region, to and from the tournament site.

B. General Policies

1. Plaques will be awarded to the top two teams in each classification. Medals will be presented to the top six finishers for each weight class.

2. Persons age 7 years and older will be charged admission. Tickets will be sold online at mpssaa.org or at the tournament site and are for general admission. A two-day tournament pass is $25. A one-day pass is $15. The cost for the Friday session for those arriving after 8:30 p.m. is $8. The cost for the Saturday session for those arriving after 6 p.m. is $8.

3. To be admitted free, cheerleaders must be in uniform, be accompanied by a school sponsor, and enter through the Pass Gate. The wrestling coach will not be considered a sponsor.

4. No materials may be distributed unless approved by the MPSSAA State Tournament Wrestling Committee Director.

5. Videotaping will be permitted from the stands.

6. The following jurisdictions will not be reimbursed for lodging or meals: Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, and Washington counties.

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**PROJECTED MPSSAA DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

2016 - February 13  
2017 - February 11

**PROJECTED MPSSAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

2016 - March 4-5  
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**2014–2015 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

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POINT SYSTEM CRITERIA FOR MPSSAA REGION TOURNAMENT SEEDING
(City/County/Conference Tournaments are included in this point structure)

1. Points are not awarded for ‘Byes’.
2. Points are not awarded for scheduled contests not wrestled.
3. Individual placement points are not awarded in a dual meet tournament.
4. While each wrestler is allowed to enter a maximum of three tournaments prior to the state tournament series, only the points earned in two of these tournaments will apply towards regional seeding.
The two tournaments in which the wrestler accumulates the greatest number of points shall apply for regional seeding.
5. Points are earned as follows:
   a. Each dual meet or tri-meet win – 4 points
   b. Each dual meet tournament win – 2 points
   c. Each non-dual meet tournament win – 1 point
Note: A wrestler may receive a maximum of one point per win in any tournament that includes placement points for individual wrestlers

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(Placers from other States must have written verification from State or local school system.)
e. TIE-BREAKERS (Includes results of all matches):
   1. Winner of most head-to-head matches this season.
   2. Most wins in current season.
   3. Overall win percentage in current season (3 or more matches).
   4. Most falls in current season (a forfeit is not a fall).
   5. Most technical falls and major decisions in current season.
   6. Discussion.
   7. Coin toss.

Note: If two wrestlers are tied for eighth and ninth place after criteria 1 through 7 is applied, both advance into a pigtail.

6. Once wrestlers have qualified for the tournament according to the Point System Criteria and/or the “Placement Criteria”, the order of seeds may be adjusted. In order for a seeding adjustment to be brought to the floor for discussion, 50% of the voting coaches must agree to having the discussion. If the adjustment is to occur, two-thirds of the voting coaches must vote in favor of the adjustment.
## SPECIAL 2014-15 REGION ALIGNMENT FOR WRESTLING AND DUAL MEET DIRECTORS

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