



MPSSAA WRESTLING BULLETIN

Dual Meet State Championships - North Point HS, Feb. 11, 2023
 State Tournament - The Show Place Arena, March 2-4, 2023

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. **Each region will conduct a single elimination 16-line tournament with the champion advancing to state competition. Region Bouts begin at 5:30 p.m. with the second round bouts to follow.**
2. The weigh-in begins at 4:30 PM. A team may weigh-in a maximum of 20 wrestlers.
3. **Teams will be seeded based on their regular season winning percentage in dual meet competition. Schools will use their entire dual- and tri-meet schedule. Dual meet tournaments and meets conducted in quadrangular events do not apply. The minimum divisor of 11 will be used to calculate winning percentage. If more than 11 meets, winning percentage will be calculated by dividing the number of wins by the total number of matches.**

2022-2023 DUAL MEET TIME LINE		
Dec. 5First play date	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Feb. 4Last play date for Seeding	Feb. 7Region First RoundRegion Quarterfinal	Feb. 11Semifinals & Finals
Feb. 6Tournament Seeding	Feb. 9Semifinals & Finals	Apr. 15.....Reimbursement request due

2022-2023 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT TIME LINE		
Dec. 5First play date	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Feb. 15Female Region Entries	Feb. 24-25Finals	Mar. 2-4Finals
Feb. 18Last play date	Feb. 26Organization meeting for state tournament	Apr. 15.....Reimbursement request due

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

IV. REGION AND STATE INDIVIDUAL 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. The city/county/conference tournament is NOT a precursor for girls entered into the region tournament.
5. Teams may only participate in sanctioned tournaments.
6. All weight certification criteria or other entry criteria must be satisfied prior to the city/county/conference tournament.
- 7. The four regional champions will be seeded on the state tournament bracket.**
8. 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 INDIVIDUAL 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. **Individual Wrestling Region Tournaments** (Tournament directors' contact info is on MPSSAA.org.)

Regions	Site	Date(s)	Start Time	Tournament Director
4A West & 3A West	Damascus	2/24-25	5:00 PM	Jon Ferguson, Damascus
4A North & 3A North	Aberdeen	2/25	9:30 AM	Gary Burkhardt, Parkville
4A South & 3A South	Arundel	2/25	9:30 AM	Odist Felder, Charles H. Flowers
4A East & 3A East	South River	2/25	5:00 PM	John Klessinger, South River
2A West & 1A West	Manchester Valley	2/24-25	5:00 PM	Liz Padgett, Manchester Valley
2A North & 1A North	Milford Mill	2/25	9:30 AM	Mike Whisner, Sparrows Point
2A South & 1A South	Patuxent	2/25	9:30 AM	Mike Bartley, Patuxent
2A East & 1A East	Queen Anne's	2/25	9:30 AM	David Stricker, Queen Anne's

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 46). All schools must electronically complete the region seeding form found on 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 region 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 or fewer 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 conclusion of weigh-ins, 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. Girls Division

1. There will be a girls division at each of the eight region meets.
2. Each region will conduct an eight-line tournament, double elimination beginning with the quarterfinals.
3. Female wrestlers may chose to enter the girls division or their respective classification division for any gender. Entry registration into the Female division must be completed by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15th.
4. The MPSSAA will use the 14 weight classes approved by NFHS for high school girls. While the NFHS rules go into full effect in 2024-2025, the MPSSAA will be utilizing the following approved weights for girls effective immediately:

100lb	120lb	140lb	190lb
105lb	125lb	145lb	235lb
110lb	130lb	155lb	
115lb	135lb	170lb	

5. The top two wrestlers in each weight class of the eight regions will advance to a single classification 16-line bracket at the state tournament.

D. General Policies

1. Certificates will be presented to the top four finishers for each weight class.
2. Persons age 7 years and older will be charged admission. The cost of an all-session tournament pass is \$12. As sessions are completed the cost will drop to \$10 and \$6 for admission to the remainder of the tournament.

VI. STATE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The format of the tournament shall be double elimination.
 - a. The seeding meeting will take place at Mt. Hebron High School on Sunday, February 26th at 9:30 AM.
 - b. **To ensure a full complement of wrestlers in each bracket, alternates from the same region as a withdrawn qualifier may be inserted up to the conclusion of weigh-ins, with the bracket re-seeded accordingly. If an alternate from the same region is not available, the entry will be replaced by the alternate present with the next highest regional points, regardless of region.**
2. The 2023 tournament: March 2-4 at The Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Directions: From Washington, DC: Use I-495 and take Exit 11A, for Route 4/Pennsylvania Avenue South/East. Follow Route 4 South for seven miles to the Upper Marlboro exit. At the stop sign at the end of the exit ramp, turn right and enter The Show Place Arena property.

From Baltimore: From I-695 take Exit 4 for I-97 South for Annapolis/Bay Bridge. Continue on I-97 to Exit 7, MD Route 3 South. At Bowie, Route 3 will become Route 301 South. Continue on Route 301 South to the exit for Route 4 North/West, towards Washington, D.C. From Route 4, take the first exit for Upper Marlboro. At the stop sign, turn left and enter the Arena property.
3. Team packets may be picked up by the Head Coach after 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 and 11 AM on Friday, March 3 in the main lobby. At that time, the head coach will receive identification bands and the student manager(s) will have their hand(s) stamped.
4. Although space will be available to shower and change clothes, lockers will not be available.
5. Required meetings
 - a. **Coaches of all competing wrestlers will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 and 1:45 p.m. Friday, March 3th.**
 - b. **Coaches of wrestlers remaining in the tournament after Thursday and Friday sessions will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 4th.**
6. 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 non-participants.

- 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.
 7. 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. 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. Ticketing prices and information can be found at www.mpssaa.org.
 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.

**MPSSAA Wrestling Committee Members are listed on the MPSSAA Website at
www.mpssaa.org**

Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 2nd (Girls Division Only)

Weigh-In3:00 p.m.
Coaches' Meeting4:00 p.m.

BOUTS

Girls Preliminaries4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (8 mats)
Girls Quarterfinals6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (8 mats)
Girls Consolation Prelimins7:30 - 8:20 p.m. (8 mats)
Girls Consolation 1st Round8:20 - 9:10 p.m. (8 mats)

Friday, March 3rd (4A/3A & 2A/1A Divisions only)

Weigh-In12:30 p.m.
Coaches' Meeting1:45 p.m.

BOUTS

4A/3A Preliminaries2:30 - 6:15 p.m. (8 mats)
2A/1A Preliminaries2:30 - 6:15 p.m. (8 mats)
4A/3A Quarterfinals6:15 - 8:15 p.m. (8 mats)
2A/1A Quarterfinals6:15 - 8:15 p.m. (8 mats)
4A/3A Consolation Prelimins8:15 - 10:00 p.m. (8 mats)
2A/1A Consolation Prelimins8:15 - 10:00 p.m. (8 mats)

Saturday, March 4th (All Divisions)

Weigh-In8:00 a.m.
Coaches' Meeting9:15 a.m.

BOUTS

4A/3A Consolation 1st round9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (4 mats)
2A/1A Consolation 1st round9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (4 mats)

Championship Semifinals

4A/3A Semifinals11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (2 mats)
2A/1A Semifinals11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (2 mats)
Girls Semifinals11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (2 mats)
Girls Consolation Qtrfinals11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (2 mats)

4A/3A Consolation Quarterfinals1:15 - 2:15 p.m. (4 mats)
2A/1A Consolation Quarterfinals1:15 - 2:15 p.m. (4 mats)

4A/3A Consolation Semifinals2:15 - 4:00 p.m. (3 mats)
2A/1A Consolation Semifinals2:15 - 4:00 p.m. (3 mats)
Girls Consolation Semifinals2:15 - 4:00 p.m. (2 mats)

Consolation Finals

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (6 mats)
3rd & 4th place
5th & 6th place

Championship Finals

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (3 mats)

BOUT ORDER FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Class 4A/3A285# to 106# Class 2A/1A106# to 285# Girls Division100# to 235#
ALL PLACE-WINNERS MUST BE IN SCHOOL-ISSUED UNIFORMS FOR PHOTOS AND AWARDS

PROJECTED MPSSAA DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2024 - February 10 2025 - February 15

PROJECTED MPSSAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2024 - Feb. 29 - Mar. 2 2025 - Mar. 6-8

POINT SYSTEM CRITERIA FOR MPSSAA REGION INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SEEDING

1. Points are not awarded for “Byes” whether it is no name on a bracketed tournament or no name in pool play.
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
 - d. The maximum number of points that can be earned by a wrestler in a tournament is 20.

**** Note:** A wrestler may receive a maximum of one point per win in any tournament (this includes “hybrid” tournaments) that includes placement points for individual wrestlers.**

16-TEAM TOURNAMENT (14 or more teams participating)	12-TEAM TOURNAMENT (10-13 teams participating)	8-TEAM TOURNAMENT (7-9 teams participating)
1st - 16	1st - 12	1st - 9
2nd - 12	2nd - 9	2nd - 7
3rd - 9	3rd - 6	3rd - 5
4th - 6	4th - 4	4th - 3
5th - 3		
6th - 2		

} bouts must be wrestled

6-TEAM TOURNAMENT
(5-6 teams participating)

- 1st - 7
- 2nd - 5
- 3rd - 3
- 4th - 0

DUAL MEET TOURNAMENT

- (4 or more teams)
2 points awarded for each win

d. POINTS FOR TOURNAMENT PLACERS THE PREVIOUS YEAR

STATE TOURNAMENT

- 1st - 16
- 2nd - 12
- 3rd - 9
- 4th - 6
- 5th - 4
- 6th - 2

REGION TOURNAMENT

- 1st - 9
- 2nd - 7
- 3rd - 5
- 4th - 3

(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.

2023 ALIGNMENT FOR DUAL MEET & INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
1. Urbana	Fre	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Bowie	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Clarksburg	Mtg	3. Dundalk	B Co	3. C H Flowers	PG	3. Glen Burnie	AA
4. Gaithersburg	Mtg	4. Parkville	B Co	4. Dr. Henry A Wise Jr	PG	4. Meade	AA
5. Northwest	Mtg	5. Perry Hall	B Co	5. Duval	PG	5. North County	AA
6. Quince Orchard	Mtg	6. Western	Balt	6. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	6. Old Mill	AA
7. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	7. Albert Einstein	Mtg	7. High Point	PG	7. Severna Park	AA
8. Seneca Valley	Mtg	8. James Blake	Mtg	8. Laurel	PG	8. South River	AA
9. Thomas S. Wootton	Mtg	9. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	9. Northwestern (PG)	PG	9. Leonardtown	StM
10. Walt Whitman	Mtg	10. Northwood	Mtg	10. Parkdale	PG		
11. Walter Johnson	Mtg	11. Paint Branch	Mtg	11. Suitland	PG		
12. Winston Churchill	Mtg	12. Sherwood	Mtg				
		13. Wheaton	Mtg				
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Arundel	AA	1. Westminster	Car
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Chesapeake	AA	2. Atholton	How
3. Oakdale	Fre	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. Crofton	AA	3. Centennial	How
4. Thomas Johnson	Fre	4. Towson	B Co	4. Northern (Cal.)	Cal	4. Howard	How
5. Tuscarora	Fre	5. Woodlawn	B Co	5. North Point	Cha	5. Long Reach	How
6. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	6. City	Balt	6. St. Charles	Cha	6. Marriotts Ridge	How
7. Damascus	Mtg	7. Digital Harbor	Balt	7. Oxon Hill	PG	7. Mt. Hebron	How
8. John F. Kennedy	Mtg	8. Mergenthaler	Balt	8. Chopticon	StM	8. Reservoir	How
9. Rockville	Mtg	9. Poly	Balt	9. Great Mills	StM	9. River Hill	How
10. Springbrook	Mtg	10. Aberdeen	Hfd	10. J. M. Bennett	Wic	10. Wilde Lake	How
11. Watkins Mill	Mtg	11. Bel Air	Hfd				
12. North Hagerstown	Was	12. Edgewood	Hfd				
13. South Hagerstown	Was						
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
1. Northeast (AA)	AA	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Calvert	Cal	1. Elkton	Cec
2. Southern (AA)	AA	2. Eastern Technical	B Co	2. Huntingtown	Cal	2. Rising Sun	Cec
3. Century	Car	3. Hereford	B Co	3. Patuxent	Cal	3. North Caroline	Cin
4. Manchester Valley	Car	4. Lansdowne	B Co	4. La Plata	Cha	4. C. Milton Wright	Hfd
5. Winters Mill	Car	5. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	5. Thomas Stone	Cha	5. North Harford	Hfd
6. Middletown	Fre	6. New Town	B Co	6. Westlake	Cha	6. Kent Island	Qa
7. Walkersville	Fre	7. Overlea	B Co	7. Fairmont Heights	PG	7. Queen Anne's	Qa
8. Glenelg	How	8. Owings Mills	B Co	8. Frederick Douglass	PG	8. Easton	Tal
9. Hammond	How	9. Randallstown	B Co	9. Friendly	PG	9. Parkside	Wic
10. Oakland Mills	How	10. Sparrows Point	B Co	10. Gwynn Park	PG	10. Wicomico	Wic
11. Poolesville	Mtg	11. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	11. Potomac	PG	11. Stephen Decatur	Wor
		12. Patterson	Balt				
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
1. Fort Hill	All	1. ACCE	Balt	1. Chesapeake	B Co	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec
2. Mountain Ridge	All	2. Dunbar	Balt	2. Loch Raven	B Co	2. North East (Cecil)	Cec
3. Brunswick	Fre	3. Edmondson/Westside	Balt	3. Pikesville	B Co	3. Perryville	Cec
4. Catoctin	Fre	4. Forest Park	Balt	4. Western STES	B Co	4. Colonel Richardson	Cin
5. Northern (Gar.)	G	5. Frederick Douglass-B	Balt	5. Lackey	Cha	5. Cambridge-SD	Dor
6. Southern (Gar.)	G	6. Lake Clifton	Balt	6. McDonough	Cha	6. North Dorchester	Dor
7. Boonsboro	Was	7. Reginald Lewis	Balt	7. Central	PG	7. Fallston	Hfd
8. Smithsburg	Was	8. Southwestern	Balt	8. Crossland	PG	8. Harford Tech	Hfd
9. Williamsport	Was	9. Francis Scott Key	Car	9. Int. School at Langley Park	PG	9. Havre de Grace	Hfd
		10. Liberty	Car	10. Largo	PG	10. Joppatowne	Hfd
		11. South Carroll	Car	11. Surrattsville	PG	11. Patterson Mill	Hfd
						12. Kent County	K
						13. St. Michaels	Tal
						14. Mardela	Wic
						15. Snow Hill	Wor