



MPSSAA WRESTLING BULLETIN

Dual Meet State Championships - North Point HS, Feb. 10, 2024
 State Tournament - The Show Place Arena, Feb. 29-March 2, 2024

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.
- G. The MPSSAA will use the 14 weight classes approved by NFHS. The following weights will be utilized:

106lb	132lb	157lb	215lb
113lb	138lb	165lb	285lb
120lb	144lb	175lb	
126lb	150lb	190lb	

- 1. The MPSSAA will utilize the following weights for girls:

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

II. REGION INFORMATION FOR DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023-2024 DUAL MEET TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Dec. 5First play date	Feb. 6Region First Round	Feb. 10Semifinals & Finals
Feb. 3Last play date for SeedingRegion Quarterfinal	Apr. 13.....Reimbursement request due
Feb. 5Tournament Seeding	Feb. 8Semifinals & Finals	

2023-2024 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Dec. 5First play date	Feb. 23-24Finals	Feb. 29-Mar. 2 Finals
Feb. 15Region Entries	Feb. 25Organization meeting for state tournament	Apr. 13.....Reimbursement request due
Feb. 17Last play date		

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.

MPSSAA Dual Wrestling Region Directors				
Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A West	Eric Britton	Gaithersburg		240-285-5671
4A North	Will Richter	Kenwood		443-846-9271
4A South	Marcus Jackson	Laurel		240-505-7874
4A East	Odist Felder	Charles H. Flowers	301-636-8000	301-452-1678
3A West	Ben Arneson	Linganore		301-401-0501
3A North	Scott Asher	Dulaney		410-375-3173
3A South	Andrew McIntyre	Reservoir		410-888-8853
3A East	Randy Curtin	Chesapeake-AA	410-255-9600	443-867-7242
2A West	John Furgeson	Damascus		301-655-2181
2A North	Mike Whisner	Sparrows Point		410-916-5982
2A South	Rich Pauole	La Plata	301-753-1754	301-885-9175
2A East	Tim Frey	North Carolina		410-200-1873
1A West	Shawn Smith	Boonsboro		410-714-4498
1A North	Bill Hyson	Francis Scott Key	410.751.3320	443-547-2954
1A South	John Lush	Lackey		484-695-8559
1A East	Dion Johnson	Mardela		410-251-0420

Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the Wrestling page of mpssaa.org.

4. Ties among teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding. Please refer to Page 4 in the General Section.
5. 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 above by the following deadlines:
 - a. Form A (Team Wrestling Schedule Form) by December 5th.
 - b. Form B (Dual Meet Entry Form) due 24 hours before region dual meet tournament.
6. All teams are automatically entered in the dual meet tournament unless:
 - a. **a team is unable to fill seven weight classes.**
 - b. a letter, signed by the principal, is received by the MPSSAA Executive Director by **February 3rd.**

B. General Policies

1. The cost of admission is \$6 for any person 7 years of age or older.
2. A plaque will be awarded to the region championship teams. Individual certificates will be awarded to each member of a region championship team.

nament 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. **All Trackwrestling entry registration for the regional tournament, Co-Ed and Girls, must be completed by 4pm on Thursday, February 15. A wrestler may be changed after this time period if they follow guidelines set forth by each tournament.**
- 3. 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.
- 4. Two-day region tournaments will begin at 5 p.m on Friday, weigh-ins will begin at 3:30 p.m.
- 5. One-day region tournaments will begin at 9:30 a.m on Saturday, weigh-ins will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- 6. All mats/wrestling will be in one gymnasium. The layout of mats must conform to NFHS standards.
- 7. **Individual Wrestling Region Tournaments** (Tournament directors’ contact info is on MPSSAA.org.)

<u>Regions</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Tournament Director</u>
4A/3A West	Quince Orchard	2/23-24	5:00 PM	TBD
4A/3A North	Aberdeen	2/24	9:30 AM	Gary Burkhardt, Parkville
4A/3A South	TBD	2/24	9:30 AM	TBD
4A/3A East	Old Mill	2/24	5:00 PM	TBD
2A/1A West	Boonsboro	2/23-24	5:00 PM	TBD
2A/1A North	South Carroll	2/24	9:30 AM	TBD
2A/1A South	Patuxent	2/24	9:30 AM	Mike Bartley, Patuxent
2A/1A East	TBD	2/24	9:30 AM	TBD

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 choose 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 **top three** wrestlers in each weight class of the eight regions will advance to a single classification **24-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 25th 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 reseeded 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.
 - c. **In the girls division, to determine an alternate from a different region, the criteria that will be utilized will be wins and then winning percentage.**
2. The 2024 tournament: February 29 - March 2 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, February 29 and 11 AM on Friday, March 1 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, February 29 and 1:45 p.m. on Friday, March 1st.**
 - b. **Coaches of wrestlers remaining in the tournament after Thursday and Friday sessions will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 2nd.**
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 team check-in. Wrestlers who are eliminated from competition do not have to pay admission for the second day, however, they must enter with their team during the normal check-in process.**
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. Filming and photography will be permitted from the stands.

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

Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 29th (Girls Division)

Weigh-In 12:30 p.m.

BOUTS

Girls' Pigtails2:30 - 4:00 p.m. (8 mats)
 4A/3A Preliminaries4:00 - 9:00 p.m. (8 mats)
 2A/1A Preliminaries4:00 - 9:00 p.m. (8 mats)
 Girls' Preliminaries4:00 - 9:00 p.m. (8 mats)

Friday, March 1st (Coed Division)

Weigh-In 9:00 a.m.

BOUTS

Girls' Consolation Preliminaries ..10:30 - 11:45 a.m. (8 mats)
 4A/3A Quarterfinals11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 2A/1A Quarterfinals11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 Girls' Quarterfinals11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 4A/3A Consolation Preliminaries2:30 - 4:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 2A/1A Consolation Preliminaries2:30 - 4:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 Girls' Consolation 2nd Round.....2:30 - 4:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 4A/3A Consolation 2nd Round4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 2A/1A Consolation 2nd Round4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 Girls' Consolation 3rd Round4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (8 mats)
 4A/3A Semifinals6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (2 mats)
 2A/1A Semifinals6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (2 mats)
 Girls' Semifinals6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (2 mats)

Saturday, March 2nd (Both Divisions)

Weigh-In 9:30 a.m.

BOUTS

4A/3A Consolation Qtrfinals ..11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (2 mats)
 2A/1A Consolation Qtrfinals ..11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (2 mats)
 Girls' Consolation Qtrfinals11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (2 mats)
 4A/3A Consolation Semifinals12:15 - 1:45 pm (2 mats)
 2A/1A Consolation Semifinals12:15 - 1:45 pm (2 mats)
 Girls' Consolation Semifinals12:15 - 1:45 pm (2 mats)

CONSOLATION FINALS

1:45 - 3:15 pm (6 mats)
 3rd & 4th place
 5th & 6th place

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

4:00 - 6:30 pm (3 mats)

BOUT ORDER FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Class 4A/3A106# to 285# Class 2A/1A285# to 106# Girls Division235# to 100#

ALL PLACE-WINNERS MUST BE IN SCHOOL-ISSUED UNIFORMS FOR PHOTOS AND AWARDS

**PROJECTED MPSSAA DUAL MEET
 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

2025 - February 15 2026 - February 14

**PROJECTED MPSSAA WRESTLING
 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

2025 - Mar. 6-8 2026 - Mar. 5-7

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.

2024 ALIGNMENT FOR DUAL MEET & INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING

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