

# District IX/IV Individual Wrestling Tournament

AA/AAA Tournament

To: District IX/IV High School Principals and Athletic  
Directors

From: Dr. Randy Cathcart, Tournament Director

Date: 01/22/21

Re: 2021 Individual Wrestling Tournament

Enclosed is important information concerning this year's individual wrestling tournament which will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 (AA & AAA both) at Clearfield High School.

PLEASE SEE THAT THIS MATERIAL AND SCHEDULE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD WRESTLING COACH. Students, parents, and the local media will also be interested in these materials.

*Each school is to present their "School Health Certification Document" that states that all of their athletes have been screened, temperatures checked and are certified by a medical professional or school administrator that their team is healthy and able to safely participate in the tournament. This must be presented to a District IX Representative upon entering Clearfield High School. This document was sent to all coaches and administrators as an attachment in an email.*

If you or any of your school personnel have any questions concerning this tournament, please contact me at 221-1147

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## TOURNAMENT SUPERVISION

The wrestling tournament is under the supervision of the District IX PIAA Committee. Chairman of the Wrestling Committee is Dr. Randy Cathcart. The District IX Wrestling Committee consists of the following members:

Dr. Randy Cathcart	Tournament Director
Robert Tonkin	Committee Member/Secretary/Treasure
Peter Grecco	Committee Member
Dave Osborne	Committee Member
Kevin Doverspike	Committee Member

## COVID 19 MANDATES

There will be no spectators in attendance for the duration of this event. In accordance with the CDC, we are requiring all coaches, wrestlers, support staff, scorers, and workers to WEAR A MASK THROUGHOUT THIS EVENT. While actively engaged on the mats, wrestlers will follow their "School Health Certification Document" on mask wearing. Also, we are asking all participants to wash their hands as much as possible and to maintain social distancing through the tournament. Teams will be assigned an area in the gym and are asked to stay seated in their respective areas. Lastly, we are planning on livestreaming both AA and AAA tournaments. Details will be announced before the start of the tournament.

## SEEDING MEETING

The AA Seeding Meeting will be done in person at Brookville High School starting at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 14. I would ask that all AA coaches complete the power-rating forms for your wrestlers and email them to me by 12:00 (noon) on Friday, February 12. I will use the format to pre-seed all of the wrestlers before we start the seeding meeting. We will make changes at the meeting.

The AAA seeding process will be done by e-mail. All AAA coaches must submit their line-ups by email to me no later than 12:00 (noon) Friday, February 12. I will seed the wrestlers using a power-point system (same system we used last year). I have attached a document explaining the power-point system. On Saturday, February 13, I will release the brackets for AAA. Any discrepancies or head-to-head competition comparisons must be made to me by e-mail before 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 13. Final brackets will be released by 11:00 a.m., Sunday, February 14.

Entry into the District IX Tournament is a two-part process. (A) Entries will be first verified at the seeding meeting. There will be no substitution at the tournament unless it is for a verified injury or illness. A wrestler may not change weight classes once entered in a weight at the seeding meeting. (B) To finalize entry the wrestler must make weight at the weight class entered at the seeding meeting. There will be no forfeits in the first round of wrestling. All empty lines on the bracket will be considered byes, even if the line had been filled at the seeding meeting. **ALL COACHES MUST BRING A WEIGHT ASSESSMENT SHEET TO WEIGH-INS ON SATURDAY.**

## TIME SCHEDULE FOR AA TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 20

<u>Session 1</u>	9:00 AM	AA Preliminary Round	3 mats
		All Preliminary matches will be a single elimination format	
<u>Session II</u>		AA Semi/Consolation R3	3 mats
		AA Consy Semi Finals	3 mats
<u>Session III</u>	6:00 PM	AA Consy Finals and Finals	2 mats

#### TIME SCHEDULE FOR AAA TOURNAMENT

<u>Session I</u>	10:00 AM	AAA Quarters	2 mats
		AAA Consolations Round 1	2 mats
<u>Session II</u>		AAA Semi/Round 2 Consy	2 mats
		AAA Round 3 Consy	2 mats
<u>Session III</u>	6:00 PM	AAA Consy Finals & Finals	2 mats

#### WEIGH-INS

AA Saturday 2/20 8:00 AM                      AAA 2/20 9:00 AM

The PIAA referees will be responsible for the format and completion of the weigh-ins. Wrestlers will have to pass hair, skin, and fingernail checks prior to gaining entry to the scales for weigh-in. Completed and current PIAA contagious skin disease forms must be presented at this time. All medical exemptions for face masks should also be presented at this time.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL TEAMS BE PRESENT AT THE POSTED WEIGH-IN TIME. ONCE THE WEIGH-IN PROCESS BEGINS, NO ONE MAY ENTER OR LEAVE THE WEIGH-IN AREA UNTIL ALL WEIGHT CLASSES HAVE BEEN WEIGHTED IN. THE WEIGH-IN PERIOD WILL END IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LAST 285 LB. WRESTLER IS WEIGHED-IN. As per the NHFS rules there is no longer a posted weigh-in period, with a start time and finish time.

### **COACHES MEETING**

Saturday	2/20 AA	8:45 AM	Coaches Room
	AAA	9:30 AM	Coaches Room

### **MEALS**

Meals and snacks will be available throughout the tournament in the Clearfield High School cafeteria. Please contact Robert Gearhart at 765-5511 ext. 2003.

### **AWARDS**

The District IX Committee will award a Team Trophy and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place medals to individual place-winners at each weight class. The top three wrestlers in AA will move on to Regionals and in AAA the top 2 wrestlers will move on to Regionals.

The Joseph Kata Award for the Outstanding Wrestler in AA and AAA will be presented by the District IX Committee.

The Coach of the Year Award in AA and AAA will be provided by the District IX Wrestling Coaches Association.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All wrestlers must meet all PIAA eligibility standards and submit a current weigh-in sheet at the Seeding meeting. **COACHES MUST BRING A WEIGHT ASSESSMENT SHEET TO THE WEIGH-INS ON SATURDAY.**

### **CONTESTANT DECORUM**

To be consistent with the PIAA policy, wrestlers will adhere to the following regulations on dress and behavior while they are on the floor of the gym; this policy will be enforced throughout the tournament.

All contestants must be dressed in school-issued uniforms and/or school-issued warm-ups while on the area floor and during award presentations. Hats, sunglasses, cut-offs, altered clothing or clothing displaying inappropriate advertisements, jewelry, or other cosmetic paraphernalia are prohibited while on the floor by order of the PIAA.

It is also recommended by the PA Wrestling Coaches Association that coaches dress appropriately throughout the tournament, as a professional representative of the sport.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Schools will receive bleacher assignments from Clearfield High School. Teams are asked to be responsible for the care of their assigned areas. All damages will be assessed and billed to the school districts. Security cameras are available throughout the school and will be used to assess any damages that occur.
- You are responsible for the security and safety of your team valuables and equipment. Because of the limited seating in both gyms, wrestlers will not be permitted to bring any duffel bags into the gym.
- Participant behavior will be regulated according to the PIAA rules and regulations.