



## WRESTLING DATES AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

### 1. Trackwrestling (TW) ([www.trackwrestling.com](http://www.trackwrestling.com))

- **NEW** – Varsity tournaments which utilize individual brackets MUST use TW software. No other bracket software is permitted.
- **NEW** – State seeding will be determined by TW software
- Schedules need to be updated and maintained via Trackwrestling
- Host schools should post their event by first day of practice – October 31, 2016
- Accurate individual records for varsity athletes are required to be maintained via Trackwrestling
- Deadline for district tournament rosters – February 7, 2017
- Failure to submit rosters with accurate records will result in a \$250 fine to the school
- Trackwrestling software must be used for all district tournaments

### 2. Important Dates/Deadlines

- Host school events on Trackwrestling – Monday, October 31, 2016
- First day of regular season practice – Monday, October 31, 2016
- Single school WWMP assessments may begin – October 31, 2016
- Cluster WWMP assessments – as determined by assessors/schools
- **Deadline for completion of online district rules clinic – November 30, 2016**
- **Deadline for submission of Nutrition Education Form – December 1, 2016**
- **Deadline for Max Preps rosters and schedules – December 15, 2016**
- Two pound growth allowance granted – January 1, 2017
- WWMP descent plans lock (except 285lbs – see policy) – January 8, 2017
- **Team photo posted on Max Preps for state program – January 27, 2017**
- **Deadline for district championship rosters via Trackwrestling – February 7, 2017**
- District individual qualifying tournaments – February 10-11, 2017
- State tournament qualifiers posted – Monday, February 13, 2017
- State tournament verifications/seeding/bracketing – Thursday, February 16, 2017
- State tournament – Friday, Saturday, February 17-18, 2017

### 3. State Tournament Information

- Dates – Friday, Saturday, February 17-18, 2017
- Site – Santa Ana Star Center, Rio Rancho, NM
- Officials – Per NMAA policy, the NMAA office will select officials for ALL championship sport events. The NMAA will provide an online tool that coaches can utilize throughout the season to provide feedback on individual officials. This input will be gathered by the NMAA to select this year's championship officials. The input provided should be both positive and negative to ensure that the selection process achieves the ultimate goal of bringing the best officials in New Mexico to the State Tournament.
- Qualifying – through individual district tournaments – see the NMAA Handbook section 7.24.5 for the number of qualifiers in each class/district.
- Seeding – up to 6 individuals per weight class in 5A and 6A, up to 4 individuals per weight class in 4A, as per policy
- Scoring and awards – top 6 scored and medaled in 5A and 6A, top 4 scored and medaled in 4A, trophies to top 3 teams in all classes

4. District Dual Meets

- Each district team must compete against the other in a dual meet competition format to determine the district champion
- District dual meets count against regular season competition limits
- Champion and runner-up head coaches earn the right to sit on the seeding committee
- For further information see bylaw 7.24.3

5. Tournament Hosts/Officials – All Season

- Insure compliance with WWMP regulations
- Five feet of safety area surrounding the out-of-bounds line (NFHS rule 2.1.2)
- Only 2 team personnel per corner (NFHS rule 2.2.2)
- Legitimate (licensed/contracted) coaches only in corners

6. Officials – Recruitment, Registered Officials, State Selection, Video Submission

- Each school is asked to identify and refer to the local group leader one new wrestling official to participate in a free early season workshop
- Schools are reminded they must assign and pay officials as per NMAA/NMOA policy, see pre-season mail out information
- Officials will be selected for state championship assignment based on coach input throughout the year and NMAA/group leader input
- Please submit to the NMAA any video clips throughout the year of questionable situations for interpretation and official's education

7. Verification of Entries – NFHS Rule 10-2-1

- Entries must be verified by a stipulated deadline (ex. seeding meeting)
- If entries are not verified by a pre-determined deadline, the conclusion of weigh-ins will be the verification of entries
- A verified entry who fails to appear or make weight would incur two losses in a double elimination tournament

8. Forfeits and Seeding Criteria

- A forfeit for any reason will count as a loss
- Medical forfeits will not be recognized and cannot be utilized
- Forfeits will not count toward the head to head or common opponent seeding criteria

9. Proper Uniforms for Female Participants - NFHS rule 4.1.a

- Either a female style singlet or added t-shirt

10. Securing Shoe Laces – NFHS rule 4.1.3

- Laces shall either be taped to the shoe or secured by a locking device on the wrestling shoe in an acceptable fashion. If shoes do not have a locking device laces MUST be taped TO THE SHOE.

11. Legal Hair Coverings – NFHS rule 4.2.1

- Legal hair coverings must be “attached” to the ear guard (NFHS rule 4.2.1)

12. NMAA Event Limits for Wrestling

- Varsity teams and individuals are limited to 32 competition points
- Sub-varsity teams and individuals are limited to 28 competition points
- The district tournament does not count toward the regular season limit (above)
- For details on the point values – see NMAA Handbook, section 7.24.1.D

13. Max Preps Requirements

- Varsity schedule ONLY must be uploaded onto Max Preps (do not mix JV/V events). JV events must be listed on a separate JV schedule
- Event points must be listed in parentheses in the meet details portion
- Deadline for rosters and schedules (w/ points) – December 15, 2016
- Varsity rosters must be maintained after the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline
- Schedules do not need to be maintained/updated via MaxPreps
- Deadline for team photo – January 27, 2017

14. Control of Communicable Skin Conditions

- Each school should have a comprehensive plan for sanitary practices for athletes, facilities, equipment, and supplies. It is suggested that someone in addition to the wrestling coaching staff (athletic trainer, school nurse, etc.) be involved in planning and monitoring the plan to insure maximum effectiveness.
- Any suspicion should result in immediate restriction from participation and referral to medical personnel. Coverings and home remedies generally create larger problems for local programs as well as competitors statewide.
- NFHS form – see NMAA website, must be current (14 days)
- In an effort to minimize skin conditions, schools that are hosting events are encouraged to sanitize mats frequently
- The NMAA has developed a flyer for proper skin hygiene and mat disinfecting practices: [http://www.nmact.org/file/SMAC\\_Wrestling\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.nmact.org/file/SMAC_Wrestling_Guidelines.pdf)

15. NFHS Skin Condition Form

- Wrestlers suspected of having a communicable skin disease must present the NFHS Skin Condition form during weigh-ins
- The form must be signed by an MD or DO
- Form is only valid for two weeks
- A designated, on site, appropriate health care professional (MD, DO, PA, CNP, ATC) may overrule the Skin Condition Form
- A wrestler may have a Skin Condition form signed by an MD or DO indicating a specific condition such as a birthmark or other non-communicable skin diseases such as psoriasis or eczema, and that documentation is valid for the season

16. Wrestling Weight Management Program

- Each program should maintain a WWMP binder with all relevant info & data
- The NWCA OPC generated weigh-in forms are required for all events
- Coaches must regularly monitor alpha master reports and weight loss plans to insure accuracy and WWMP compliance
- Compliance checks by coaches and tournament directors at all regular season events (dual meets and tournaments) are required (WWMP B.4.)
- See NMAA website wrestling section for complete policy and forms
- Coaches should work with assessors to ensure athletes are following correct protocol during assessments so that accurate data can be collected. Most notably athletes need to be sure that they stay still with arms are by their sides while on the Tanita machine.

17. “Compete with Class” Sportsmanship Initiative

- “Compete with Class” is a New Mexico sportsmanship initiative developed through a collaboration process involving athletic directors, coaches and school administrators as well as input from student and adult communities with the purpose of restoring the placement of interscholastic activities in an educational perspective and providing our state with a sportsmanship program that would be embraced and called our own.
- “Compete with Class” Program Info
  - Designed to help better understand the true value of interscholastic athletic and activities – *to educate and prepare our youth for the future*
  - Based on three Core Values
    - Respect
    - Integrity
    - Responsibility
  - “Stay in Your Lane” Curriculum
    - Outlines expectations for the various entities involved in interscholastic athletics (administration, coaches, participants, parents, fans, and officials)
    - For complete guidelines please visit the NMAA website
- Wrestling specific areas
  - Establishing minimum wrestling weights
  - Weigh-in procedures
  - Individual record keeping
  - Seeding meeting integrity of records, comments, etc.
  - Conduct in dealing with mat officials
  - Adherence to letter and spirit of NFHS wrestling rules
  - Adherence to team, school and NMAA regulations and policies
  - Competing in every weight class where a wrestler was weighed in
  - Honoring the contracted event schedule

18. Ejection Policies (NMAA Bylaw 7.7.2)

- Athlete Ejections (NMAA 7.7.2.B)
  - Minimum one meet suspension
  - Must complete online *NFHS Sportsmanship Course* prior to return
  - Athletes who receive a third ejection in the same school year are suspended from athletic competition for 365 days
- Coach Ejections (NMAA 7.7.2.C)
  - Minimum one meet suspension
  - Must complete online *NFHS Teaching & Modeling Behavior* course prior to return (\$20 course paid by coach, certificate of completion sent to NMAA)

\*See NMAA Handbook for detailed information on the Ejection Policies

