



# 2017 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships

## Cleveland takes Home 2017 Team Title

Cleveland hoisted the blue trophy for the second straight year, earning the school's fourth overall wrestling title with a team score 224.0. The Storm's No. 1 rival, Rio Rancho, earned second-place with 184.0 points, followed by Piedra Vista, who finished third with 160.0 points.

The Storm saw three wrestlers atop the medal stand, while Rio Rancho, Volcano Vista and Piedra Vista captured two individual titles during the final round of the 2017 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships.

Marcus Santillanes of Volcano Vista defeated Tristan Mascarenas of Cleveland with a 3-2 decision in the 106-pound weight class, as Mark Gonzales of Sandia beat Daniel Vargas of Rio Rancho 3-2 at 113.

Michael Mascarenas of Cleveland captured his third individual title, 7-3, at 120 pounds over Isaac Garcia of Manzano. Teammate Noah Mirabal defeated Isidro Garcia of Manzano, 5-1, at 126-pounds also capturing his third state title.

Sam Martinez of Santa Fe earned his first state title with a 5-2 win over James Emmer of Rio Rancho in the 132-pound match. At 138, Wes Rayburn of Piedra Vista won his third straight gold medal, recording a fall over Fabian Padilla of Carlsbad.

In the 145-pound weight class, Nick Rino of Piedra Vista took home his third straight individual title, defeating Justin Wood of Carlsbad, 3-2. At 152 pounds, Rio Rancho's Ryan Rochford capped off a stellar career with his third state title, beating Isaiah Martinez of Santa Fe. Orion Gutierrez of Rio Rancho defeated Jacob Grobecker of Volcano Vista to take home the 160-pound title in 2017.

At 170 pounds, Richard Govea of Volcano Vista beat Damin Valenzuela of Manzano, 3-1, earning his team's second individual state title of the tournament.

Loden Cain of Cibola captured the 182-pound championship in a one-point match over Joey Castillo of Las Cruces. At 195, Josh Woisin of La Cueva handled Martin Jaime of Manzano with a 3-1 decision, capturing the Bears only individual gold medal of the championships.

Dylan Kuhn of Hobbs captured his first title by pinning Isaac Martinez of Volcano Vista in the 220-pound title match. In the heavyweight division, Daimon Altamirano of Cleveland pinned Benny Hernandez of Las Cruces, as Altamirano was crowned the 2017 champion.



## Belen Earns 2017 Blue Trophy

The Belen Eagles stood atop the podium at the 2017 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships for the second straight year. The Eagles ran away with the team title, winning with a total of 211 points. Capital earned 172.5 points, while Aztec finished third with 148.5 points.

Belen dominated in the finals, as the school earned five individual titles, while Capital captured three. Three wrestlers were repeat champions from 2016 and one cemented his name into the record books with his fifth individual title.

At 106 pounds, Frankie Baca of Del Norte defeated Jonathan Romero of Capital by a 6-5 decision, while teammate Ryan Romero of Capital beat Josiah Greigo of Aztec by a score of 10-8 at 113 pounds.

Jasper Mares of Capital defeated Devon Martinez of Valencia in a 10-4 decision at 120-pounds, while Cody Candelaria of Aztec beat Aaron Baldonado of Miyamura by a score of 20-9. Candelaria finished the season at 44-1.

Levi Whitley of Bloomfield won a 3-2 decision at 132 pounds, beating Alex Wisdom of Capital. In the 138-pound match, Jose Tapia capped off his career with his fifth straight individual crown, pinning Diego Pavia of St. Pius X. Tapia became one of 18 wrestlers in New Mexico wrestling history to accomplish the feat. Tapia won the 126-pound title in 2016, 113-pound title in 2014 and 2015 and the 106-pound title in 2013.

Chris Robinson of Belen wrapped up his senior season with a 17-8 decision over Dominic Dufur of Aztec, finishing the season at 40-8 overall.

At 152 pounds, Austin Littlefield of Aztec won a 4-3 decision over Estevan Chavez of Los Lunas, as Belen's Jeramie Flores won the 160-pound title with a two-point decision (5-3) over Nicholas Hernandez of Roswell.

Lano Luna of Belen beat Gabriel Najar of Roswell by pin in the 170-pound finals, as teammate Rowdy Robinson won the 182-pound state title with a 5-3 victory over Michael Hernandez of Roswell.

In the 195-pound finals, Andres Villa of Goddard defeated Alfonso Sanchez of Roswell by an 8-2 decision, while Christian Sanchez of Roswell defeated Gerald Sanchez of Los Lunas by a score of 4-2 to earn the 220-pound individual title.

Estevan Chavez of Belen beat Dante Norberto of Farmington in the heavyweight division, 6-3, capping off a 38-1 season and becoming a three time state champion. It was his first title as a heavyweight.



## Silver Colts Win A/4A State Title

For the first time since 2011, Silver hoisted the blue trophy overhead at the 2017 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships, as the Colts led the championships from start to finish. The Colts tallied 222.0 points for the championships, followed by Cobre (189.5) and Robertson (175). Silver and Robertson won four individual titles each, while Taos earned three.

In the 106-pound finals, Andrew Trujillo of Robertson defeated Alex Holguin of Cobre by decision, 7-2. Christopher Valencia of Taos won the 113-pound by pin over Ricky Villalobos of Silver.

For the third year in a row, Zeke Marquez of Silver wrestled in the finals. After winning the 113-pound championship in 2016, Marquez defeated Irven Delatorre of Cobre for the 120-pound title in 2017, by a 10-6 decision. Diego Valerio of Taos defeated Lonnie Sandoval of Silver to win the 126-pound title by a 4-2 margin.

At 132 pounds, Ramon Rodriguez of Silver defeated Andru Sanchez of Cobre by a score of 11-8, finishing the season 23-9. Jonathan Trujillo of Robertson capped off a solid season by beating Michael Aguirre of Silver, 6-2, in the 138-pound finals. Trujillo's win earned him his third individual state title and a 40-1 record on the year.

Tristan Trujillo of Robertson defeated Randy Maynes of Cobre by a 3-0 decision to take the 145 title, as Javier Tapia of Pojoaque Valley earned the 152 crown over Jayden Wietholer of Silver, pinning him in the second period.

In the 160-pound finals, Vinny Vega of Silver took down Isiah Sifuentes of Cobre with a sudden victory, 3-1. Armando Galindo of Silver defeated Nathan Apodaca of Cobre in the 170-pound match by pin, while Estevan Valerio of Taos took home the 182-pound title in a 1-0 decision over Travis Burson of Moriarty.

Shiprock's Logan Charley beat Darian Duran of Robertson by pin in the 195-pound finals, finishing off his senior campaign at 36-5 and earning his second individual title. Charley lost in 2016 in the same weight class. Julian Brittain of St. Michael's defeated Antonio Norton of Tucumcari by a 1-0 decision to win the 220-pound finals.

Babatunde Okundaye of Robertson would defeat Michael Marin of Ruidoso to capture the heavy-weight division, finishing 30-15 on the year.

