



# 2018 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships



## Rio Rancho takes Home 2018 Team Title

Rio Rancho hoisted the blue trophy for the first time since 2015, earning the school's 12th overall wrestling title with a team score of 195. Carlsbad earned second-place with 182 points, followed by Cleveland, who finished third with 171 points.

The Rams saw four wrestlers atop the medal stand, while Carlsbad, La Cueva and Piedra Vista each captured two individual titles during the final round of the 2018 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships.

Tim Lopez of Rio Rancho defeated Isaiah Trujillo of Cleveland by pin in the 106-pound weight class, as Tristan Mascarenas of Cleveland beat Miguel Padilla of Santa Fe 10-4 at 113.

Isaac Garcia of Manzano captured the title at 120 pounds over Isaac Beltran of Santa Fe. Sergio Arellano of Rio Grande defeated Isidro Garcia of Manzano, 3-1, at 126-pounds.

Thomas Carrillo of Rio Rancho earned his first state title with a 7-5 win over Alejandro Gutierrez of Rio Grande in the 132-pound match. At 138, Wes Rayburn of Piedra Vista won his fourth straight gold medal, recording a 5-3 victory over Mason Box of Carlsbad.

In the 145-pound weight class, Nick Rino of Piedra Vista took home his fourth straight individual title, defeating Fabian Padilla of Carlsbad, 2-1. At 152 pounds, Carlsbad's Justin Wood capped off a stellar sophomore campaign beating Cody Glenn of Rio Rancho by pin fall. Orion Gutierrez of Rio Rancho defeated Mario Carrasco of Carlsbad to take home the 160-pound title in 2018, repeating from 2017.

At 170 pounds, Isaiah Martinez of Santa Fe beat Brandon Baeza of Las Cruces, 9-3, while Mateo Messer of Carlsbad captured the 182-pound championship by pin over David Chavarria of Las Cruces. At 195, Edward Chavez of Rio Rancho handled Joey Castillo of Las Cruces with a 6-4 decision.

DJ McDowell of La Cueva captured his first title by pinning Ernest Martinez of Atrisco Heritage in the 220-pound title match. In the heavyweight division, Christian Rodriguez of La Cueva beat Devon Gonzales of West Mesa 1-0, as Rodriguez was crowned the 2018 champion.



## Aztec Earns 2018 Blue Trophy

The Aztec Tigers stood atop the podium at the 2018 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships. The Tigers captured the team title, with a total of 194.5 points. Los Lunas earned 185.5 points, while Belen finished third with 151 points.

Aztec, Belen, Del Norte, Los Lunas and Roswell each had two individual champions in the tournament.

At 106 pounds, Devin Atencio of Los Alamos defeated Matthew Sanchez of St. Pius X by a 6-2 decision, while Frankie Baca of Del Norte defeated Steven Sanchez of St. Pius X by a score of 2-1 at 113 pounds. Baca captured his second individual title and finished the season at 37-1.

Josiah Griego of Aztec defeated Ryan Romero of Capital in a 7-6 decision at 120-pounds, while Christian Robinson of Aztec beat Jasper Mares of Capital by a score of 8-6. Robinson finished the season at 45-6.

James Ortega of Del Norte won a 14-4 decision at 132 pounds, beating Jalen Platero of Kirtland Central. In the 138-pound match, Danny Evans cruised to a 6-1 decision over Jesse Perez of Deming. Traedan Allison of Farmington wrapped up his senior season with a 7-6 decision over Travis Alarcon of Roswell, finishing the season at 28-6 overall.

At 152 pounds, Kyler Gonzales of Los Lunas won a 7-5 decision over Jorge Lopez of Valencia, as Belen's Rowdy Robinson won the 160-pound title with a one-point decision (3-2) over Diego Pavia of St. Pius X.

Lano Luna of Belen beat Zachary Small of Farmington by pin in the 170-pound finals, as Roswell's Gabriel Najjar won the 182-pound state title with a pin fall victory over Devin Brown of Alamogordo.

In the 195-pound finals, Robbie Jaramillo of Valencia defeated Kowyn Becenti of Farmington by a 3-1 decision, while Christian Sanchez of Roswell defeated Michael Deherrera of Bloomfield by a score of 6-0 to earn the 220-pound individual title. Sanchez also won the 2017 championship at the same weight class.

Matt Castillo of Los Lunas beat Dante Norberto of Farmington in the heavyweight division, 11-4, capping off a 33-1 season.



## Silver Colts Win A/4A State Title

Silver hoisted the blue trophy overhead for the second straight year at the 2018 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships, as the Colts led the championships from start to finish. The Colts tallied 270 points for the championships, followed by Cobre (176) and Taos (153). Silver and Robertson won four individual titles each, while Taos earned two.

In the 106-pound finals, Vincent Marin of Silver defeated Isaiah Marquez of Cobre by decision, 4-3. Joel Partridge of Socorro won the 113-pound division by decision over Esteban Molina of Cobre, 6-5.

For the fourth year in a row, Zeke Marquez of Silver wrestled in the finals. After winning the 113-pound championship in 2016 and the 120-pound in 2017, Marquez defeated Ishya De La Torre of Cobre for the 126-pound title in 2018, by pin. Andrew Trujillo of Robertson defeated Zeke Soliz of Cobre to win the 120-pound title by a 11-3 margin.

At 132 pounds, Tyler Valencia of Taos defeated Irven De La Torre of Cobre by a score of 11-1, finishing the season 45-8. Alex Holguin of Robertson capped off a solid season by beating Dominic Smith of St. Michael's, 5-2, in the 138-pound finals. Jonathan Trujillo's (Robertson) win at 145-pounds earned him his fourth individual state title and a 46-2 record on the year.

Michael Aguirre of Silver earned the 152 crown over Sam Baca of St. Michael's, pinning him in the second period.

In the 160-pound finals, Tristen Trujillo of Robertson took down Ramon Rodriguez of Silver, pinning him in the second period. Javier Tapia of Pojoaque Valley defeated Estevan Valerio of Taos in the 170-pound match, 2-1. It was the second title for Tapia. Vince Vega of Silver took home the 182-pound title pinning Travis Burson of Moriarty.

Darian Duran of Robertson defeated Isiah Sifuentes of Cobre by a 5-2 decision of the 195-pound crown, while Taos' Jessie Ayala beat Isaiah Sanchez of Silver by pin in the 220-pound finals, finishing off his senior campaign at 24-8. Isaiah Valverde of Tucumcari would defeat Benito Sierra of Silver to capture the heavyweight division, finishing 32-3 on the year.

