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January 26, 2026

To: NMAA Wrestling Schools

From: Scott Owen, Director of Wrestling

**RE: 2026 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

1. Schedule of Events. Please see enclosed for all dates and times.
2. Coaches Credentials. Enclosed. Must be completed and submitted by **Monday, February 16**.
3. Hotel Tracking. Enclosed. Must be completed and submitted by **Monday, February 16**.
4. Qualifying. Girls Qualifiers posted Sunday, February 8. Boys Qualifiers posted February 15. See regional tournament information: [https://www.nmact.org/file/WR\\_REGIONAL\\_INFO.pdf](https://www.nmact.org/file/WR_REGIONAL_INFO.pdf)  
Schools will have 24 hours after the final release of qualifiers on February 15 to notify the NMAA of any errors. Once brackets are released, they are final.
5. Seeding/Drawing. Monday, February 16 via “Zoom” web conference. Seeding procedures are enclosed. All varsity records/results are to be completely accurate upon entry into the regional tournament. You will receive a “Zoom” meeting invitation with instructions on joining the seeding meeting call.
6. Tournament Site. Rio Rancho Events Center <https://www.rioranchoeventscenter.com/>. See enclosed map for parking. For information on suite rental, please call 505-891-7300. Information on hotel accommodation is also enclosed.
7. Packet Pick-Up. Team packets will be picked up during team check-in on the first morning of the event.
8. Admissions. Please see enclosed team and general entry procedures.
9. Tickets. Must purchase tickets online: <https://gofan.co/app/school/NMAA>. Cash will not be accepted.
10. Live Stream Information.
  - NFHS Network – <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/nmaa>
  - Flo/TW Boys – <https://flowrestling.org/events/14484931>
  - TW Girls – <https://flowrestling.org/events/14484962>

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# 2026 NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



## Schedule of Events

Sunday, Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	NMAA Website	State Qualifiers posted
Monday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Video Conference	Girls Seed/Draw Meeting
Monday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Video Conference	A/4A Seed/Draw Meeting
Monday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Video Conference	5A Seed/Draw Meeting
Monday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Trackwrestling.com	Brackets Released
Friday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00am	Rio Rancho Events Center	Athlete/Coach Entry
Friday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Rio Rancho Events Center	Weigh-ins
Friday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Rio Rancho Events Center	Doors Open
Friday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Rio Rancho Events Center	<b>Session I</b> Girls Championship Rd 1 (10:00-12:00) A/4A Championship Rd 1 (10:00-1:30) 5A Championship Rd 1 (10:00-1:30) <b>Break (1:30-2:30)</b> <b>Session II</b> Girls Consolation Rd 1 (2:30-3:45) A/4A Consolation Rd 1 (2:30-4:30) 5A Consolation Rd 1 (2:30-4:30) Girls Championship Quarters (4:30-5:45) A/4A Championship Quarters (4:30-6:30) 5A Championship Quarters (4:30-6:30) Girls Consolation Rd 2 (6:30-7:45) A/4A Consolation Rd 2 (6:30-8:30) 5A Consolation Rd 2 (6:30-8:30)
Friday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Rio Rancho Events Center	
Saturday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00am	Rio Rancho Events Center	Athlete/Coach Entry
Saturday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am	Rio Rancho Events Center	Weigh-ins
Saturday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	Rio Rancho Events Center	Doors Open
Saturday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	Rio Rancho Events Center	<b>Session III</b> Girls Championship Semis (10:00-11:30) A/4A Championship Semis (10:00-11:30) 5A Championship Semis (10:00-11:30) Girls Consolation Rd 3 (11:30-1:00) A/4A Consolation Rd 3 (11:30-1:00) 5A Consolation Rd 3 (11:30-1:00) Girls Consolation Semis (1:00-2:30) A/4A Consolation Semis (1:00-2:30) 5A Consolation Semis (1:00-2:30) <b>Break (2:30-3:00)</b> <b>Session IV – Medal Matches</b> Third and Fifth Place (3:00-4:30) <b>Break (4:30-5:30)</b> <b>Session V – Championship Finals</b> Championship Finals (5:30-8:30) Team Awards (8:30-9:00)
Saturday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:00pm	Rio Rancho Events Center	
Saturday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30pm	Rio Rancho Events Center	

\*Note – all times in (brackets) are tentative



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January 26, 2026

To: Athletic Directors, Wrestling Schools  
From: Scott Owen, Director of Wrestling  
RE: **WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT COACH CREDENTIALS**

In an effort to control admissions as well as access to the actual competition area, the NMAA is asking each school to identify their wrestling coaches. Each school is limited to legitimate contracted & licensed individuals for coach credentials for admission and for arena floor access.

**Coaches will not be admitted arena or floor access without their wristband fastened securely to their wrist. Wristbands that are broken, damaged or not on the wrist, will be confiscated.**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Schools are eligible to receive 8 coaches passes per "school." Please list each coach below:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that each of the above-named individuals are:

- a) Contracted by the school/district (paid or volunteer), and
- b) Licensed by NMPED as a coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
A.D. Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
A.D. Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE FAX TO: 505-923-3114 OR SCAN TO: [S.OWEN@NMACT.ORG](mailto:S.OWEN@NMACT.ORG) ASAP**



To: All Participants in NMAA 2026 State Wrestling Championships:

From: A.J. Bramlett, NMAA Sports Properties GM

**RE: HOTEL INFORMATION DURING YOUR STAY**

In an effort to compute economic impact that these sports events have on the local communities of New Mexico, we request your help in filling out this form. This hotel recognition form will able us to calculate the significance the event has on city lodging revenues during your stay here.

**Please fill out this form. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

Name of School (if applicable to a team sport) \_\_\_\_\_

What city & state are you from? \_\_\_\_\_

How many in your traveling party? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Hotel are you using? Please include the location: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rooms utilized (put rooms per night on the lines below, put the date under each line)

# Rooms used    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_

On this date:    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_

We keep track of all hotel rooms used by parents, players, coaches and others traveling to attend this event. The statistics are compiled for internal use at ACVB and RRCVB for reports to the city.

**Please fill out completely**  
**Thank you.**





## 2026 NMAA STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SEEDING

### STATE MEETING

A seeding meeting via web conference call is conducted under the direction and supervision of the NMAA on the Monday preceding the State Tournament. When applicable, district representatives as determined by district (boys) or regional (girls) finish, may assist in the seeding process. Entries shall be considered verified at the conclusion of each classification's seeding meeting.

### SEEDING PROCESS

- A. Eight individuals are seeded in each weight class in all classifications (Girls, A/4A and 5A).
- B. Trackwrestling software will be used to seed all weight classes.
- C. NMAA Wrestling Seeding Rules are as follows:
  1. All wrestlers are compared and considered for a seed.
  2. Criteria points are earned against all wrestlers considered for a seed in the following priority order:
    - a. **Head-to-head results (H2H)**
    - b. **Records against common opponents**
    - c. **2025 Returning State Place (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>)**
    - d. **2026 Regional Place (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>)**
    - e. **2025 Returning State Place (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>)**
    - f. **2026 Regional Place (4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>)**
    - g. **Best overall percentage record** (Boys – must have wrestled a minimum of sixteen (16) varsity matches this season; record to include all varsity matches in all weights. Girls – must have wrestled a minimum of twelve (12) varsity matches this season; record to include all varsity matches in all weights.)
  3. The wrestler with the most “points” earns the one seed. The wrestler with the second most points earns the two seed, etc.
  4. If two or more individuals are tied on points they shall be compared alone and awarded seeds based on the priority criteria procedure listed above.

#### **Note: Post-Season Eligibility Requirements**

1. *Entries must have a minimum of 25% of the team's regular season scheduled points.*
2. *Entries must be in accordance with NWCA OPC MWW/MWC and must have 50% of regular season weigh-ins at or below the weight entered.*



## TEAM ENTRY – STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**\*ALL TEAM ENTRY WILL BE THE SOUTHEAST DOORS\***  
(Left of main entry)

### 1. Credentials

- Competitors – issued a lanyard with bag tag at the packet distribution
- Coaches – issued wristbands as per official coach list submitted by school AD
- Student support – issued wristbands as per number of state qualifiers for that day

### 2. Floor Access – **NEW**

- Only credentialed coaches and competitors will be permitted floor/mat access. **Student support will not be permitted on the floor or on the mats.**

### 3. Admissions Policies – SE Pass Gate

- Competitors entering without team must have credential and will need to provide ID which matches name on team roster
- Bag tags used by non-competitors for entry or floor access will be confiscated
- Coaches and managers entering without team must have wristband – Will not be permitted access without it
- Wristbands which are broken, damaged or not on the wrist will also be confiscated
- Schools with athletes, managers or coaches entering without necessary credentials will not be allowed entry

### 4. Food & Drink

- Food and drink will be permitted by team members and team personnel through the team entry gate between 7:00AM-10:00AM with the following exceptions:
  - No coolers or drink cases (water, Gatorade, soda, etc.)
  - No glass bottles
  - No warming/heating devices or appliances
- After 10:00AM, only refillable or sealed water/Gatorade/Powerade bottles will be allowed through the team entry gate – food will not be allowed after this point, even in team bags

### 4. Weigh-ins

- Doors will open at 7:00AM for weigh-ins
- Doors will close for team entry promptly at 8:30AM
- All competitors will weigh-in on the arena floor
- At the conclusion of weigh-ins, team members may exit and re-enter the facility but must satisfy the criteria listed above. Be prepared to show ID if entering without coach and team.

### 5. Student Support/Managers

- Per NMAA guidelines you are permitted the following numbers of student support personnel:
  - 1-6 qualifiers – 2
  - 7-10 qualifiers – 3
  - 11-13 qualifiers – 4
  - 14-16 qualifiers – 5
  - 17+ qualifiers – 6

## ADMISSIONS – STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2026



### 1. General Admission – Pass/Ticket Prices

- Must purchase tickets online: <https://gofan.co/app/school/NMAA>
- Cash will **not** be accepted
- Pre-K – no ticket required

### 2. Team Personnel – SE Pass Gate

- Competitors – issued a lanyard with bag tag at the packet distribution
- Coaches – issued wristbands as per official coach list submitted by school AD
- Student support – issued wristbands as per number of state qualifiers for that day
- Credentials required of all, even those in uniform, privileges for admission and floor area
- Competitors entering without team must have credential and will need to provide ID which matches name on team roster
- Coaches and managers entering without team must have wristband – will not be permitted access without it
- Wristbands which are broken, damaged or not on the wrist will also be confiscated
- Schools with athletes, managers or coaches entering without necessary credentials will not be allowed entry

### 3. Workers, Officials, Athletic Trainers – SE Pass Gate

- Lists will be provided for admittance, photo ID, initial by name

### 4. Media Personnel – SE Pass Gate

- Issued a pass from NMAA office, temps available on-site

### 5. Corporate and Comps – SE Pass Gate

- Lists will be provided for admittance, photo ID, initial by name
- Corporate/comp passes

### 6. School Personnel - Administrators, Bus Drivers – SE Pass Gate

- Must present photo ID and organizational ID, sign in on comp sheet
- Must be employed by an NMAA wrestling school/district with supervisory duties – Supt., Principal, Asst Principal, Athletic Director, Athletic Trainer, Cheer sponsor.
- Volunteer coaches, spouses/children/guests of coaches, administrators, etc. will not be comped.

### 7. Cheerleaders – SE Pass Gate

- Up to 12 cheerleaders in uniform as a group, with a sponsor who signs in

### 8. Others – SE Pass Gate

- Any legitimate request for admittance not covered under the policy (college coach, performers, wrestling officials not assigned, etc.) must be approved by the ticket manager. These admissions will be listed on the comp admissions form by name, title, organization; individuals must present personal photo ID and organizational ID (business card, NMOA card, etc.)

### 9. Re-Entry Policy

- Re-Entry (in/out) privileges are extended for Day Pass (wristbands) only

### 10. Policy and Courtesy

- To insure fiscal integrity, the policy must be enforced firmly and consistently
- To insure a safe and pleasant environment, courtesy shall be extended to all





November 3, 2025

**RE: RIO RANCHO HOTELS & DINING OPTIONS FOR ALL NMAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Dear Athletic Directors and Coaches,

Hello from Visit Rio Rancho and welcome NMAA State Championships!  
Remember to stay in Rio Rancho, for the most convenient hotels and accommodations.

Below are the NMAA State Championships in Rio Rancho this season.

Fall 2025	Winter 2026	Spring 2026
Marching Band, Oct. 25	Wrestling, Feb. 20-21	Choir, Apr. 14-15
Volleyball, Nov. 13-15	Basketball, Mar. 10-14	Concert Band, Apr. 17-18
	Powerlifting, Apr. 10-11	Softball, May 14-16

**Why Rio Rancho?**

- **Rio Rancho offers great value for your budget and convenience for your teams and athletes.**
  - Great rates, convenience, location, amenities, safety, and things to do nearby.
  - Rio Rancho properties are only minutes to Cleveland HS, Rio Rancho HS, Rio Rancho Events Center and the Bernalillo Soccer Complex.

**Be sure to book rooms early!**

Our local hotels offer great rates and our local restaurants can accommodate you for large team meals or to go options. See our NMAA information page [VisitRioRancho.org/NMAA](http://VisitRioRancho.org/NMAA) for restaurants, hotels, ideas and things to do and see.

**Also, be sure to check us out and Like Us on FACEBOOK at - Visit Rio Rancho.**

We look forward to seeing you in Rio Rancho, for all NMAA events and for competition against Cleveland HS or Rio Rancho HS. We hope you and all your students/athletes have a safe and successful year!

Sincerely,

Greg Peña  
Marketing & Services Manager