

7.24.1 General Rules/Policies

- A. Classes** - There are three (3) classes: A/3A, 4A and 5A.
- B. Dates** - Practice may begin on Monday of Week #19.
- C. NMAA Rules Clinic** - The head coach from each declared wrestling school must attend the October rules clinic or complete the alternate online clinic at www.nmact.org between November 1st and November 30th. Failure to comply shall result in a \$100 fine to the school which will be assessed on December 1st.
- D. Match/Meet Limitation** - Each varsity team/individual is limited to thirty-two (32) competition points prior to the district tournament. Each sub-varsity team/individual is limited to 28 competition points prior to the district tournament. Competition points are as follows: Dual Meet – 1 point, Double Dual/Triangular – 2 points, Quad/One Day Tournament – 3 points, Two Day Tournament with Single or Double Elimination – 4 points, Two Day Multi-School Event with No/Limited Elimination – 6 points. (See bylaw 9.8.12.B for middle school/junior high competition limits)

NOTE: For Individuals' limits, all events, sub – varsity (including MS/JH) and varsity count towards an individual's event limits. When the total number of competition points at all levels reaches 28, the individual is no longer eligible for sub-varsity competition. When the total number of competition points reaches 32, the individual is no longer eligible for further regular season varsity competition.
- E. Individual Wrestler Representation Limited to One Team** - A wrestler cannot represent his/her school on both the junior varsity and varsity level teams against the same school on that date.
- F. Weighing in and Weight Management Program**
 - 1. Weigh-in** - Unless otherwise noted as a part of the NMAA Weight Management Program, the National Federation Wrestling Rulebook is followed for dual meet and tournament weigh-ins.
 - 2. Weight Management Program** - The NMAA Weight Management Program shall consist of a biometrically determined lowest allowable weight class, a maximum weight loss per week, and a certified minimum weight procedure. The objectives of the policy are to: a) insure the health and safety of each participant b) encourage participation, and c) maintain a level competitive environment. The program policies and procedures shall be established annually through the joint efforts of the NMAA staff, the NMAA Wrestling Sport Specific Committee, and the New Mexico Athletic Trainers Association.
- G. Individual Tournament Software** – Track Wrestling is the approved computer system for any varsity tournament, which utilizes individual brackets (www.trackwrestling.com).
- H. Videotaping** - A school may only tape matches in which one of the participants represents that school.

7.24.2 Officials

- A.** Officials working any NMAA sanctioned event must register through the Association. Schools are required to use a registered NMAA/NMOA official for regular season sanctioned events.
- B.** The use of a non-registered official for matches subjects the violating school to a fine. Fines/fees are determined by the Board annually.
- C.** The NMAA has adopted NFHS Wrestling Rule 3.2, which provides for the use of an assistant referee during competition. (When one is available – not required.)

7.24.3 District Duals

- A.** A school must compete in a dual meet competition against each member of the district to be eligible for the championship. All district dual meets must be completed before the week of the district individual tournament.
- B.** District placement is determined by district dual meet record.
- C.** In the case of a two-way tie, the team that defeated the other in regular district competition will be the champion; the loser will be the runner-up.
- D.** In the event that more than two teams tie, the champion and/or runner-up is determined by a point spread system during the season as follows:
 - 1.** Compare the results of head-to-head competition: If one team has defeated the other two, that team is declared the champion or runner-up, as applicable.
 - 2.** If the tied teams have the same head-to-head record, the champion and runner-up shall be determined by the point spread of dual meets wrestled between the tied teams. Each team involved uses either a plus or minus spread; if a team wins by 10, they are credited (+10); the other team has a deficit (-10) in the calculation.
 - 3.** If two teams tie on the point spread of the tied teams, the team, which defeated the other team in regular district competition, shall be the champion or runner-up, as applicable.
 - 4.** If all teams tie in the point spread of the tied teams, the number of matches won (including forfeits) among the tied teams shall be used.
 - 5.** If two teams tie in the number of matches won, the team, which defeated the other team in regular district competition, shall be the champion or runner-up, as applicable.
 - 6.** If all teams are tied on the number of matches won, the point spread of all district duals shall be used.
 - 7.** If two teams tie on the point spread of all district duals, the team, which defeated the other, shall be the champion or runner-up, as applicable.
 - 8.** If all teams are still tied, a coin toss determines placement.
- E.** District Team Champion and runner-up coach represents district on state seeding committee.

7.24.4 District Individual Tournament

- A. Date** - The district tournament shall be held during week #33.

- B. Bracket Software** - Track Wrestling is the approved computer system used for all district tournaments.
- C. Individual Varsity Records** - Coaches are required to maintain accurate and complete individual records for their varsity athletes via Track Wrestling. District tournament rosters with all varsity win/loss records must be entered into the Track Wrestling system by Tuesday the week of the district tournament (week #33). Failure to submit district tournament rosters with complete and accurate individual records by the deadline will result in a \$250 fine to the school.
- D. State Qualification** – State championship qualifying will be based on either automatic qualifying via individual placement at the district tournament or via the wild card procedure.
- E. Team Scores** – Scores may be calculated unofficially at the discretion of the district.

7.24.5 State Tournament

- A. Date** - The State Tournament is held during week #34.
- B. State Tournament Qualifying** – Qualifying shall be determined by placement in the district tournament OR by the wild card procedure.

- 1. Automatic Qualifying** – The number of automatic qualifiers in each district and classification are as follows:

Class 5A (26 Schools) 1-5A (3), 2-5A (3), 3-5A (3), 4-5A (2), 5-5A (3)
 Class 4A (26 Schools) 1-4A (3), 2-4A (3), 3-4A (2), 4/5-4A (3), 6-4A (3)
 Class 3A (11 Schools) 1-A/3A (3), 2-A/3A (3)

- 2. Wild Card Procedure** – District tournament participants not receiving an automatic qualification will be placed into a pool for a wild card selection. The number of wild card selections in each class are as follows:

Class A/3A – (2), Class 4A – (2), Class 5A – (2)

Wild card selection will be based on the following criteria in priority order:

- a. Best overall percentage record
- b. Most number of wins
- c. Coin flip or draw of lots

NOTE: If a district does not use all their allowable automatic qualifiers, that qualifying spot will be added to the wild card pool.

C. Brackets (Weight Classes)

- 1.** Seeding/drawing will take place Monday the week of the state tournament.
- 2.** Entries are considered verified at the conclusion of each classification’s seeding meeting (see 7.24.5.D for Exception).
- 3.** Seeds in each weight class shall be determined by Trackwrestling software. A seeding committee as established by district dual meet placement shall verify the seeds.

4. Modified double elimination format.
5. Bracket placement, byes, drawing as per NFHS rulebook.

D. Verification of Entries Exception (Seeded Wrestlers)

1. If a seeded wrestler withdraws after the verification of entries, the following rules will be applied:
 - a. Deadline for seeded wrestlers to withdraw is 11:59pm Wednesday the week of the state tournament.
 - b. All seeded wrestlers below the withdrawing wrestler will shift up one seed.
 - c. The first unseeded wrestler in the Trackwrestling seed matrix will assume the final seed.
 - d. The first alternate is added to the field and the bracket is redrawn.
 - e. Alternates will be selected based on the following priority order:
 - i. Best Overall Percentage Record
 - ii. Number of wins
 - iii. Coin toss or draw of lots

E. Scoring and Awards

1. Scoring as per the NFHS rulebook.
2. The number of places to be scored and awarded medals in each classification shall be determined by the Board of Directors with input from the Wrestling Sport Specific Committee.
3. Trophies to the top three (3) teams.