



2021 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska

WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Date: December 17-18, 2021
Location: Alaska Airlines Center | Anchorage

State Qualifying & Berths: Qualifying must occur at a conference tournament. After names are submitted, substitutions can only occur from the list of alternates in case an athlete must withdraw due to injury, illness, or ineligibility ASAA will determine the deadline for substitutions. Schools with wrestling programs are placed in the following conferences and must compete in those conferences for berths to state:

<u>Division I Conferences</u>	<u>Division II Conferences</u>	<u>Girls Conferences</u>
Cook Inlet (5)	Denali (2) Great Alaska (2)	Cook Inlet (2)
Northern Lights (5)	Kachemak (3) Northern (2)	Great Alaska (2)
Mid Alaska (3)	Sockeye (1) Southeast (2)	Northern (2)
Southeast (2)	At-Large (4)	Sockeye (2)
At-Large (1)		Southeast (2)

2021 At-Large Berths: At Large berths this year will be selected using Track Wrestling and the ASAA State Seeding Criteria.

Conference Tournament Sites: All conference tournament directors must submit by email links to their tournament results on Track Wrestling to championships@asaa.org prior to the deadline.

Weight Classes: These are the different weight classes:

- Boys 14 weight classes: 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 285
- Girls 10 weight classes: 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 145, 160, 189, 235

Scratches and Alternates: In the event a qualified contestant is unable to compete due to extenuating circumstances (illness, injury, and ineligibility), it is the responsibility of the school of the indisposed contestant(s) to notify ASAA, by the deadline. Once notified ASAA will invite the next athlete using Track Wrestling and the State Seeding Criteria. After the deadline, if someone is not able to compete, that spot will not be filled. This substitution must be an ASAA eligible contestant.

Schedule of Events: The wrestling state championships schedule is posted on the wrestling coaches information page at ASAA.org.

State Brackets Procedures:

1. Automatically move up seeds and redraw the bracket if a seeded wrestler does not make weight, etc, or if there are uneven "byes" in the bracket.
2. Automatically award "pin points" for wrestlers wrestling a teammate in the state tournament.



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SATURDAY, DEC 11 - 10:00PM

- Email Track Wrestling Conference results and link to championships@asaa.org
- By 11:59PM please submit name and criteria reason a wrestler should be considered for At-Large Bid. Please email championships@asaa.org and billy@asaa.org

SUNDAY, DEC 12 - 2:00PM

- [Eligibility Roster Finalized](#)
- [State Entry Form](#)
- [Photo Upload Form](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Good Sport Selection Form](#) (1 nominee per every 4 participants, total of 2)
- Qualified Wrestlers list posted on ASAA.org Sunday night/ Monday AM

MONDAY, DEC 13 - 6:00PM

- ASAA will post seeding results by this time as determined by Track Wrestling using ASAA seeding criteria & the 2021 committee.

TUESDAY, DEC 14 - 2:00PM

- [Academic Award Entry Form](#) (Must have a minimum of 4 members to qualify)
- Notify championships@asaa.org if a qualified wrestler drops for health reasons so an alternate can be contacted.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 15 - 10:00AM

- Coaches deadline to notify ASAA of issues with seeding results. Please email championships@asaa.org

THURSDAY, DEC 16 - 6:00PM

- Mandatory Coaches Meeting at the Alaska Airlines Center AC Aux Gym.

Seeding Qualifications: The following is the criteria for state qualified wrestlers to be seeded:

- a. Up to 6 wrestlers per weight class will be seeded using the Track Wrestling system. All other qualifiers will be randomly drawn in.
- b. For DI Wrestlers must have 51% or higher winning percentage, for DII Wrestler must have a 40% or higher winning percentage, for Girls there is no minimal percentage.
- c. Wrestler must have wrestled at least 8 varsity matches.
- d. All matches must have been entered into Track Wrestling, including dual and tournament matches.
- e. Matches must have been designated as either Varsity or Junior Varsity.

At-Large & Seeding Process: The Trackwrestling round robin algorithm goes through each wrestler to compare that wrestler to every other seedable wrestler in that weight class. When comparing the wrestlers, it goes through the criteria in order. If one wrestler is better than the other based on the criteria, that wrestler receives a point, otherwise it goes to the next criteria. If all criteria is exhausted, each wrestler receives 1/2 point. Once every wrestler is compared to every other wrestler, the wrestlers are sorted by the points they accumulated during that process. If two wrestlers are tied on points, it goes to the head to head comparison between those two wrestlers. If more than two are tied based on points, it sorts them by the criteria until they are separated or a two-way tie occurs at which point the head to head comparison is used. If two wrestlers remain tied after a head to head comparison, there will be a coin toss at the ASAA office to break the tie.

ASAA would like to invite the next best wrestlers to receive the At-Large Bid in DI and DII classifications. ASAA would like coaches to help by sending in criteria on their wrestlers that they feel are deserving of the at-large bid. Please submit your wrestler to billy@asaa.org & championships@asaa.org along with the criteria that qualifies them to gain the at-large bid by Saturday, December 11 at 11:59 PM. Please only submit the following info for those wrestlers that are truly deserving of the at-large bid. Wrestler's name, weight, classification, school, Overall Record Varsity, Overall record (all matches), Wins over Seeded or Qualified wrestlers, and other information to justify an at-large Berth. Example: Majority of losses came to higher seeded state qualified wrestlers and wins against state qualifiers.

Coaches will continue to utilize Track Wrestling to enter regular season and conference results. After the conference tournaments and scratch deadline, ASAA will release the seeds as determined by Track Wrestling's running the ASAA Seeding criteria. ASAA will post the qualifiers and the seeding report online by 6:00 PM Monday, Dec. 13.

Coaches have until 10:00 AM Wednesday, Dec. 15 to notify ASAA of issues with the seeds. Please email championships@asaa.org with your issues. A committee composed of knowledgeable wrestling people will then review all the seeds, and those that coaches have questioned. This committee will have the authority to re-seed the tournament; if it is determined information was not entered correctly on Track Wrestling. Those coaches failing to utilize Track Wrestling properly will be issued a warning. If a "warned" coach makes the same mistake in future years, then the school is fined \$250.

Seeding Criteria: The following national criteria was adopted by the Board of Directors.

- a. Head to head – strictly head to head record.
- b. Record Against Common Opponents - based on winning percentage against an individual common opponent.
- c. Previous State Champion or Runner Up – first or second place from the previous year, state champion first – then runner up.
- d. Overall Varsity Record – overall winning percentage for varsity matches only.
- e. Varsity Record at Weight – minimum of 4 matches at state tournament weight class.
- f. Winning Percentage Against Seedable Wrestlers

Tournament Brackets: All brackets are 16 person bracket with consolation rounds. Every attempt will be made to fill all slots on 16 person bracket during qualifications. Crossover will occur after the first round of matches.

COVID Testing & Screening

- All officials, wrestlers, managers, coaches, chaperones, bus drivers, etc. must have a negative pre-competition COVID test or meet one of the exemptions to attend the state tournament.
- Teams must turn in the COVID testing confirmation signed by an administrator when first arriving at the tournament.
- Teams are required to screen their participants prior to arriving at the venue each day.

Scoring: The top 6 finishers in each weight class will score bonus points to team points.

Rules: The 2021 NFHS Wrestling rules, NFHS Wrestling Considerations, and ASAA bylaws will be utilized.

State Results: All results will be posted on Track Wrestling. Links on ASAA.org will be available as well at the Wrestling page. Results will be updated during matches and when it is final.

Wrestling Injury Defaults: took action to add the following verbiage to the NFHS Wrestling rule Section 7 Default: Rule 5-6: "Any wrestler that defaults due to injury or illness during the tournament must receive a medical release (performed, when available, by a medical provider able to perform pre-participation physicals) to continue in the tournament. If the wrestler does not receive a medical release, then the remaining matches in the tournament will be recorded as forfeits. The wrestler will retain any team points earned up until that point. A wrestler required to receive a medical release to continue must weigh-in on day two to continue in the tournament."

Mandatory Coaches Meeting: There is a mandatory coaches meeting *Thursday, December 16th at 6:00pm at the Alaska Airlines Center Aux Gym*. All policies and procedures will be reviewed, and coaches packets, and passes will be dispersed. This is not a time to argue and bring up seeding issues.

Weigh-In Procedures: All wrestlers will weigh-in an authorized uniform with undergarments with a half pound allowance. Weigh-ins also will be done by team instead of by division and weight class.

Practice Times: There are no practice times available at the Alaska Airlines Center on December 16th due to a UAA Men's Basketball Game. ASAA has arranged time for all wrestling teams to have access to the running track at The Dome in Anchorage. The Dome will be open for wrestling teams from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. There are no mats available at The Dome during this time for the teams to wrestle. If you need mats please contact local teams to see if you would be able to have some mat time with them.

Rosters: ASAA is using Planet High School for its School Activities Reporting System (SARS). Schools will need to submit rosters and indicate which students have qualified for state through this system. This can be done by accessing the wrestling eligibility roster. Indicate the student is a state qualifier. In addition, the State Championship Wrestling Entry Form must be submitted. Both submissions are due by 2pm on Sunday, May 16.

Passes: Each participating school will be issued passes for state championships, based on the following guidelines.

- **Coaches:** Only certified coaches listed on the schools wrestling eligibility list will receive a pass. Coaches must have on their person the pass while on the bench. If not the school will be fined \$25.
- **Participants:** Wrestlers and managers should be included on the roster. All participants and managers will be marked with an ultraviolet marker after weigh-ins to be used at the entrance to the facility and to gain floor access.

- **Administration:** Each school will be provided one pass for attending administrators. The administrator should check in with an ASAA staff member upon arrival to receive a pass.
- **Adult Medical Passes:** Schools medical team members must check in with ASAA staff or ASAA Medical Staff at the state championship site prior to competition to receive a medical pass.
- **All passes are non-transferable and will be confiscated if used fraudulently.**
- **Security and ASAA staff members will be checking each player and coach for their blacklight or pass. You will not be allowed access into the facility without a pass.**
- **If you lose a pass you will have to purchase regular tickets or your school may be billed.**

Bench Area & Personnel Rules:

- The allotted team bench/sideline can include a combination of managers and coaches, that is coaches discretion.
- ONLY student participants/managers, and adult coaching staff are allowed in the bench area.
- Non-roster players that are not part of the student managers, fulfilling a managerial role, or one of the purchased passes are not allowed on the bench.
- Due to safety concerns it has been mandated by ASAA that only individuals of 7th grade school age or above may be on the sideline area during state championship games/matches, but only with a pass.
- Clean up your bench area after your matches.

Alaska Airlines Center Facility Access: Teams will be able to enter the Alaska Airlines Center beginning at 7am on Friday and Saturday. Mats will be open at that time as well as the track on the upper level.



Main Gym Competition Floor Access: Space on the floor is VERY LIMITED! ASAA asks coaches to be considerate of coaches that are on deck or in the hole. They should have first priority for access to the floor. To access the competition floor please use the stairs on either side of the facility. Security will be located at the bottom of each of those stairs. If you have trouble finding either set of stairs please ask one of the Alaska Airlines Center staff members.

Mat Layout: Mats on the floor will be marked 1-8. The 3 most westside mats will be Division I mats. The 3 most eastside mats will be the Division II mats, and Girls Mats will be 2 in the middle of the arena, either on the North or South side. If the tournament gets delayed we may need to use other mats to catch up. Please watch Track Wrestling carefully for mat assignments and listen for announcements. The championships will be wrestled on 3 mats after some floor conversion time. Finals will begin once the conversion and set up is completed.

Locker Rooms: Three (3) locker rooms will be available for teams during the event, one for each classification - DI, DII, and Girls. Please look for the classification sign on the locker room door. One or two will be near the the elevators and one or two in the back hallway will be used. These will not be secured rooms, so please don't leave any personal items in the locker room. Security will be going through the locker rooms every hour to time checking for damage. Schools will be invoiced for any damage.

Wrestlers Dietary Needs: The Alaska Airlines Center and NANA Management is allowing wrestlers to bring in a one-gallon zip lock bag with nutritional supplements like bagels, bananas, etc. Items like bags of chips, or sandwiches, pizza, etc. will not be allowed in at anytime. This "bag" will be allowed to enter the venue from 7am to 8am and only when carried by an athlete. **After 8am on Friday and Saturday all outside food will not be allowed into the facility.**



Team Parking: ASAA is providing FREE parking at the Alaska Airlines Center. There is a limited amount of spots available in the MAIN LOT for team vans and officials. DO NOT PARK IN THE RESERVED LOT! YOU WILL BE FINED BY UAA.

- **Reserved Lot (Purple Color):** DO NOT PARK IN THERE unless you have a Reserved Lot Pass. If you do and don't have a pass you will receive a \$250 fine from UAA.
- **Main Lot (Green Color):** This area is for teams, officials, some staff, and spectators. There is a limited amount of spaces. It is first come first serve.
- **Providence Parking Garages (Blue Color):** Do not park in there until AFTER 5:00pm! Providence is letting us use that space after hours to help with parking. Please do not abuse it.

Hospitality: This year ASAA will be providing the Head Coach of each team with a \$45 Gift Card. These cards can be used at the concession stands or the Varsity Sports Grill.

Spectator Support Items | Artificial Noise Makers: ASAA prohibits laser pointers, whistles, and any explosive devices or explosive sounds at ALL its state championship events. Once competition begins there will not be any noise makers allowed.

Medical: Orthopedic Physicians of Anchorage (OPA) is the official ASAA State Championships Medical provider. They will be onsite during the entire championship tournament to help provide medical help for injuries. Each team must

provide all their own materials and supplies - including tape - if athletes are going to be taped.

Concussion Information: ASAA's official concussion protocol supervision team is OPA. OPA will run their tests on athletes with suspected concussions and if they conclude there is a suspected concussion, that player will not be able to return to play without going through the concussion return to play protocol. Team doctors, physicians, etc will not be able to over rule an OPA suspected concussion case, ASAA will be taking the OPA's conclusion. OPA Doctors will also be present during weigh-ins to conduct skin checks. If the OPA doctor finds a skin condition that could lead to a wrestler's disqualification, OPA will notify ASAA and the appropriate action will take place. OPA's findings as the official state championships medical provider will be the final decision. Team doctors and trainers are very important to teams and ASAA encourages them to be present. However, final medical decisions ASAA will go with OPA. [ASAA Concussion Management](#)

Broadcast Media: The NFHS Network will be webcasting ALL wrestling matches live on NFHSnetwork.com.

Yearbook and School/Team Photo/Video: These individuals must remain in the spectator areas. Special and limited arrangements can be made for a school yearbook staff. Yearbook staff includes the yearbook teacher and students enrolled in yearbook class. These arrangements must be made WEDNESDAY before the state event begins. Please contact Isaiah Vreeman (isaiah@asaa.org) with these requests. Last minute requests will not be approved. Video service of each match will not be provided by ASAA. Teams are encouraged to make other arrangements if they wish a video copy of their game. If present in non-spectator areas, they will be removed. Only ASAA Credentialed Media are allowed to be outside the spectator area and designated media locations. IF school/team/yearbook photographers are granted access they will only be allowed on the floor during a match involving their school. After that they will need to leave the floor. Floor space is limited!

State Merchandise: Northwest Designs is the Official State Merchandise Vendor. NWD will have a large variety of apparel and feature on-site printing with customized made to order commemorative items. A web store is also available online at ASAA.org [homepage](#) [Northwest Designs Link](#).

Awards: Awards for wrestling will be presented to the athletes throughout the finals on Saturday. After some weight classes are finished wrestling will be stopped and awards will be presented. There will not be any wrestling during the awards. Team trophies, sportsmanship award, academic award, and outstanding wrestler award will be presented at the end of the championships.

- 1st & 2nd place Team Trophies
- 1st - 4th Place Medallions for all weight classes
- Sportsmanship Award – Awarded to team whose members and fans displayed the best behavior and sportsmanship.
- Academic Award – Awarded to the team (of at least four wrestlers) with the highest combined GPA for the preceding semester.
- Outstanding Wrestler – Award goes to the most outstanding wrestler at the State Tournament.
- Good Sport Team Members - Members are selected by their head coach to be honored for outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship throughout the entire season.

Participation Fee: The fee for individual (non-team) athletic events will be \$10 per student participant (including student managers) with no maximum. Once the deadline for withdrawals/substitutions has passed the state meet, the roster will be considered final and schools will be invoiced quarterly.