



2020-2021 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska

WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Date: May 21-22, 2021

Location: Bartlett HS & Chugiak HS | Anchorage & Eagle River

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:

2020-2021 At-Large Berths: At Large berths this year will be selected using Track Wrestling and the ASAA State Seeding Criteria, along with a committee of each region since we don't expect a lot of criteria between wrestlers.

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 "bys" in the bracket.
2. Automatically award "pin points" for wrestlers wrestling a teammate in the state tournament.

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



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SATURDAY, MAY 15 - 10:00PM

- Email Track Wrestling Conference results and link to championships@asaa.org

SUNDAY, MAY 16 - 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, MAY 17 - 6:00PM

- ASAA will post seeding results by this time as determined by Track Wrestling using ASAA seeding criteria & the 2020-21 committee.

TUESDAY, MAY 18 - 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
- Mandatory Coaches Meeting via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 - 10:00AM

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

- 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.

2020-2021 At-Large & Seeding Process: This year due to COVID-19 and the move of the season the At-Large selection and seeding process has been modified. Track Wrestling 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.

For the 2020-2021 Wrestling Season the ASAA Board of Directors Adopted the following for Seeding & At-Large Berth Selection.

- *To form a state Wrestling committee of knowledgeable wrestling individuals who will evaluate available season data in Trackwrestling to determine at-large berths.*
- *If the committee determines that there is not enough comparable data to fairly award an at-large berth they will then draw the at-large berth by conference and award the berth to the next best wrestler from the conference drawn.*
- *When drawing for at-large or unfilled berths:*
 - *For DI: each conference will receive one entry for each team within their conference minus their allotted automated berths. Ex: NLC has 5 teams and 2 automatics so they would have 3 entries in the draw.*
 - *For DII and Girls: the allotment will be based on the number of participants that actually attend the conference tournament. For example: GA has 50, North has 40, Sockeye has 10...GA would get 50% the chances. In all divisions a conference may not earn more than one at-large berth per weight class."*dd

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, May 17.

Coaches have until 10:00 AM Wednesday, May 19 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

2020-2021 Tournament Brackets: Use a full 16-person bracket with wrestle backs to third place with Team and individual awards. The bracket will be filled by conferences through automatic berths and by using the State Wrestling Committee for at-large and unfilled berths. In the event a 16-person state tournament is not feasible due to lack of participation, facilities, or other covid related circumstances it will be reduced to an 8-person bracket occurring on one day. Conference automatic Berths would be reduced by 50%, individual awards will be presented but no Team championships. Division I, Division II and Girls tournaments may be hosted at different sites and have different sized brackets if the circumstances dictate a need.

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 and submit a report to ASAA.

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

Rules: The 2020-21 NFHS Wrestling rules, NFHS Wrestling Considerations, and ASAA bylaws posted on ASAA.org 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 Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00pm on Zoom. 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 state locations on Thursday, May 20.

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.

Main Gym Competition Floor Access: Space on the floor is 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.

Locker Rooms: Locker rooms are NOT available during the tournament. Please come dressed.

Wrestlers Dietary Needs/Fan Food: Individuals can bring in food items for consuming however it is not allowed to be done in the gyms. The Bartlett cafeteria will be available for those who would like to eat something, and at Chugiak it will be the commons/cafeteria area.

Hospitality: There is not any hospitality for coaches this year. Coaches can bring in food and eat in the designated areas with wrestlers and spectators.

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. Additionally Team One will be assisting OPA. 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.