

PIAA NW Class AAA Regional

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Altoona Area High School Field House - February 24 & 25, 2023

Friday	Round 1	4:30 PM	*Weigh-in 3:00 PM Friday
Friday	Quarterfinals	To Follow	
Saturday	Consolation Round 1	9:30 AM	*Weigh-in 8:30 AM Saturday
Saturday	Consolation Round 2	To Follow	
Saturday	Semi-finals and Consolation Quarter Finals	12:30	
Saturday	Consolation Semi-Finals	To Follow	
Saturday	Consolation Finals and Finals (two mats)	5:15 PM (Parade of Champions)	

ALL teams/qualifiers **MUST** be present at the times listed. Scales will be open 3:00-3:50 PM Friday and 8:00-8:20 AM Saturday to check weight. There are no checks after weigh-ins have begun. No wrestler may leave the weigh-in area until weigh-ins are completed.

Qualifying: District 6 (top 3), District 8 (top 3), District 4/9 (top 5), District 10 (top 3) 14 qualifiers

Pairing Criteria:

1. District Champions will be seeded according to their total seed points calculated from the seeding sheet. Once the District Champions are seeded, the corresponding bracket will be used to place the remaining wrestlers
2. No District Champions (2021) shall meet in Round I
3. A District Runner-Up shall be placed in the opposite bracket from the District Champion from same District (**wherever possible**) 4. Separating of returning regional champions in the same weight bracket shall occur **provided both** have won their respective District Championships.
5. **Consideration** shall be given for returning state placewinners (not state qualifier) to be positioned in opposite brackets

The pairings are the responsibility of the tournament directors.

Should any wrestler not make weight or become ill the day of the tournament and his qualifying position is the LOWEST place from his District, i.e. 4/9-5, 6-3, 8-3, or 10-3, that position will become a FORFEIT (it is not a bye since a wrestler qualified for this position the week before). It is important that district tournament directors send FULL results in the EXCEL format provided. PLEASE NO EXCEPTIONS. Places must be saved as a **CSV or TAB delimited text file**.

Should any wrestler become injured or ill prior to the day of the event and his coach knows he cannot participate in the Regional Tournament, that head coach is **REQUIRED to notify Phil Riccio (814-330-5389) or Paul Myers (814-502-5439) and the head coach of the school** with the next highest qualifier from his District.

Thus, if the 8-2 is injured and cannot compete, the 8-3 placer would be next in line and invited to compete in the Regionals at the 8-2 position.

The tournament director will make the pairings and have them available on the **Pennsylvania Wrestling website** on the Monday following the final District tournament(s). You may also direct news media to this source.

Note: This cannot be done until **ALL Districts** report their results to [Paul Myers - upjmyers@yahoo.com](mailto:Paul Myer - upjmyers@yahoo.com) or **Phil Riccio**

Rules, Regulations and Procedures

National Federation Rules will be used for scoring. Note the following from the rule book. It pertains to a question as to why byes are not used in the consolations in the (16)-man bracket. ***only score byes for a round that has at least one bout somewhere in it. In the consolations for a full 16 man bracket, you would have the eight losers wrestle each other in four bouts and then the winners wrestle the losers of the 1/4s in the second round. As you drop below 16 men, you lose a 1st round consolation bout for each bye in the championships. When you get to 12 you have 4 champ byes AND 4 cons byes. Since there were only 4 bouts in the cons and all four of them are byes, there are no bouts in that round and hence no byes to be scored. If in a given weight, you only had 8 men you would then lose that second round likewise.***

Medals shall be awarded to the **TOP 4 placers**, however, only **THREE (3) wrestlers** will advance to the PIAA Championships the following week in Hershey.

Dress- Wrestlers may appear on the floor or mat area in school-issued uniforms only. The uniforms (warm-ups) **MUST** conform to PIAA rules. No hats, multi-colored socks or shoes, sweats or tees that do not conform to PIAA specifications are permitted. Coaches are urged to dress professionally as well.

NOTE: In accepting awards, wrestlers MUST appear at the awards stand either in full uniform or in warm-ups. NO EXCEPTION. Awards will not be presented to anyone approaching the stand who is not in uniform and/or warmups. SAME WITH PHOTOS.

Two (2) coaches per corner. Penalty for violation is applied under Misconduct of Coach rule- first offense is a warning; the second is a deduction of a team point; third- removal of the coach from the premises and a deduction of a second point. ***The removal falls under the rule of removal for remainder of the day PLUS the next event at same level.*** Coaches are not permitted to sit at the media area.

Contestants/Wrestlers belong in the stands when they are not wrestling or warming-up. Warming-up should take place shortly before the match is to be contested. We will be running the tournament in the traditional weight class order- 103 first; 285 last. Wrestler/coaches are not permitted on the floor to watch bouts. Fans are not permitted on the floor at any time during the progression of the tournament.

Trainers - Only medical personnel employed by the PIAA will be permitted to go out on the mat upon any injury, However, should a team have a trainer in attendance, the PIAA medical staff **MAY** call that trainer to the mat to assist. No video-taping from the floor; no tripods permitted at all. No banners or noisemakers.

Passes: At registration, each school will receive in their packet passes for each qualifier from their respective school, 2 coaching passes, a pass for a manager or trainer (NOT BOTH), and one administrative pass. Wrestlers will be stamped at weigh-ins and must show pass and the stamped hand at the entrance. (Entrance for wrestlers and coaches is at the side of the Field House nearer the school complex and beneath the overhead pass.) The PIAA does not permit extra passes for coaches or cheerleaders. The head coach will be required to sign-in at registration to receive his packet. Please sign the form AND print your name legibly as your name will be forwarded to the PIAA office for use in the PIAA state program (should you qualify any wrestlers).

Radio fees are printed in the Handbook.. The checks must be presented at media registration where you will sign in as media, receive your passes, and other information. Make checks payable to "PIAA- NW AAA." **Requests to broadcast MUST be made at least one week before tournament starting date to Altoona High Athletic Director Phil Riccio at (814)46-8292**

Admission:

Postponement is unlikely. But in the event of such occurrence, the tournament director in conjunction with the PIAA office will render that decision by 9:00 AM the morning of the event. Radio and TV stations will be notified and the Pennsylvania Wrestling Website (www.pawrsl.com/pa/tebullnew.htm) will post this announcement.

Doors for fans will open an hour before the scheduled session. Coaches and wrestlers must have passes and may be asked to vacate the gym until it can be cleaned and security established.

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET PRICES

General admission tickets will be sold online via Hometown Ticketing for all Regional Preliminary Round through Championship (Finals) Rounds. Cash ticket sales will not be permitted at the gate. Ticket prices are as follows:

All Rounds: Adult & Student plus handling fees from the provider

Series Tickets may be purchased for all rounds for a cost plus handling fees from the provider

Access tickets at www.piaa.org/tickets or click on the "Purchase Championship Tickets" link at the top of the PIAA homepage at www.piaa.org

Temporary Parking Pass...

Present this to the security guard at the first parking area at the back of Altoona Area Field House. He will collect this paper and allow you to temporarily park while you register inside the Field House.

You will receive your permanent parking pass(es) at registration.

The number of passes will be determined by the number of qualifiers per school.

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School Name: _____

Fill in school name above