

District IX Individual Wrestling Tournament 2019-20  
AA/AAA Tournament

To: District IX/IV High School Principals  
From: Dr. Randy Cathcart, Tournament Director  
Date: 1/24/20  
Re: 2020 Individual Wrestling Tournament

Enclosed is important information concerning this year's individual wrestling tournament which will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020 (AA only) and Saturday, February 22, 2020, (AA & AAA both) at Clearfield High School.

PLEASE SEE THAT THIS MATERIAL AND SCHEDULE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD WRESTLING COACH. Students, the community, and the local media will also be interested in these materials.

*Each school is to identify a non-coach member of the school's administration who will be present at all tournament sessions and identify himself/herself at these times as the school's representative responsible for the wrestlers, coaches, and fans, as per the PIAA Constitution Article IX, Section 2, Powers & Duties of the Principal.*

The principal is asked to submit the name of this individual. We will have a sign-in sheet for that individual at the tournament.

If you or any of your school personnel have any questions concerning this tournament, please contact me at:

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District IX Wrestling  
2019-20  
AA/AAA Individual Tournament

## TOURNAMENT SUPERVISION

The wrestling tournament is under the supervision of the District IX PIAA Committee. Chairman of the committee is Dr. Randy Cathcart. The District IX Wrestling Committee is:

|  |                                     |
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| Dr. Randy Cathcart   | Tournament Director                 |
| Robert Tonkin  | Committee Member/Secretary/Treasure |
| Dave Osborne, Pete Grecco, Kevin Doverspike... Comm. Members |                                     |

## SEEDING MEETING

**Sunday, February 16, 2020, at 11:00 AM, at Clarion University (Ralston Hall rm 148 for AA only). All AA coaches are asked to send in their line-ups complete with grades and records to the tournament director by Friday, February 14, to be preseeded. The AAA seeding process will be done by computer, so all AAA coaches shall send in their line-ups and individual power ratings to the tournament director by e-mail to [rcathcart@clarion-schools.com](mailto:rcathcart@clarion-schools.com) by 11:00 AM on Friday, February 14. The form for the power rating process is attached to this email. Entry into the District IX Tournament is a two-part process. (A) Entries will be first verified at the seeding meeting. There will be no substitution at the tournament unless it is for a verified injury or illness. A wrestler may not change weight classes once entered in a weight at the seeding meeting. (B) To finalize entry the wrestler must make weight at the weight class entered at the seeding meeting. There will be no forfeits in the first round of wrestling. All empty lines on the bracket will be considered byes, even if the line had been filled at the seeding meeting.**

**COACHES MUST BRING A WEIGHT ASSESSMENT SHEET TO THE SEEDING MEETING. All AAA coaches must bring a weight assessment sheet to weigh-ins on Saturday.**

## **TIME SCHEDULE FOR AA TOURNAMENT**

|                  |          |   |        |
|------------------|----------|---|--------|
| Friday, 2/21     | 4:30 PM  | AA Preliminary Round  | 3 mats |
| <u>Session 1</u> |          | Quarter Round   | 3 mats |
|                  |          | Consolation Round 1   | 3 mats |
|                  |          | Consolation Round 2   | 3 mats |
| Saturday, 2/22   |          |   |        |
| <u>Session 2</u> | 10:30 AM | AA Semi Final Round   | 3 mats |
|                  |          | AA Consolation Round 3  | 3 mats |
|                  |          | AA Consolation Round 4  | 3 mats |
| <u>Session 3</u> | 3:00 PM  | Consy 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> | 3 mats |
|                  | 4:20 PM  | Parade of Champ. / Hall of Fame   |        |
|                  | 4:45 PM  | Finals  | 1 mat  |

Gates will open 1 hour prior to the beginning of each session.

## **SCHEDULE FOR AAA TOURNAMENT**

|                   |         |   |        |
|-------------------|---------|---|--------|
| <u>Session I</u>  | 9:00 AM | Prelims and Quarter Finals                  | 2 mats |
|                   |         | Semi Finals and R1 Consy                    |        |
|                   |         | Round 2 Consy                               | 2 mats |
|                   |         | Consy 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> | 2 mats |
| <u>Session II</u> | 4:00 PM | Parade of Champs/ Hall of Fame              |        |
|                   | 4:20 PM | Finals and Consy Finals                     | 2 mats |

## **WEIGH-INS**

|     |          |      |         |
|-----|----------|------|---------|
| AA  | Friday   | 2/22 | 3:00 PM |
| AAA | Saturday | 2/23 | 8:00 AM |
| AA  | Saturday | 2/23 | 9:00 AM |

The scales will be open for weigh-in checks for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour prior to the first posted weigh-in time each day. The PIAA referees will be responsible for the format and completion of the weigh-ins. Wrestlers will have to pass hair, skin, and fingernail checks prior to gaining entry to the scales for weigh-in. Completed and current PIAA contagious skin disease forms are preferred at this time, however, wrestlers must be cleared prior to the start of the competition.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL TEAMS BE PRESENT AT THE POSTED WEIGH-IN TIME. ONCE THE WEIGH-IN PROCESS BEGINS, NO ONE MAY ENTER OR LEAVE THE WEIGH-IN AREA UNTIL ALL WEIGHT CLASSES HAVE BEEN WEIGHTED IN. THE WEIGH-IN PERIOD WILL END IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LAST 285# WRESTLER IS WEIGHED-IN. As per the NHFS rules there is no longer a posted weigh-in period, with a start time and finish time.

## **COACHES MEETING**

|          |          |         |              |
|----------|----------|---------|--------------|
| Friday   | 2/21 AA  | 3:45 PM | Coaches Room |
| Saturday | 2/22 AAA | 8:30 AM | Coaches Room |

## **MEALS**

Meals and snacks will be available throughout the tournament in the Clearfield High School cafeteria.

### **Tickets for AA (District IX sport passes will be honored)**

|         |        |                |         |
|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
| Student | \$3.00 | Student Series | \$9.00  |
| Adult   | \$6.00 | Adult Series   | \$18.00 |

### **Tickets for AAA (District IX sport passes will be honored)**

|         |        |                |         |
|---------|--------|----------------|---------|
| Student | \$3.00 | Student Series | \$6.00  |
| Adult   | \$6.00 | Adult Series   | \$12.00 |

## **AWARDS**

The District IX Committee will award a Team Trophy and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, place medals to individual place-winners at each weight class in AA. The District IX Committee will award a Team Trophy for the AAA winner and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place medals.

The Joseph Kata Award for the Outstanding Wrestler in AA and AAA will be presented by the District IX Committee.

The Coach of the Year Award in AA and AAA will be provided by the District IX Wrestling Coaches Association.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

All wrestlers must meet all PIAA eligibility standards and submit a current assessment sheet at the Seeding meeting. PLEASE SUMIT YOUR ASSESSMENT SHEET ON TIME.

## **CONTESTANT DECORUM**

To be consistent with the PIAA policy, wrestlers will adhere to the following regulations on dress and behavior while they are on the floor of the gym; this policy will be enforced throughout the tournament.

All contestants must be dressed in school-issued uniforms and/or school-issued warm-ups while on the area floor and during award presentations. Hats, sunglasses, cut-offs, altered clothing or clothing displaying inappropriate advertisements, jewelry, or other cosmetic paraphernalia are prohibited while on the floor by order of the PIAA.

It is also recommended by the PA Wrestling Coaches Association that Coaches dress appropriately throughout the tournament, as a professional representative of the sport.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Schools will receive locker-room assignments. Teams are asked to be responsible for the care of their assigned areas. All damages will be assessed and billed to the school districts.
2. You are responsible for the security and safety of your team valuables and equipment.
3. Spectator and participant behavior will be regulated according to the PIAA rules and regulations.
4. The District IX All Sports Pass for the Year 2019-2020 will be honored at the tournament.