District IX/IV Individual Wrestling Tournament

AA/AAA Tournament

To: District IX/IV High School Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Dr. Randy Cathcart, Tournament Director
Date: 12/07/15
Re: 2016 Individual Wrestling Tournament

Enclosed is important information concerning this year’s individual wrestling tournament which will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 (AA) and Saturday, February 27, 2016 (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, parents, 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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Clarion, Pa.  16214       rcathcart@clarion-schools.com

TOURNAMENT SUPERVISION

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

Dr. Randy Cathcart   Tournament Director
Robert Tonkin        Committee Member/Secretary/Treasure
Roger Collins        Committee Member
Dave Osborne         Committee Member

SEEDING MEETING

The Seeding meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM, at Clarion High School, Large Group Instruction Room (LGI). The AAA seeding process will be done by computer, so AAA coaches will not have a seeding meeting. 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. **ALL AA COACHES MUST BRING A WEIGHT ASSESSMENT SHEET TO THE SEEDING MEETING ON SUNDAY. ALL AAA COACHES MUST BRING A WEIGHT ASSESSMENT SHEET TO WEIGH-INS ON SATURDAY.**

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR AA TOURNAMENT**

Friday, 2/26

**Session I**

4:00 PM  AA Preliminary Round  3 mats  
AA Consolation Round 1  3 mats  
AA Quarter Final Round  3 mats  
AA Consolation Round 2  3 mats

Saturday, 2/27

**Session II**

10:00 AM  AA Semi/Consolation R3  3 mats  
AA Consy Semi Finals  3 mats

**Session III**

3:00 PM  AA Hall of Fame/Parade of Champions  
3:30 PM  AA Consy Finals and Finals  2 mats

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR AAA TOURNAMENT**

**Session I**

9:00 AM  AAA Prelims and Quarters  2 mats  
AAA Consolations Round 1  2 mats

AAA Semi/Round 2 Consy  2 mats  
AAA Round 3 Consy  2 mats
AAA Consolation Round 4 2 mats

Session II
6:00 PM AAA Hall of Fame & Parade of Champions
6:30 PM AAA Consy Finals & Finals 2 mats

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

WEIGH-INS

AA Friday 2/26 2:30 PM
AA Saturday 2/27 9:00 AM AAA 2/27 8:00 AM

The scales will be open for weigh-in checks for 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 LB. 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 2/26 AA 3:30 PM Coaches Room
Saturday 2/27 AAA 8:45 AM Coaches Room
MEALS

Meals and snacks will be available throughout the tournament in the Clearfield High School cafetaria. Training meals will be available to purchase for wrestlers and coaches after weigh-ins on Friday and Saturday. Coaches are asked to call Clearfield High School to make arrangements in advance. Please contact Robert Gearhart at 765-5511 ext. 2003.

Tickets

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(District IX sport passes will be honored)

AWARDS

The District IX Committee will award a Team Trophy and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place medals to individual place-winners at each weight class.

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 weigh-in sheet at the Seeding meeting. COACHES MUST BRING A WEIGHT ASSESSMENT SHEET TO THE SEEDING MEETING. All AAA coaches must be a weight assessment sheet to weigh-ins on Saturday.

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

• Schools will receive locker-room assignments from Clearfield High School. Teams are asked to be responsible for the care of their assigned areas. All damages will be assessed and billed to the school districts.

• You are responsible for the security and safety of your team valuables and equipment.
• Spectator and participant behavior will be regulated according to the PIAA rules and regulations.

• The District IX All Sports Pass for the Year 2015-2016 will be honored at the tournament.