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Wrestling Handbook
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<http://www.section6.e1b.org/wrestling>

NEW State Web Address <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Sports/Wrestling>

<http://www.armdrag.com/ci/>

Items in RED Text are new 2025-26

Yellow Highlight items will be updated

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FORMS: Click on the link to access: [Wrestling - New York State Public High School Athletic Association \(nysphsaa.org\)](http://Wrestling - New York State Public High School Athletic Association (nysphsaa.org))

1. Admittance/Certified Coaches form for Duals Tournament & post-season Competitions S6-pt going to make google survey & email directly to the AD to fill it out
2. [NYSPHSAA Parental Awareness form](#) for Weight Certification program [state link](#)
3. Wrestling [Tournament Guidelines S6](#)
4. [NYSPHSAA 14 Day Certification waiver](#)
5. NYSPHSAA Physician Permission to Compete in Wrestling with Skin Lesion(s) Form [State Form](#)
6. NYSPHSAA **TrackWrestling Data Entry (2025-26) State Form**
7. Financial Report - Treasurer will send to site chairperson
8. [All-WNY Scholar-Athlete Nomination Link](#)
9. [Waiver for Minimum Number of Contests](#) Link
10. Board approved Coaches List [Board Approved Coaches List](#)
11. Section 6 ROSTER entry spring 2025.xlsm (File will be updated soon)

2026 - 2027 Wrestling Calendar

Event	Details	Date
PRESEASON MEETING	Via ZOOM / in person - details forthcoming	Wed., 11/11/26
First Practice	10 practices required to represent school	Mon., 11/16/25
Early Weight Certification	Salamanca, Grand Island	Tues., 10/27/26 by appt only
Weight Certification	Medina (3:15 start for N.O. schools)	Thurs., 11/20/25
Weight Certification	Falconer (2:45 start)	Fri., 11/21/25
Weight Certification	Pioneer (9:00 am) Niagara Falls (9:00am .)	Sat., 11/22/25
Weight Certification	Olean HS (3:30 start)	Mon., 11/24/26
Dual Meet Seeding	Via Zoom meeting @ TBA	Sun., 12/20/26
Dual Meet Letter of Intent	See page 26 in this handbook	Due Fri., 12/19/26
Section 6 Dual Meet	D1 @ Will North; D2 Pioneer	Sat., 1/3/26
Weigh-in: 8-9 AM, Start: 10 AM. Finals: 4 PM		
NYSPPHSAA Dual Tournament	SRC Arena @ Onondaga Comm. College	1/30/27
SECTIONAL Seeding Info Due	Link will be added here	6pm on Mon 2/1/27
SECTIONAL Seeding Meeting	Erie 1 BOCES Room B1 D2- 6pm D1-7:30 Webex	Tue 2/4/27 D2-6pm & D1-7:30 pm
S6 Class Tournaments	AA Orchard Park, A TBA, B Albion, C Eden	2/6/27
SECTION 6 Individual State Qualifiers		2/14-15/26
Sat 2/13/27	Clarence HS D1 and D2	Weigh In: 7:30-8:30 am Wrestling Starts 9:00 am
NYSPPHSAA State Championships	Times Union Center, Albany	Fri., 2/26/27 through Sat., 2/27/27
		Round 1 matches: 9:00 a.m
Scholar-Athlete Nomination DEADLINE	https://www.section6.e1b.org/ads-coaches/scholar-athlete	4:00 PM on Mon 3/16/26

Section VI Wrestling Committee

Committee voting privileges: As per the Section VI Constitution item 7.6, "The representative members on each sport committee will be appointed by each league and have only one vote per league. Other non-voting members may be selected by the Sport Chairperson. Federated sport representative members that are appointed by their division, league or school will have only one vote. The Sport Chairs of Federated Sports that have divisions will verify that among division representatives each participating league is represented. The Sport Chair may only vote when the vote is tied. A Sport Chair who also represents a league can serve in both capacities but will have only one vote." The voting members of the committee are indicated below with an *asterisk.

Chair:			m
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Asst Chair

Definition of a Scrimmage

A scrimmage is a practice that is a **SIMULATED CONTEST**. In scrimmages: (a) both squads use the same field simultaneously with both coaches making corrections and giving instructions, (b) **GAME RULES MUST BE ALTERED – SEE SPORT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS NYSPPHSAA Handbook page 109**, (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPPHSAA Handbook, (e) no admission is charged. The use of officials would be permitted and encouraged whenever possible for the purpose of instruction regarding the rules and proper application of rules. A wrestling scrimmage must include *one or more* of the following:

1. Must wrestle in predefined situations such as pinning, takedowns, turns, etc.
2. Must wrestle in a neutral position. If a takedown occurs it would go back to the neutral position.
3. Must wrestle in the referee's position using both styles. If a pin occurs, restart in the referee's position.

NYSPPHSAA Wrestling Sport Standard

[Found on Page 106 of August 2025 State handbook - link here](#)

NYSPPHSAA Wrestling Website

All NYSPPHSAA necessary information pertaining to wrestling can be found at the following link.

<https://nyspphsaa.org/sports/boyswrestling>

Additional information

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season (in Red): (PUT THE 2025 Info in here)

- **New for 2024-25:** Early weight certifications on Tuesday Oct 28. (2 sites: Randolph, Grand Island). Will be limited in scope: Only for those heavier wrestlers who may need more time to reach their desired MWW as prescribed by their descent plan; Also for top 6 returning Sectional Place finishers. May also include injured athletes and those in Fall Playoffs.

- 14 new weight classes starting with the 25-26 season:
103, 110, 118, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285
Div 1 Gets a second wrestler to the states at the following weights :103,, 118, 132, 144, 157, 175, 215
- A team may enter a maximum of 15 contestants into the Sectional tournament. No more than 2 contestants may be entered in any weight class. If 2 wrestlers are entered in the same weight class; BOTH must have at least a minimum of 6 Varsity contests (approved)
- Minimum weights are only required for Athletic Placement Process (APP) wrestlers. A wrestler must weigh in excess of 95 for the 103 lb weight class, 100 for 110 weight class, 180 for the 215 weight class, 210 for the 285 weight class
- PENALTY FOR NOT HAVING A TRACK WEIGH IN FORM AT THE MATSIDE WEIGH IN FOR A DUAL MEET: The team without the weigh in form must forfeit the dual meet
- If an individual exceeds the maximum points they are an ineligible wrestler. the points were exceeded in a dual meet competition, the team will forfeit the match, the individual will lose by forfeit, but the individual performances of all the other matches would stand. If the individual exceeds the maximum points in a tournament competition , the team will earn zero team points, the individual will lose all matches competed in by forfeit, but the individual performances of all the other matches would stand.
- If a wrestler exceeds the maximum points or tournaments permitted at anytime during the season they become an ineligible wrestler and all the matches that were over the limit become forfeits
- The penalty for the above 2 bullets : Either the wrestler is ineligible for the rest of the year, or the school can allow the wrestler to continue with the rest of the season, but the coach must be suspended from all future participation with team the rest of the year. If the section allows the wrestler to participate, they will still be allowed to earn power points if they become a Sectional Champ and place at the NYS Tournament.

Communicable Disease Procedures

While the risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is a remote risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered, and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.
4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.
6. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.

7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/ disinfected.
9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling bloody dressings, mouth-guards and other articles containing body fluids.
10. Refer to the State Website for the appropriate form Physician Release for Wrestler to Participate with Skin Lesion(s) click here for Skin Lesion(s) Form [Updated Link](#)
https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2021/9/21//Wrestling_Skin_Infection_form_2021.pdf?id=1940

ALL WRESTLING FORMS CAN BE FOUND on State Website <https://nysphsaa.org/sports/boyswrestling>

Additional information is available from your state high school association and from the National Federation TARGET program *Revised March 1994*

Publicity & Media

1. Media request for approval: Radio and TV stations must secure approval from the local school, officials, Section VI Wrestling Chairpersons and Section VI Media Chairman Mark DiFilippo.
2. At the conclusion of the meet, the winning coach must give results to radio and television; and then notify the Sports Department. Please make certain of this. Each year, sportswriters and sportscasters criticize Section VI for lack of cooperation in reporting game results. Click on [MEDIA LINK](#) or go to <http://www.section6.e1b.org>

All-WNY Scholar Athlete

Coaches and Athletic Directors are encouraged to nominate athletes for selection as an All-WNY Scholar Athlete. Applications must be completed on-line. Click here for [Nomination Form](#). before **March 16, 2026** Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Classifications 2025-2026

[Open Link for Classifications](#)  [2025-26 Winter BEDS Section6](#)

Section VI Postseason Procedures for 2025-2026

. ALL COACHES MUST SUBMIT a COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE NYSPHSAA RECORD FORM for each wrestler entered prior to the seeding of the Sectional tournaments (Printed from TrackWrestling). They must also submit a weigh in sheet from TrackWrestling showing that their entries are eligible for the weight class as shown on their descent plans.

Entries: Schools may enter up to 15 wrestlers total with a maximum of 2 per weight class. If there are 2 entries in any weight class, both entries must have a minimum of 6 varsity contests (on 6 separate dates) All matches (Public, Private, Catholic, Federation) will count towards a wrestler's record. The tournament will be standard double elimination. If there are more than 16 wrestlers entered in a weight class, the school whose "second entry" has the worst win-loss percentage" will be forced to move to another weight class or withdraw from the tournament. Additional tiebreaking criteria will be established in the event that there is more than one second entry with identical records (to resolve which wrestler has to leave the weight class with more than 16 entries). All wrestlers are officially entered in the sectional tournament once the seeding process begins. A wrestler cannot be moved once the seeding process begins for the first weight class as all coaches are afforded the opportunity to see all entries prior to the seeding meeting. To be eligible for sectional or state competition, contestants in individual sports must have represented their school in six (6) scheduled contests. The required contests must occur on six different dates and must be concluded prior to the conclusion of the team's regular season. A "forfeit" counts as a contest as long as the named wrestler is listed (as winning by forfeit) in the TrackWrestling results for that contest. **Therefore, NO wrestler should be entered with fewer than 6 contests listed on their NYS record form heading into the postseason, unless the Section grants a wrestler a "minimum contests waiver".**

All coaches must complete the Section 6 seeding spreadsheet for their Sectional tournaments by **Monday, February 1st at 6:00pm) It must be submitted via e-mail to Israel Martinez at Coachiz67@gmail.com LINK FOUND ON [CALENDAR PAGE 3](#).**

Seeding Criteria: To be considered for a seed in a weight class, a wrestler must have a better than .500 Overall varsity record. Private / Catholic and out of Section matches all count for seeding. If a team enters two contestants in the same weight class, BOTH wrestlers must have a .500 record and must have represented his/her school in 6 varsity contests. (Just weighing-in does **NOT** count as a contest). Seed all participants who merit such according to established Section 6 seeding criteria. Any byes will be randomly drawn.

Section 6 tournaments will be seeded according to the Section 6 points based seeding mechanics that are posted on the Section 6 website. [Section VI Seeding Mechanics on page 21](#)

Before a wrestler can be entered into the Sectional Tournament, the coach must submit a complete and up-to-date NYS District Reporting Record Form as provided by the TrackWrestling website that is signed by both the coach and the participating wrestler prior to the beginning of the seeding meeting for the sectional tournaments. **All Schools are strongly encouraged to complete all regular season dual matches before February 3rd, 2026.**

Section VI Seeding Policy 212.6 Any school who has not submitted complete and up-to-date seeding information to the sport chairs by the requested dates for the seeding meeting will be excluded from the sectional tournament.

Awards: . The top four place winners in each weight class at the **Sectionals** will receive sectional patches.

Admission for Divisional Tournaments: \$7. Digital Tickets [Purchase Event Tickets](#).

Sectional Tournament

The MWC shown in a wrestler's weight loss plan on February 3 shall be final. The WLP will no longer recalculate after this date.

Seeding: The Section 6 Championship tournament will be seeded on **Tuesday February 10, at Erie 1 BOCES, room B1 Webex info TBA**). ALL COACHES are required to participate. If a coach is NOT present to represent his team, he will have to accept the end results of the seeding process with no appeals allowed. He will be risking the omission of a head to head win/loss that may affect the integrity of the process. It may also result in his wrestler being seeded in a worse position. DO NOT depend on other coaches to do your job.

If a seeded wrestler drops out of the tournament after seeding has taken place, seeds will simply roll (if 3 drops out, 4 becomes 3, 5 becomes 4 etc). If a non-seeded wrestler drops out of the tournament, he will be replaced by a bye if the team has no replacement (bracket balance may have to be adjusted). Teams will be allowed to replace any wrestler who drops out up until Thursday, Feb 12th. No replacements after that date. Second entry replacements must qualify under the set standards.

True second place match: The top 2 place finishers from both of our State Qualifying tournaments (D1 and D2) will represent their schools and Section 6 at the NYSPHSAA Individual State tournament. A true second place bout will take place during the finals (in weight class order) if the 2nd place finisher and the 3rd place finishers have not faced one another in the same State Qualifier tournament. The winner of any true second bouts will be named the actual second place finisher of the tournament. The loser of the true second bout will be named the 3rd place finisher of the tournament. Any wrestler who forfeits from a true second match will be considered the loser and will be named the 3rd place finisher.

To allow any participants involved in a true second match equal time for recovery, all finals matches (1st-2nd, 3rd-4th) will take place on two mats; side by side. Any true second matches that have to be contested will take place in weight class order at the beginning of the second round of any finals matches that may have to be contested.

Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy Section VI Divisional & Individual Sectional Wrestling Tournaments

1. Divisional and Section VI Tournaments will be canceled if:

- a) The host school is closed and not available for use. OR
- b) Five or more schools are not allowed to participate because of bad weather..
- c) No host sites are available

If the Divisional Tournament is canceled on Friday:

The Tournament will become a one-day tournament beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The rulebook will be used to determine team points and places in the event that wrestlers have already competed in six bouts that day

If the Tournament is held on Friday but canceled on Saturday because of either items #1 or #2, the four semi-finalists and all pre-approved medical wildcards will advance to the Sectional Tournament.

If the Divisional Tournament is canceled on both Friday and Saturday, the top four seeds in Division 1 and the top 5 seeds in Division 2 (updated 2-3-22) and pre-approved medical wildcards will advance to the Sectional Tournament.

If the Divisional Tournament is conducted but a school is unable to attend and participate because of bad weather, any wrestler from that school who was seeded in the top four or a fifth seed determined by criteria #9, will be awarded a wildcard to the Sectional Tournament. ALL ENTERED wrestlers will be seeded as usual; using the current Section 6 seeding mechanics. (Language changed 2-3-22 as it was deemed out of date with current seeding practices).

- 2. Decisions not to participate should be made at the earliest possible time. The tournament chairman should be notified immediately so final decisions can be made and all schools notified of this decision.
- 3. Any school that is closed due to bad weather but is allowed to participate must provide to the tournament chairman written authorization to participate from a school administrator.
- 4. Please review additional Section VI requirements in the Contingency Plan below.
- 5. IF Sectional (State Qualifier) competition cannot be rescheduled; The top 2 seeded wrestlers will advance to state competition. A smaller scale Sectional competition may be held with only the top 4 seeds, if a site is acquired.

Contingency Plan for Sectional Competition (weather or illness)

- 1. Contests will be postponed only if a participating school is officially closed due to weather or illness. (Item #1 in Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy for Sectional Wrestling Tournaments takes priority)
- 2. It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director (or designee) to notify the Sport Chairperson that the school has been closed due to weather conditions (or illness) as soon as he/she becomes aware of such action. Officials and the media will be notified by the Chairperson (or designee).
- 3. In the event that a school is closed on the day its playoff contest is scheduled, the decision to participate shall rest with the District Superintendent.
- 4. In the event that weather conditions reverse themselves prior to game time, the game may be played with the mutual consent of the participating Athletic Directors and the approval of the Sport Chairperson.
- 5. When a contest is at a non-school site: If the competition facility and the roads to that destination are open, then the competition will go on as scheduled. (Item #1b in Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy for Sectional Wrestling Tournaments takes priority) If either the roads or the facility are closed, then the competition will be canceled. ***Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by Section VI available for practice when a competition is canceled.***
- 6. The Sport Chairperson will notify the Executive Director of any postponements.
- 7. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is up to the individual leagues to recognize the potential for snow days, power outages, etc. that may cause cancellations and problems. The individual leagues should schedule their last league contest at least two to three days prior to the seeding meeting, allowing for a make-up league contest(s) prior to the seeding meeting if necessary. The storm in Feb. 2006 that closed schools the day before the seeding meeting bears this point out.
- 8. Any health or safety threat, confirmed or unconfirmed will supersede any existing policy and will be up to the discretion of the involved member schools. (approved AC 11/13/19)l.

Contingency Plan for Section 6 Wrestling Dual Championships

- 1. If the tournament is canceled or postponed due to unforeseen circumstances (such as weather or other reasons), we will attempt to hold the tournament the following day under the following conditions:
* Only the top four seeded teams per division will compete

* Only two rounds of wrestling will take place (semi-finals; followed by the consolation and finals at the same time) – Only 2 mats would be needed per division. If two mats per division are not available at one common site, we will make every effort to secure two separate sites per division. If only one site is available and that site cannot put down four mats, both divisions will compete in a single elimination event. The losing team from the semis that scored the most points shall be named as the 3rd place finisher. Any potential tiebreaker will follow NFHS rules.

* Only four referees are needed per Division (mat assistants for both the semis and final rounds).

*If on a Sunday, the following schedule will be followed:

Weigh-ins: Noon – 1:00 (Note: all weight classes would be plus 1 pound.)

1:30 – 3:00 (Round 1)

3:30 – (Championship and consolation final)

****If no sites are available the following day for competition and there is no more time as per NYSPHSAA guidelines, the top seeded teams will be designated as our representatives to the state dual championships.

Alternate schedule if only one site is available with fewer than 4 mats total:

Weigh-ins (Noon-1:00)

1:30 – Round 1 (Division 1 semi-finals on 2 mats) Losing team is eliminated

3:00 – Round 2 (Division 2 semi-finals on 2 mats) Losing team is eliminated

4:30 – Championship finals on 2 mats (D1 and D2)

Section VI Policy on Travel to State Competition

For the complete policy click on #310 in the [Policy Manual](#)

Summary for Individual Sports

Championships to cover the following costs for state competition. The following costs for state competition

- 1) Transportation, lodging and meals for Cross Country, B&G Swim, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Bowling.
- 2) Lodging and meals for G Gymnastics, B&G Golf, B & G Tennis and Alpine Skiing
- 3) Lodging for wrestling

and will discontinue year-end reimbursement to districts for these costs.

Member schools participating in state competition will be responsible for all costs related to that participation with exception of items 1,2,3 above. Section VI responsibility for member school participation in state championships is outlined below.

Supervision:

One or more certified coaches are required to travel with the student athletes from their school and must be present on any Section VI contracted bus, where the athletes are housed, at the state competition site and all related events.

Transportation:

Individual Sports Group 1: Alpine Skiing, Rifle, Golf, Tennis, Gymnastics, Wrestling

The schools will be responsible for transporting their athletes to state competition and all associated transportation costs.

- The school must arrange for the athlete to rendezvous with the Sport chair (or designee) at a pre-designated time and place prior to the competition.

Lodging:

Individual Sports: The Sport chair will be responsible for reserving a block of rooms for all athletes (4 per room). The block will include rooms for coaches (2 per room) for individual sports in Group 1 (see 310.2). For individual sports in Group 2, the block will be increased by 50% to allow for coaches. (e.g.: If XC needs a block of 40 rooms for athletes and supervisors, they will now reserve a block of 60 rooms) When the qualifiers have been determined, the Sport chair will register all athletes and coaches who are using Section transportation from the block of reserved rooms. Schools that opt-out of Section transportation are responsible for registering their own athletes and coaches. They may register for the remaining rooms in the reserved block until the rooms are

exhausted or choose their own lodging. Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1,2,3 above for above.

Meals:

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1,2,3 above for above. For some individual sports,

UPDATED Sportsmanship Standard & Pledge

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/8/8/x2023_24_Sport_Coordinator_Manual_FINAL.pdf#page=55

Weight Certification Clarifications

If a wrestler does not attend his/her assigned weight certification and does not get certified within the first 14 days of practice, the request for a waiver must include hardship / medical proof. Otherwise, approval may be significantly delayed while the reason for absence is substantiated through school officials.

1. A **Parental Permission/Skin Disorder Form** (page 13) must be signed by the parent/guardian and wrestlers. The form explains the process of weight certification. This form is to be kept on file by the athletic director of your school until the end of the season. No wrestler will be weight certified until this form is returned to their coach.
2. INBody system for weight certifications will be utilized once again this season
3. All athletes must wear a singlet or T-shirts and shorts when stepping on the scale for weight certification.

SECTION 6 Minimum weight certification dates and sites

Medina HS – Thursday, November 20, Start time 3:15. Make-ups on Saturday Nov. 22 (Pioneer or NF)

Falconer HS- Friday November 21, Start Time 2:45: Make-up/Challenge Falconer H.S. Last day to Challenge/Make up for this date: November 24.

Pioneer HS- Saturday November 22, Start Time 9:00 a.m. Make-up/Challenges arranged with Izzy Martinez, Karen Roehling or Joe Lojewski at NW Last day to Challenge/Make up for this date: November 25

Grand Island HS_ Friday November 21 Start Time 4:30 Make ups November 22-25

Niagara Falls HS- Saturday November 22, Start Time 9:00am . Make-up/Challenge will be at GIHS on Nov 24-25, (arranged with Izzy by appointment) Last day to Challenge/Make up for this date: November 25.

Olean HS- Monday November 24, Start Time of 3:30 Make-up/Challenges at Falconer or Salamanca November 25-26 from 4-5:30 (Mike Debarbieri).

The fourteen-day initial certification period is November 17 to Dec.3. No certs after: December 23

Team location, certification time and list of assessors who are eligible to certify wrestlers is below.

Early Certification is Saturday, November 2nd from 9am - NOON at Grand Island HS, Falconer HS. You can make an appointment from **Oct 15-18** for early weight certification. Contact Mike P, Izzy or Mike D via email or phone. All coaches must enter athlete names into Track Wrestling by Oct. 18. Any athletes not entered into Track Wrestling will NOT be certified. Early Weight certification is intended ONLY for the following:

1. Those athletes attempting to make 285 or 215 (as they may need more time in their descent plan to participate).
2. Returning Sectional place finishers (Top 6)

(NOTE: A team may bring a maximum of 4 athletes per team due to resource limitations.)

If an athlete fails hydration, there are NO make-ups; he must return to the centralized site.

APPEALS: Will be done via appointment (3 day limit from original assessment) - Call Mike D or Izzy.

NO EXCEPTIONS... Athletes must pay (\$10) if they are attending early certifications or if athletes are not going to be attending their teams centralized site weigh in. This includes athletes coming out after their scheduled certification date. Payment must be on hand, or the assessment will not take place. You can request a receipt so you can be reimbursed by your school.

Payment for the 2024-25 season is \$2 (dehydration test and fail), \$10 (pass dehydration test and assessment. Schools will be billed based on the number of athletes that are certified at the Centralized sites ONLY. Two dehydration failures will result in referral to a physician. One challenge is allowed. The computer program will automatically choose the lowest weight % and minimum wrestling weight class.

Please have all roster names entered in Track Wrestling 2 days before your certification date.

Print out a profile form for each wrestler. Wrestlers will be responsible to carry their individual profile form through the certification process. Please report as close as possible to your scheduled time. **Late or Early arrivals** will be slotted when a gap between teams becomes available. **Athletes are to wear their singlet and/or shorts and t-shirt throughout the entire certification process; starting with the urinalysis.**

Please remind your athletes to:

- Urinate at least once before certification to flush the old urine from their bladder, which will almost always show “dehydrated”. **No sooner than 1 hour before is recommended.**

-Check with his or her physician to make sure medication will not interfere with the test. If so, they must have a note stating such; or we can't pass them.

Reminder: All persons found to have cheated will lose eligibility for the entire season.

A separate bathroom will be used for specific gravity testing. Wrestlers not passing the specific gravity return to the waiting area. Those passing are directed through the rest of the process.

Schools are to identify the Modified Level wrestlers who are exceptional and who may qualify for high school wrestling via the State Education Department Athletic Placement Process at the outset of the season. The APP wrestlers are to be weight certified with the high school wrestlers within 14 days from the first day of the high school season.

2025 Schedule Weight Certification

Medina HS (11/20)

Medina	3:15
Albion	3:40
Akron	4:00
Roy Hart/Barker	4:20
Newfane	4:40
Wilson	5:00

Falconer (11/21)

Falc/Cass Vall	2:45
Jamestown	3:00
Southwestern	3:15
Randolph	3:30
Maple Grove	3:45
Frewsburg	4:00
Catt LV/ PineValley	4:15
Chat Lake/Pan/West	4:30
Dunkirk/Silver Creek	4:45
Gowanda	5:00
Fredonia	5:15
Springville	5:30

Pioneer HS (11/22)

Pioneer	9:00
Will-North	9:00
Eden	9:25
East Aurora/holland	9:50
Springville	9:50
Iroquois	10:15
Frontier	10:15
West Seneca E/W	10:40
Orchard Park	10:40
Hamburg	11:05
Lakeshore	11:20
Clarence	11:20

Niagara Falls HS (11/22)

Niagara Falls	9:00
Niagara Wheatfield	10:00
Ken Ton	11:00
Lockport	12:30
North Tonawanda	1:30
Lewport	2:30

Grand Island (11/21)

Grand Island	4:30
CSAT	5:30
Starpoint	6:30

Olean HS (11/24)

Olean-Allegany Lime	3:30
Portville	3:45
Franklinville	4:00
Salamanca	4:15
Bolivar-Richburg	4:30

Pioneer HS (11/22) cont.

Amherst	11:45
Cheektowaga	11:45
Maryvale	12:10
Will South	12:10
Lancaster	12:35
Lackawana	12:35
Sweethome	1:00
Lafayette	1:00
Health Science	1:30
Tonawanda	1:30

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SECTION 6 POST SEASON WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS 2025-26 Individual SEEDING MECHANICS

Wrestlers will earn seeding points in three categories, winning percentage, placement points and competition points, as follows:

Winning Percentage

Wrestlers earn points in this category by dividing their number of wins by their total number of matches. This percentage is then multiplied by 100 to determine the number of points. **Example:** Record is 20-5, take 20 divided by 25 to get .80. (x 100 gives the wrestler 80 points)

Wrestlers must have **20 or more matches in order to receive the full value of their winning percentage points. Wrestlers with 10-19 matches will receive 75% of their winning percentage points. Wrestlers with fewer than 10 matches will receive only 50% of their winning percentage points.*

Placement Points

Wrestlers earn placement points for placing at States or Section 6 the previous year AND for winning Class Sectionals during the current year. For Class tournament seeding, the top 3 returning place finishers also earn place points.

Placement points will be awarded to wrestlers that placed at either the NYS or Section 6 tournament in 2023 according to the following tables (take the higher of 2 values)

*NYS Placement Points previous year		
NYS Place Finish	Points	Going up 2+ wt. classes
1	120	110
2	110	100
3	100	90
4	90	80
5	80	70
6	70	60
7	65	55
8	60	50

*Section 6 Placement Points (previous year)		
Section 6 Place Finish	Points	Going up 2+ wt. classes
1	50	40
2	40	30
3	30	20
4	20	10
5	10	5
6	5	3
7	5	1
8	2	1

Class Sectional Placement Points		
(From last Year)		(This year)
Place	Points	Points
1st	10	10
2nd	8	
3rd	5	

*A Wrestler can only use the highest point value from these two categories (NYS and Section Placement points)

Class Sectional Placement Points

(Previous season's points for Class seeding / Current season for Sectional seeding)

Note: Only the winner of this year's class tournament will be awarded the Class Bonus points.

Competition Points

Wrestlers earn competition points by defeating wrestlers that placed at the State Tournament or Section 6 tournament the previous season.

*Only the **highest** point value is to be used per wrestler.

The **maximum number of times that a wrestler can earn points by defeating the same wrestler is **2 (twice)**.

Points earned by defeating a NYS place finisher from the previous year		Points earned by defeating a Section 6 place finisher from the previous year)	
Place Finish	Points	Place Finish	Points
1st	40	1st	12
2nd	34	2nd	10
3rd	30	3rd	8
4th	26	4th	6
5th	22	5th	4
6th	18	6th	2
7th/8th	16/14	7th/8th	1

Procedure I: Initial Point Ranking

1. Returning sectional champions from the previous year only (regardless of the weight class in which they competed in the previous year) will automatically be placed as the first seed and remain in the top position, unless another seedable wrestler in the weight class can jump him during the seeding process. If there is more than one returning sectional champion in the weight class, they will be initially ranked by point totals prior to the beginning of the (head to head) seeding process.
2. All remaining wrestlers will be listed in rank order from the wrestler with the highest number of points to the wrestler with the lowest number of points.
3. Protected Wrestlers: Any wrestler who is undefeated and whose initial point value ranks them in the Top 6 will be considered protected wrestlers. They will keep their position on the board and they can only be jumped by another undefeated wrestler.
4. Seeding: In both D1 and D2, all eligible wrestlers will be seeded; 1-8 and 1-10 respectively. Wrestlers who are not eligible for a seed will be drawn in to open lines where applicable.

Procedure II Head-To-Head Competition

1. Defaults and Disqualifications count as a head to head win. Note: A match that has started and results in a loss via an injury default, disqualification, etc. will count as a head to head advantage for the winning wrestler. Matches won via a forfeit do not give the winning wrestler a head to head advantage for seeding (a wrestler winning a match via a forfeit will be awarded any competition points that are due).
2. We will start the head-to-head evaluation with the wrestler who has the highest number of points from Procedure I. The second-ranked wrestler has the first opportunity to advance on head-to-head competition over the top-ranked wrestler. The third-ranked wrestler follows and so forth in the order of Procedure I rank. However, a wrestler may not move over an opponent to whom he has lost.
3. If a wrestler has a win over another wrestler ranked higher but has been defeated by someone else that is ranked between them, the lower ranked wrestler will be moved to the spot directly behind the wrestler to whom he has lost. (ex #6 beat #1 but lost to #2, #6 moves to #3 as long as they have not lost to #3, #4, and #5). If there are multiple wrestlers blocked by the same person, they would be placed behind the block in rank order by points.
4. In head-to-head situations where both opponents have an equal amount of wins-losses against each other (1-1, 2-2 etc), the wrestler with the highest initial point ranking total will get the better seed.
5. Where opponents have met an odd number of times, the wrestler with the best record in these matches will receive the better seed. The wrestler with the worst record will move up to his block. For example: Wrestler A is 1-2 vs Wrestler B. Wrestler A will move directly behind Wrestler B if no other wrestlers block him from moving. In other words, Wrestler A is given credit for the win (even though he has 2 losses against B). He therefore moves directly behind the block (which in this case, is wrestler B). If there are multiple wrestlers blocked by the same wrestler, they will be listed in rank order behind the blocker.
6. This will establish the seeding order.

Procedure III Bracket Development

Once the seeding order has been determined the wrestlers will be placed into the brackets and all non-seeded wrestlers will be randomly drawn in. If first round losers are to be eliminated, the top 4 seeds will receive byes.

If a wrestler scratches from the Sectional Tournament:

If a wrestler who scratches was seeded in Top 7 (D1) or Top 8 (D2), the remaining seeded wrestlers will be rotated upward to take the spot of the scratched wrestler (seeds roll up to the better seed). The weight class will NOT be re-seeded. If the wrestler who scratches was not seeded, the line they were on will become a Bye before the weigh-in and a Forfeit after the weigh-in.

Tiebreaker for total points for initial rank will be the win/loss point totals earned (winning percentage). If needed, the second tiebreaker will be most Placement points from State, Section, Class etc. Coin flip will be the final tiebreaker after all Class tournament placements are exhausted.

Note: If a seeding scenario is encountered that is not covered by the Section 6 seeding mechanics, the NYSPHSAA seeding mechanics will be used to address the issue. Otherwise, the seeding committee (or coaches at the class tournament) will vote on the seeding issue at hand.

Section 6 Dual Meet Championships Seeding Mechanics (2025-26)

Seeding will be based on a points system. Points will be earned through your team's record this year (wins-losses); combined with bonus points earned for beating quality opponents with quality records throughout the year. Teams will also earn points based on their 14 best wrestlers (Accomplishments from the prior season and wins for the current season). See attached table. Each League Representative will come to the seeding meeting with the criteria from each team in their league that has applied for consideration to attend the Section 6 Dual Championship.

This point system will be used to choose the 8 teams (per Division) in the tournament based on the end results of the seeding process.

Points for seeding are earned as follows:

1. Wins minus Losses. (Maximum of 8 Points can be earned)
2. Wins vs. NYS teams with winning percentage equal to or above 90%: +10pts (record as of seeding)
3. Wins vs. NYS teams with winning percentage equal to or above 80%: +5pts (record as of seeding)
4. Wins vs. NYS teams with winning percentage equal to or above 70%: +3pts (record as of seeding)
5. 14 best wrestlers' records from the current season and accomplishments from last year (maximum of 2 wrestlers in the same weight class can be listed among your top 14.

All teams will first be placed on the board in order of the number of total points they have scored. Once on the board in order of points scored, the following head-to-head criteria will then be used to seed the tournament:

1. We will start the head-to-head evaluation with the team who has the highest number of quality points from Procedure I. The second-ranked team has the first opportunity to advance on head-to-head competition over the top-ranked team. The third-ranked team follows, and so forth in the order of procedure. However, a team may not move over an opponent to whom it has lost.
2. In head-to-head situations where opponents met twice, the team with the highest total points will be ranked ahead. If these teams are tied with points, the team with the most recent win gets the advantage in ranking.
3. Where opponents have met an odd number of times, the team with the best record in these matches will receive the higher seed. They can still jump to the highest available seed if they are not blocked.
4. Tie breaker criteria (If teams have the same total points).
 1. # of teams that a team defeated with a .900 winning percentage
 2. # of teams that a team defeated with a .800 winning percentage
 3. # of teams that a team defeated with a .700 winning percentage.
 4. # of Points from record (wins - losses) only

5. # of returning individuals on team who placed at Sectionals in previous year
6. # of returning individuals on team who placed at Class tournament in previous year
7. Coin flip

This will establish a new quality point ranking. Teams will be rewarded for finding the best competition and challenging their wrestlers throughout the season. Common Opponents will not be used as a criterion.

Example:

Team A: Record 24-1	+8 pts
0 wins against opponents with >80% winning percentage	+0
0 wins against opponents with >90% winning percentage	<u>+0</u>
Total	8 pts
Team B: Record 12-4	+8 pts
2 wins against opponents with >70% winning percentage	+6 pts
2 wins against opponents with >90% winning percentage	<u>+20 pts</u>
Total	34 pts
Team C: Record 9-8	+1 pt
3 wins against opponents with >80% winning percentage	+15 pts
2 wins against opponents with >90% winning percentage	<u>+20 pts</u>
Total	36 pts

Under the established Criteria Team C is listed as #1, Team B goes as #2, and Team A goes #3. *Team A, although having a great record, falls to the #3 spot because they did not prove throughout the year that they could be successful against quality opponents. Both Team B and Team C wrestled quality teams throughout the year, and while taking some losses, are rewarded for beating quality opponents throughout the year.

***** Only teams from the state of New York will be considered for bonus points. Any win your team gets will be added into the final calculation of your wins-losses.**

This is an example of a team's seeding sheet:

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6 TEAM NAME

7 **Starpoint**

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9 Enter the weight class and names of your 13 best wrestlers. No more than 2 names may be entered per weight class. Then, enter 2 points if your wrestler has 10 wins this season. Next, Enter only one point value under the blue shaded area for each wrestler.

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11 WT Class WRESTLER'S NAME

12		
13	102	James Leuer
14	110	Zach Caldwell
15	126	Griffin LaPlante
16	132	Gage LaPlante
17	132	Chris Updegrove
18	145	Peyton Lyness
19	172	Thomas Browne
20	172	Landon Grainy
21	215	Matt Caldwell
22	285	Steve Hart
23	145	Mike Luick
24	189	Joe Buscaglia
25	118	Jim Bagg
26		
27		
28		

WINS	LOSSES	Points from record	Bonus Points
5	0	5	10

(coaches fill in their wins-losses)
 (coaches fill in teambonus points based on quality of wins)

ENTER ONLY 1 POINT VALUE BELOW FOR EACH WRESTLER UNDER BLUE SHADED AREA

2021	LAST YEAR 2020-2021									
10 WINS THIS SEASON	DID NOT WRESTLE IN SECTIONS	Wrestled in Section did not place	6th in the Section	5th in the Section	4th in the Section	3rd in the Section	2nd in the Section	1st in the Section	Top 6 in NYS in 2019-20	
2	0	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	

* - 10 Points earned if: Placed top 6 in the State 2019-2020.

2							7		
2					5				
2							7		
2							7		
2						6			
2			3						
2			3						
0	1								
2					5				
0	1								
2									10
2						6			
0	1								

(coaches fill in one point value for having 10 wins this season)
 (coaches fill in one point value for best place finish from last year)

TOTALS	5	82	10	97
	record	roster	bonus	



New York State Public High
School Athletic Association, Inc.
Section 6
Wrestling Committee

2025-26
Section 6 Dual Meet Tournament Letter of Intent

wishes to be considered for entry in the
(name of school)

Division 1 Dual Meet Wrestling Tournament to be held at Williamsville North and Division 2 at Allegany Community Center, Salamanca on Saturday, January 3, 2026. We understand that we will need to provide all necessary information for the new seeding criteria. If selected by the Wrestling Committee on December 29th 2025; our school commits its' wrestling team to participate in the event.

We understand that failure to honor our commitment will subject our school to Section 6 penalties (including, but not limited to, one year's suspension from entry in future dual championship events).

(High School Principal)

(Date)

(Director of Athletics)

(Date)

(Wrestling Coach)

(Date)

Please return by email to Mike DeBaribieri, Section 6 Wrestling Coordinators, by **December 19, 2025.**

Section 6 Seeding Info / Clarifications for 2025-26 post-season

1. **Team entry deadline is Sat, February 7 at 6:00 p.m.** Any team that does not submit their Section 6 class roster by this time **WILL NOT** be entered into the postseason. Therefore, it is imperative that all data be entered into Track Wrestling by Feb 2nd to avoid this scenario. You may enter 15 total wrestlers, with a maximum of 2 in any weight class (both must have varsity winning records) .. If you have a match scheduled or a make-up match due to a weather cancellation on this date, simply inform me, then email or call me with record updates. EMAIL YOUR SEEDING SPREADSHEET TO: Coachiz67@gmail.com
2. **Overall** records will be used in sectional seeding. Only wrestlers with a better than .500 win/loss record will be eligible for a seed. **All varsity matches count**; out of section, catholic, private, etc. **NO wrestlers are to be moved from a weight class once the seeding process begins for any weight class. Make all moves before the seeding of any weight class.**
6. Any wrestler who is disqualified at the scale due to a skin condition will be eliminated immediately. You cannot leave the premises to obtain a note. If the wrestler does not have a legal ***NYSPHSAA 2025-26** skin note at the time of weigh-ins (as any coach should know that any questionable skin condition must have proper documentation); the wrestler will be disqualified from competition.
7. You may refer to the "Section 6 Seeding Mechanics" on our site (www.section6e1b.org) for details on the seeding process.