



2025 NIAA Class 5A Southern Wrestling Tournament, *presented by the UFC*

The 2025 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Class 5A Southern Region wrestling tournament, presented by the UFC, is scheduled for January 31 and February 1 at Shadow Ridge High School.

INDEX

Location information/Tournament format	2
Meet schedule	2-4
Designated health care professional role	5
General information	5-7

LOCATION

The tournament will be held at Shadow Ridge High School, 5050 Brent Lane in Las Vegas.

[A Google map of the Shadow Ridge High School area is here.](#)

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Each team is permitted to enter one competitor per weight class plus a total of up to four (4) extra/independent qualifiers. Please see the NIAA Wrestling Policy Manual for more information regarding independent qualifiers.

Each weight class will have an eight (8)-person bracket seeded according to NIAA policies. Each bracket is adjustable to a 16-person bracket if entries warrant.

The championship portion of each bracket is single-elimination. The consolation part of the bracket wrestles to third-place matches.

The official brackets will be published by NIAA personnel per NIAA wrestling policy manual guidelines. Please review the policy manual for draw criteria.

Brackets will be maintained through the TrackWrestling website.

MEET SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Entries are due by 3 p.m.

Coaches will declare region/league meet entries to the meet director online. The meet director will send the login and password information to each school. The timeline requirement is the same as is stated in the tournament instructions. Coaches will be able to include the number of league-only wins and the weight class entered. **Coaches also must include in the comments area which wrestlers are the non-scorers.** A maximum of four wrestlers per school may be entered as non-scoring, but a team may have no more than two wrestlers entered in any weight class.

Contact the meet director with any questions.

The Meet Entry and Declaration process must be completed online by 3 p.m. on January 29.

Instructions for Entering Wrestlers for the Postseason into Trackwrestling:

1. Click the SCHEDULE link from the gray top menu.
2. Click on the envelope next to the event for which you are uploading your roster. A new window will open, and you will be logged into the event.
3. Click the 'here' link to import your roster from Trackwrestling's dual program
4. Use the checkboxes to select the wrestlers to import. Adjust the weight class or record of any wrestler if necessary.
5. Use the pull-down menu to include your media contacts.
6. Select [Next]
7. Select [Finish] to finalize, Your roster has been entered in the event.
8. Use the Team Members page to make changes.

See below for how to enter non-scoring/independent competitors.

Contact the TrackWrestling central office at 715-869-3444 or www.trackwrestling.com with any questions or concerns.

Entering *Non-Scoring Wrestlers* for the Postseason into Trackwrestling:

1. Log into the event as an administrator.
2. Click on 'Teams' in the Setup menu
3. Select your team by clicking on the blue link in the 'Team' column.
4. Click the link to import this team's roster from Trackwrestling's dual program.
5. Click the checkbox next to each wrestler you wish to import and use the drop-down menu to change the weight class, if necessary.
6. Enter a record in the boxes if needed
7. Select 'Yes' or 'No' from the email media contacts drop-down menu.
8. Select [Next]
9. Select [Finalize]
10. Click on a team and then a wrestler link to make any necessary changes.
11. After clicking on a wrestler, select 'Yes' from the drop-down on the 'Scoring Wrestler' item.
12. Repeat for each non scoring wrestler and each team.

Contact the TrackWrestling central office at 715-869-3444 or www.trackwrestling.com with any questions or concerns.

Failure to complete the meet entry and declaration process by the deadline will result in the team's head coach being suspended for the first round of the league tournament.

Friday, January 31, 2025 — Coaches and Seeding Meeting

The coaches and seeding meeting will be held at Shadow Ridge at 2:30 p.m. on January 31. Coaches must have available at the meeting copies of their wrestlers' individual record verification form(s) — match results and weigh-ins — as posted on the nwca.com site.

No changes to the original entries are permitted after the meet entry and declaration form has been submitted to the meet director. The exception to this in the event of injury, illness or ineligibility, in which case the change must be a direct substitution of specific individuals only. Wrestlers will not be permitted to change weight classes. These changes are permitted only until the start of weigh-ins before the first session.

All entered individuals must compete in their scheduled weight class or be deleted from the bracket and meet. Wrestlers failing to make weight any day of the event will forfeit. Refer to the General Information section for additional details.

Teams may not substitute for a non-scorer who may later be removed from the entry list due to injury, illness, ineligibility or other justifiable cause. The school's maximum of four original non-scoring entries will remain in place.

Friday, January 31, 2025 — Session I

Weigh-ins will begin at 3 p.m. All wrestlers must be in the proper area at the beginning of weigh-ins. Weigh-ins will end when the last competitor has been certified. A physician will be available.

2:30 p.m. — Coaches and seeding meeting

3 p.m. — Weigh-ins

4:45 p.m. — Opening ceremonies

5 p.m. — First round matches (on 3 mats)

Followed by:

Round of 16 (on 3 mats); Consolation first round (on 3 mats);

Consolation second round (on 3 mats)

Saturday, February 1, 2025 — Session II

Weigh-ins will begin at 8 a.m. All wrestlers must be in the proper area at the beginning of weigh-ins. Weigh-ins will end when the last competitor has been certified. A physician will be available.

10 a.m. — Quarterfinals; Consolation round 3

Semifinals and Consolation round 4

Consolation semifinals and seventh-place matches

Third-place matches and fifth-place matches

Approx 6 p.m. — Championship finals

Designated Health Care Professional Role

Designated on-site appropriate health care professional(s) are to be present at all rounds of region and state wrestling tournaments.

Per NFHS Wrestling Rule 8, Section 2, Article 5, “A designated on-site meet appropriate health care professional who determines a wrestler should not participate shall not be overruled.” This statement refers to a wrestler who has sustained an injury and/or exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion. In the case of an injury, particularly a suspected concussion, evaluation of the injured wrestler to allow for the designated health care professional to permit the wrestler to continue in that match may exceed the injury time allowed by rule 8-2. If the designated health care professional does not clear a wrestler to continue within the allotted time per rule 8-2, the match will terminate with the appropriate wrestler per rule 8-2 being declared the winner by default (also see rule 5-28).

When a wrestler becomes unconscious from a choke out, after two (2) minutes of recovery time or 1½ minutes (90 seconds) of injury time and with the approval of a designated health care professional, the wrestler may continue to compete. When no appropriate medical personnel is available, the match will be deemed a medical default.

When the health care professional designated by tournament administration renders a decision that a wrestler should not continue to compete in the current match or additional matches in the tournament, that decision is final and shall not be overruled by another health care professional who is not designated by the tournament.

Additionally, per rule 4, section 2 in reference to suspect skin conditions, “If a designated, on-site meet appropriate health care professional is present, he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the appropriate health care professional signing the medial release form for a wrestler to participate or not participate with a particular skin condition.” The provisions of Rule 4, Section 2 will be followed as they appear in the rules book.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All NIAA postseason wrestling tournaments will be governed by the National Federation of State High School Association’s rules book, the NIAA Wrestling Policy Manual, the NIAA Handbook, the NIAA Reference Manual and this meet information packet. The packet and the manuals mentioned herein are legally binding documents for this meet.

Each team is permitted to enter one competitor per weight class plus an additional four (4) extra/independent qualifiers. Please see the NIAA Wrestling Policy Manual for more information regarding independent qualifiers.

Postseason tournaments are based on 16-person brackets with the exception that if there are eight (8) or fewer OR 17 or more entries in a particular weight class at a meet, the bracket will move by a power of two (8- or 32-person brackets).

The Meet Director and NIAA staff will pre-seed the tournament and have seedings available for review at the coaches meeting prior to the first session of the meet. All bracket adjustments will be made only at this meeting. Seeding criteria is listed in the NIAA Wrestling Policy Manual. Coaches must have available at the meeting copies of their wrestlers' individual record verification form(s) — match results and weigh-ins — as posted on the nwca.com site. Final seeding will be complete prior to the start of the first session of the tournament.

A coach/team may substitute an alternative wrestler for their particular injured/ill entrant until the start of weigh-ins before the first session of the tournament. Individuals may not change weight classes, and substitutions must be person-specific only. Substitutions must be submitted in writing to the meet director prior to the start of weigh-ins.

The top six (6) finishers in each weight class in both the Class 5A Southern and Northern meets advance to the Class 5A NIAA state championships.

Additional general information, including weigh-in procedures, seeding criteria, scoring and conduct, can be found in the NIAA Wrestling Policy Manual.

The dress code for coaches will be in effect and enforced during all sessions.

Sportsmanship — Citizenship and etiquette must be displayed by all in attendance. No artificial noisemakers of any kind nor any signs or other objects that could impair spectator vision will be permitted in the venue. Filming/cameras may be permitted at the venue if their use does not interfere with tournament operations. Meet and site directors have the final say on all such matters.

Wrestlers shall wear their school's official warm-up or team uniform while accepting awards. No additional apparel, signs or adornments (with the exception of face coverings) shall be displayed during the awards presentation. See the NIAA Wrestling Policy Manual for rules and penalties.

Spectator admission — All ticket sales will be online through HomeTown Ticketing, the NIAA's official ticketing partner. Tickets may be purchased directly through the NIAA website or through the HomeTown Ticketing app.

Ticket prices (per day) are:

Adults – \$12

Students (High school age and under, with valid student ID) — \$5

Children (ages 8 and younger) — free

Please note that NIAA Activity Cards and Lifetime Passes will be honored for the legitimate pass holder (identification required) and one guest.

Media — Coaches and student-athletes are asked to cooperate with any accredited media who cover the meet. Media requests for interviews and season information should be honored appropriately.

Coaches and student-athletes have the right to refuse interviews with any non-accredited media members.