

SDWCA Wrestling Frequently Asked Questions

Link to SDWCA Website: <https://sdwca.net/>

Please always check the flyer for the information you may be seeking. If you can't find the information you are looking for on the flyer, please reach out to the person on the flyer.

Please see the venue website for details on what policies they may have for bags, outside food, drinks, etc. The tournament host is contracted to follow those guidelines.

Signups:

- What club or town you register under makes a difference if you want to be included with the track wrestling "group" or team listing and makes it easy for your coaches to see all the wrestlers coming up under that name. Please coordinate starting with Districts on what town or club you would like your group under. Communicating that within your club can make it easy to follow wrestlers and for coaches to know who is coming up.

Coaching:

- An AAU wrestling card is required to be purchased in advance of the SDWCA tournament series. Proof of that card must be shown to acquire a coach's band. Please go [here](#) to apply. The background check may take a few days for completion, a "pending" card is not valid. Please plan in advance to get this completed before the tournament series begins or at the start of the AAU season.
- The coaching wristband is your ticket into the facility for the weekend for the entire state tournament.

Scratches:

- Please notify the tournament contact if you cannot make the state tournament as soon you are aware you can't make it.
- Please keep in mind that we don't petition the next place from regions to take your spot, your spot will become a bye.

Tickets:

- Box Seating, at the arena (if applicable): Please check the website of the venue and contact their ticketing office for more information.
- Tickets purchased online may have additional online fees, see online ticket details on the website for more information about the venue.

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Track Profile Linking to Correct Athlete:

- At times similar names get linked to the wrong track wrestling profile. This is not something the host is doing, it's just an IT challenge with track wrestling. You can fix or link this back to your wrestler after the tournament. Please visit here to do that: [Track Wrestling Profile Master Help Links](#).

Press Pass & Media Requests:

- We don't issue or sell press passes, nor do we honor SDHSAA media/press passes. The floor is generally crowded with kids and coaches. Please take pictures or video from your seats in the venue.
- If you are a local media outlet (TV or Newspaper), please reach out to the person on the flyer if you have any questions or would like to discuss the tournament or series further.

Weigh Ins:

- Everyone must weigh-in with a singlet on.
- You must make the weight (exactly or below) of the qualified tournament you wrestled in. **There is no growth allowance for any division.**
- For wrestlers that do not have to qualify through the region process, your state sign-up weight can be changed up to weighing in and moving up or down for that division.
- Wrestlers that qualified for state at a specific weight through regions, you have until the last weigh-in offered to make that same weight.
- If you do not make the qualified weight, you will be scratched from the tournament.

Bracket Template Setup (Region & State Qualification):

- Track Wrestling profile records or prior wrestling matches do not factor into bracket placement. Only region qualification and region placement factor into the State bracket.
- Region Bracket Template can be found under the "Region" Tab on the SDWCA website.

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- For those wrestlers that are drawn into a bracket at state, that draw is random, and no preferences or seeding criteria are used.
- There is no “seeding” of the SDWCA state tournament. The qualification place at regions slots you into a random placing draw each year. See the example link below for the template. Keep in mind that this draw is random and rotates each year.
- State Bracket Template can be found under the “State” Tab on the SDWCA website.
- The state tournament brackets may be adjusted to prevent a lopsided participation side of a bracket. This is up to the state host to determine and make the best judgment when applicable.

Wrestling:

- An AAU wrestling card is required for all wrestlers. Please go [here](#) to get one.
- All participants shall be enrolled and attend school in the state of South Dakota to be eligible for the SDWCA tournament series. Wrestlers shall attend the District or Region tournament their school district is in, not the club they attend. Any wrestler reported and found to not be a South Dakota enrolled student, shall be scratched from that tournament and/or future tournaments.
- A mouthpiece is required to wrestle if your wrestler has braces.
- Historically, brackets of 5 or less will wrestle to completion on Saturday. If you are in a bracket of six prior to the tournament and someone scratches in your bracket to make it now five, you will wrestle to completion on Saturday.
- Brackets with more than 5 participants will wrestle out to their placing match on Saturday, then wrestle their placing match on Sunday. Historically we have started with the youngest wrestlers to the oldest, by weight, for those placing matches finishing on Sunday.
- Mat Assignments normally come out closer to the start of the tournament.