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Forms

1. Admittance/Certified Coaches form for Duals Tournament & Post-season Competitions
2. NYSPHSAA Parental Awareness form
3. Wrestling Tournament Guidelines
4. NYSPHSAA Request for Waiver of the Two Week Rule
5. NYSPHSAA Physician Permission to Compete in Wrestling with Skin Lesion(s) Form
6. NYSPHSAA-Dual Meet Weigh-In
7. NYSPHSAA Tournament Weigh-in Form
8. The 50% Rule for NYS
9. Financial Report
10. All-WNY Scholar-Athlete Nomination Form
11. Waiver for Minimum Number of Contests
12. Parental Permission & Skin Disorder Form

2014 - 2015 Wrestling Calendar

The Section VI approved Wrestling season is November 10 to March 29

First Practice* November 10
 First Scrimmage November 21
 First Contest November 28
 *Section approved- subject to league approval.

Weight Certification

Lockport High School..... Wednesday, November 19 (2:30 start)
 Olean High School..... Thursday, November 20 (3:00 start)
 Falconer High School..... Friday, November 21 (2:30 start)
 Cheektowaga High School..... Saturday, November 22 (8:00 a.m. start)

*Lockport site Makeups at Niagara Falls HS on Thursday, November 20th (3:00-5:30)
 contact Tony Surace at 716-803-5943

Admittance form for Class Tournaments & State Qualifier due November 26
 Officials ranking forms due January 12
 Seeding Meeting for state qualifier February 8-9
 All-WNY Scholar Athlete Nomination Forms..... February 27

Division Tournaments

Saturday February 7, 2014. See Times below

		Weigh-in	Start:	Finals
D1 Class AA	TBA *See below*	7:30 am	9:00 am	5:30 pm
D1 Class A	Starpoint	7:30 am	9:00 am	5:30 pm
D2 Class B	Cheektowaga	7:30 am	9:00 am	5:30 pm
D2 Class C	Falconer	7:30 am	9:00 am	5:30 pm
D2 Class D	Chautauqua Lake	7:30 am	9:00 am	5:30 pm

Section VI State Qualifier

Sat. Feb.14, 2015

Division 1 at Lake Shore

Division 2 at East Aurora HS

<u>Weigh-in</u>	<u>Start:</u>	<u>Finals</u>
8:00 am	10:00 am	6:30 pm

State Championship

Friday February 27 – Saturday February 28, 2015
 Times Union Center, Albany NY (Section 2)

*The AA tournament may be a 2 day tournament if the host site cannot accommodate enough mats to complete the tournament in one day.

Section VI Wrestling Committee

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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**.

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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](#)**, (c) no official score is kept, (d) time period(s) are defined in the Sport Standards section of the NYSPHSAA 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 neutral position. If a takedown occurs 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 referees position.

NYSPPHSAA Handbook & Wrestling Handbook

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Standards (52) are listed on page 122 of the [NYSPPHSAA Handbook](#)

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Rules Handbook can be found at the following link:

<http://www.nyspphsaa.org/Sports/Winter/Wrestling.aspx> NYSPHSAA Wrestling WEBSITE

<http://www.nyspphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Sports/Wrestling/2014%20Brackets/2014-15/NYSPPHSAA-WrestlingHandbook-2014-15.pdf>

Additional information:

- a. All wrestlers with braces on their teeth are required to wear a mouth guard to cover all appliances. (Oct. 2006)
- b. A Parents' Awareness Form (see forms page 2) for the wrestling minimum weight certification is required to be signed by the parent/guardian and the student and kept on file by the school athletic director

Section VI NYSPHSAA Approved Assessors

The list of approved assessors is also available in the NYSPHSAA School Manual for the Wrestling Minimum Weight Certification Program and the State website

<http://www.nyspphsaa.org/Sports/Winter/Wrestling.aspx> NYSPHSAA Wrestling WEBSITE

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Wrestling Clarifications

1. If a wrestler does not attend his/her assigned weight certification date, the request for a waiver must include medical proof. Otherwise, approval may be significantly delayed while the reason for absence is substantiated through school officials.
2. A **Parental Permission/Skin Disorder Form** (see "Forms" on page 2) 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.
3. A team may enter a maximum of 15 contestants into the class tournament. No more than 2 contestants may be entered in any weight class.
4. Male and female contestants are required to wear a suitable undergarment during weigh-ins. (effective 2010-11)

2015-15 NYSPHSAA/ NFHS Wrestling Rules Changes

<http://www.nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Sports/Wrestling/2014%20Brackets/2014-15/NYSPHSAA-WrestlingHandbook-2014-15.pdf>

NYSPHSAA rule changes 2011-12 (approved August 2011):

- 14 Day Rule - A wrestler cannot begin practice until the waiver is approved. The approval date of the waiver starts the 14-day clock for certification. (Proposal presented for Oct. 23 Exec. Comm. meeting)

Weight classes

New York State Interpretation: The following 15 weight classes are required for all dual meets and tournaments; 99, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, and 285. A two pound growth allowance will be added on December 25th.

Minimum Weights:

Beginning in 2011-12: Minimum weights are required for all 7th and 8th graders and **MUST** be met and **RECORDED** at the mat-side weigh-in. If they do not make the minimum weight at the morning honor weigh-in, the morning weight should not be recorded. A wrestler must weigh in excess of 91 for the 99 lb. weight class, 96 for the 106, 185 for 220, and 210 for 285. The minimum weight must be exceeded at the mat-side weigh-in for the match to count toward the 50% rule. If the minimum was only exceeded at the honor weigh-in, they are not eligible. 9th thru 12th graders do not have to make minimum weights. (Program of Wrestling)

At the modified level a minimum of 67 lbs. will be required to compete in the optional 74 lb. weight class. In the optional 165 lb. and unlimited classes contestants must be within 10 lbs. of each other.

Figure 4 around head now illegal

A third type of the Figure 4 will be considered an illegal hold / maneuver in the 2011-12 wrestling season.

As with other illegal holds or maneuvers, there is no warning for a contestant applying the Figure 4 around the head. The first and second illegal holds or maneuvers result in one point being awarded to the opponent. The third instance results in a two-point penalty and the fourth infraction results in disqualification

Random Draw Addressed

The random draw is the random selection of one of the 14 weight classes (15 in New York) to determine the order of weight classes for the dual meet. A random draw for championship final matches for an individual tournament, regular season and / or state high school championship series may be used for competition. The draw shall take place *immediately preceding* the weigh-ins and be supervised by the referee or other authorized person.

The weight class drawn will be the odd match and will determine which weight class will begin the dual meet with the other weight classes following in the traditional order.

Dual meet weigh-ins shall proceed through the weight classes beginning with the random draw selected weight class, continue through the weight classes, wrap around to the 106-pound weight class (99 pound weight in New York State).

Changes Address Uniforms

Rule 4-1-1a and a new Rule 4-3-5 affect what wrestlers may or may not wear.

- A. Reference to a sleeveless shirt fastened at the crotch was eliminated, since such a garment has not been manufactured for several years.
- B. A sleeveless or *short sleeved* T-shirt under the one-piece singlet is allowed if the referee approves. That shirt must be of a single, solid color unadorned with no more than one manufacturer's logo / trademark / reference.
- C. Rule 4-3-5 Wrestlers may no longer wear wristbands, sweatbands or bicep bands.

Banning those items minimizes the risk for injury to the wrestler and the opponent. Properly reporting to the scorer's table wearing wristbands, sweatbands or bicep bands will be considered illegal equipment resulting in a technical violation.

Stalling Penalty Increased

In an effort to help curb stalling, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee has imposed an additional element to the penalty for stalling.

In addition to the two-point penalty, opponent will now have his or her choice of position on the next restart. The change will appear in the penalty chart.

"This change resulted from the committee's desire to encourage wrestlers to wrestle aggressively by providing a greater incentive not to stall **Page 42, PENALTY CHART (*Stalling):** *NOTE: The 2012-13 NFHS Wrestling Rules change dealing with stalling in the Penalty Chart is correct. For example, if the third penalty on Wrestler A, following the progression on the Penalty Chart happens to be stalling, Wrestler B is awarded two match points and will have the choice of position on the next restart. The choice of position on the next restart only applies if the third penalty (2points)

is for stalling. When a stalling call results in a 2-point penalty being awarded, the opponent will have the choice of position on the next restart. Regardless of what the first two penalties were for. The choice of position on the next restart would be carried over to the sudden victory period in overtime if there is no restart prior to overtime. Stalling shall be penalized in accordance with the Penalty Chart. (7-6-2)

SITUATION 1 (7-6-2, Penalty Chart): Wrestler A is warned for stalling right after the first period has started. Later in the first period, Wrestler A is penalized for an illegal hold/maneuver and Wrestler B is awarded one match point (First Penalty). At the start of the second period, Wrestler A is penalized again for an illegal hold/maneuver and Wrestler B is awarded one match point (Second Penalty). Later in the second period, Wrestler A is penalized for stalling in the defensive position and Wrestler B is awarded two match points (Third Penalty). Wrestler B will now have the choice of position on the next restart since the two-point penalty was for stalling. (a) Before the second period ends, Wrestler A takes his/her second injury time-out. (b) Between the second and third periods, Wrestler A takes his/her second injury time-out. Wrestler B was to have his/her choice of position at the start of the third period.

RULING: In (a), Wrestler B will have his/her choice of position on the restart after the injury time-out plus Wrestler B will have his/her choice of position on the next restart after that. In (b), Wrestler B will have his/her choice of position at the beginning of the third period plus on the next two restarts – one for the two-point stalling penalty and one for the second injury time-out.

No 'Loss of Choice After Second Injury Time-Out in Overtime

Rule 8-2-1h: If the second injury time-out is taken at the conclusion of the first 30-second tiebreaker period and the opponent already has the choice at the beginning of the second 30-second tiebreaker period the opponent would then have the added choice at the first restart after the beginning of the second 30-second tiebreaker period. That provision was a rule change last year for the regulation match and will now apply to the overtime as well.

Male and female contestants are required to wear a suitable undergarment during weigh-ins. (effective 2010-11)

2014-2015 Points of Emphasis

1. **Hair cover** must now be attached to headgear.
2. **NYS Tournament appeals process:** If a coach at the state tournament feels that after talking with the mat official that a rule was misapplied, before leaving the mat they should request that the rules interpretation official be summoned. If the coach is still not satisfied with the explanation and the issue is not resolved a 3 person committee consisting of: Marty Sherman, Steve Dalberth, and _____ will be convened. If additional wrestling may be required, the wrestler should not leave the mat area. If no additional wrestling is required, the coach should not leave the wrestling mat area.
3. NYSWC was unanimously in favor of changing our rule to follow the National Federation rule for the **End of Match procedure**. Matches will now officially end when time expires instead of at the handshake. Under this procedure: Unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will now be team points instead of match points. Steve Dalberth (NYS Officials) will develop points of emphasis for specific situations (such as overtime and tech falls) to be presented at the fall officials interpretations meeting next month.
4. Clarification to penalty for **singlet straps being down on the mat area: In dual meets** a penalty will be called if the strap is down while any part of the wrestler is on the mat. If the wrestler is completely off the mat on the hardwood floor, the strap can be dropped without penalty. As it is common in both individual and dual meet tournaments to have mats together and coaches chairs on the mats, NYSWC felt that any wrestlers should not be penalized for taking straps down while in their corners either dressing before their match or undressing after their match. **In tournaments** a penalty will be called if the strap is down while any part of the wrestler is in the mat circle. If the wrestler is completely out of the circle, the strap can be dropped without penalty.

Communicable Disease Procedures

While 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, mouthguards 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](#) (New Link Sept. 2013 August 2012 form)

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 Timm Slade.
2. At the conclusion of meet, the winning coach must give results to radio and television; and then notify the Sports Department collect. Please make certain of this. Each year, sportswriters and sportscasters criticize Section VI for lack of cooperation in reporting game results. Media are listed on page 10 of the Section VI Directory. Click on → [MEDIA LINK](#) or go to <http://www.section6.e1b.org> General Information, Media

Classifications 2014-2015

Division 1: 600+ Division 2: 0-599

22 Schools Division 1

D1 Class AA (11 schools)

Niagara Falls	NFL	1430
Lancaster	ECIC	1426
Clarence	ECIC	1172
Frontier	ECIC	1172
Orchard Park	ECIC	1161
Lockport	NFL	1137
Jamestown	ECIC	1037
Kenmore West	NFL	1013
West Seneca West	ECIC	955
Williamsville North	ECIC	936
Niagara Wheatfield	NFL	930

D1 Class A (11 Schools)

North Tonawanda	NFL	894
Hamburg	ECIC	874
Sweet Home	ECIC	802
Williamsville East	ECIC	798
Grand Island	NFL	773
Kenmore East	NFL	680
Williamsville South	ECIC	680
West Seneca East	ECIC	654
Iroquois	ECIC	646
Lake Shore	ECIC	632
Starpoint	ECIC	625

32 Schools Division 2

D2 Class B (11 schools)

Olean	CCAA	577
Amherst	ECIC	566
Pioneer	ECIC	555
Dunkirk	CCAA	550
Lewiston Porter	NFL	545
Cheektowaga	ECIC	542
Depew	ECIC	526
Maryvale	ECIC	475
East Aurora	ECIC	513
Albion	NO	443
Springville	ECIC	431

D2 Class C (11 schools)

Newfane	NO	426
Royalton-Hartland	NO	422
Alden	ECIC	409
Tonawanda	ECIC	392
Eden	ECIC	382
Medina	NO	379
Fredonia	CCAA	370
Southwestern	CCAA	363
Falconer	CCAA	350
Akron	NO	332
Lackawanna	ECIC	332

D2 Class D (10 Schools)

Wilson	NO	306
Chautauqua Lake	CCAA	299
Gowanda	CCAA	266
Salamanca	CCAA	265
Catt/Little Valley	CCAA	267
Portville	CCAA	219
Randolph	CCAA	213
Frewsburg	CCAA	208
Franklinville	CCAA	178
Maple Grove	CCAA	167

2014-15 Approved Combined Schools

Pine Valley with <u>Catt/LV</u>	(V)	(267)	Approved Exec. 6/18/14
Barker with <u>Roy-Hart</u>	(V, JV)	(422)	Approved Exec. 6/18/14
Holland with <u>East Aurora</u>	(V, Mod)	(513)	Approved Exec. 6/18/14
All/Lime with <u>Olean</u>	(V, 7 th /8 th)	(577)	Approved Exec. 6/18/14
Cass. Vall with <u>Falconer</u>	(V, JV, 7 th /8 th)	(350)	Approved Exec. 6/18/14
Silver Creek with <u>Dunkirk</u>	(V)	(550)	Approved Exec. 6/18/14
Cleve Hill with <u>Depew</u>	(V, JV)	(526)	Approved Exec. 6/18/14
Westfield, Panama with <u>Chaut. Lake</u>	(V, JV, 7 th /8 th)	(299)	Approved AC.9/17/14

Tournament Competition

- Two Day Tournaments: Athletes must weigh-in each day prior to competition.
- Athletic Directors must complete & sign the Admittance Form for Class Tournaments & the State Qualifier (see forms page 2) and submit to Wrestling Sportchairs or Section 6 Office by November 26.

Divisional (Class) Tournaments

Divisional Tournament Sites are listed on the calendar on the page 3.

Factors considered in selecting sites are:

1. Availability of housing for traveling teams
2. Facilities
3. Experience in conducting tournaments
4. Location
5. Experienced personnel to conduct the tournament
6. Cost- The Section is very interested in making sure that every tournament makes a profit. Please secure volunteers whenever possible.
7. Submit an estimated bid of what expenses you would have to pay to conduct this tournament. The Section allows \$800.00 to run the tournament.

Section VI Qualifying Procedures for 2014-2015

Section VI will conduct 5 Divisional (Class) tournaments, based upon enrollment. These tournaments will be called Class AA and A in Division 1 and Class B, C and D in Division 2. Schools within each Class are defined on page 9.

Each Division 1 Tournament will qualify 5 wrestlers per weight class to the Section VI Championships. **If** the 5th/6th place bout is prevented due to the "5 match limit rule", both wrestlers advance in that weight class. Every effort will be made to match those participants in the first round of the state qualifier if the numbers/seeds allow.

Each Division 2 Tournament will qualify 4 wrestlers per weight class to the Section VI Championships.

Medical wildcards for sickness and/or injury will be considered only under the following circumstances:

- a. Medical wildcards must be declared prior to the seeding of the weight class in which he will participate.
- b. Written verification by a doctor as to injury and/or illness-this must be presented to the site chairman.
- c. A medical wildcard must meet the criteria to be seeded 1-4 in his/her weight class.
- d. Application for a wildcard must be approved by a majority vote of the schools involved in that tournament.
- e. Approved wildcards will be in addition to the qualifying place winners.
- f. Tournaments will wrestle back to six places.

Entries: Each school is allowed to enter up to 2 contestants per weight class with a maximum of 15 wrestlers. The wrestler must be entered in the same weight class for both the Divisional and State Qualifying Tournaments. All wrestlers are officially entered in the tournament at the conclusion of seeding their weight class. A wrestler cannot be moved after seeding of his weight class is completed. 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.

Seeding for Class Tournaments:

Seeding Criteria: To be considered for a seed in a weight class, a wrestler must have a better than .500 Section VI record and 50% of his weigh-ins in that weight class. Private / Catholic and out of Section opponents do not count toward his Section VI win/loss record for seeding of class tournaments. If a team enters two contestants in the same weight class, the second wrestler entered must have at least 6 varsity wins and better than .500 record to be eligible for a seed. Seed all participants who merit such according to established Section 6 seeding criteria. Every attempt must be made to give the top 4 or more seeds a bye into the round of 8 whenever possible. Weight classes will be redrawn if there are changes other than a replacement for a non-seeded wrestler.

Section 6 Seeding Criteria for Class Tournaments:

1. Head-Head this year
2. Common opponents this year
3. Highest returning state place winner
4. Highest returning Section VI place winner
5. Returning Champions: plus or minus two weight classes
6. Returning Place winner: plus or minus two weight classes
7. Section 6 Record
8. Overall Record
9. Coin Flip

Seeding for Divisional and Sectional Tournaments: (continued)

Before a wrestler can be entered into the Class and Sectional Tournaments, the coach must submit a complete an up-to date NYS District Reporting Record Form as provided by the NWCA website that is signed by both the coach and the participating wrestler prior to the beginning of the seeding meeting for the divisional tournaments.

Awards: At Divisional Tournaments team scoring will be kept. The first and second place teams will receive sectional plaques. The top four place winners in each weight class will receive sectional patches

Admission for Divisional Tournaments: \$5 per session. \$10 All-tournament pass.

Sectional Tournament

Seeding: The Section 6 Championship tournament will be seeded by a committee consisting of our Section and League Chairmen using the Section 6 points based seeding mechanics. **Six wrestlers per weight class will be seeded (including medical wildcards).** A 7th seed will be determined in case a seeded wrestler drops out of the tournament. If all 6 seeds are in the tournament, the 7th seeded wrestler will be drawn into a line.

No preference will be given to Divisional champions when the seeds are determined (Divisional champions might not be separated if the seeds do not call for it). **The top 4 seeds will be given a bye into the round of 8. All coaches will have to complete the Section 6 seeding spreadsheet for their Sectional qualifiers by the required date (TBA). It must be submitted via e-mail to Israel Martinez (IMartinez@nfschools.net).**

Alternates will be permitted to weigh-in at the Section 6 Championships. An alternate is defined as a 6th place finisher in Division 1 and a 5th place finisher in Division 2. If any qualified wrestler is not able to compete in the Section 6 championships or does not make weight, all remaining seeds will be moved up in rank and the alternate(s) from the same division (as the wrestler(s) who cannot compete) will be entered into the state qualifier tournament. Alternates will not be seeded as they did not qualify for the Section 6 championships via the standards set by the qualifying process. Any alternates who enter the Section 6 championships will be placed as the lowest ranked seed(s) on the bracket. If there is more than one alternate, a blind draw will determine their final placement on the bracket.

If no alternate is available to replace a qualified wrestler, all seeds will be moved up in rank and a random draw will determine the placement of the bye(s).

Competition: Any wrestler who loses in the round of 16 at the State Qualifier Tournament is eliminated from competition. Wrestle-backs will begin with the losers of the round of 8. We will wrestle to 6th places. No team scoring is kept at the State Qualifier Tournament.

Admission for Sectional Tournaments: \$5 per session (The finals are considered a separate session). \$10 All-tournament pass.

→ Handshaking Procedure

Due to the spread of various infections and the potential for unnecessary conflicts, Section 6 will practice the following procedures during competition:

- a) **Dual matches:** Wrestlers will shake hands with each other before and after their individually scheduled match (Also, if there is a mat side line-up prior to the beginning of the dual). Wrestlers are **not** to shake hands with the opposing coaches after each individual match. This can be done upon the conclusion of the entire dual competition.
- b) **Tournaments:** Wrestlers will shake hands with each other before and after their individually scheduled match. Wrestlers are **not** to shake hands with the opposing coaches after each individual match at a tournament

Officials Selection Process

There will be a meeting of the Wrestling Committee and the Presidents only of the two officials' organizations to select working officials and alternates for the Sectional Wrestling Tournaments.

The Officials Associations presidents will provide a list of officials who are available to work the Class and the Qualifier Tournaments. Using the coaches' ratings, we will determine which officials will work the 5 Class tournaments. The ratings provided to us from the officials' organizations may also be considered.

Upon completion of the Class tournaments, the Wrestling committee will meet again (most likely the Sunday after the Class tournaments). We will use the ratings from the Class Tournaments and Committee member input to select the top 12-14 officials for the State Qualifier Tournaments.

State Tournament

Code of Conduct: Head coaches and assistant coaches must sign the Code of Conduct and will be expected to adhere to all responsibilities.

Admission to state tournament: \$12 to \$45 may be purchased on-line: [State Wrestling Website](#)

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. **Trial basis for 2014-15 & 2015-16** 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 for trial basis for 2013-14. 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.

Individual Sports Group 2: Bowling, C.Country, Ind.Track, Track & Field, Swimming

a) The Section VI office will contract bus transportation for the athletes. There are two choices for the school:

- 1) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition on the Section contracted bus. The following rules apply:
 - The athlete (and coach) must use the lodging and meals if pre-arranged by the Sportchair.
 - The athlete (and coach) must remain with the Section until the completion of the athlete's competition. The athlete will not be released prior to completion of competition.
 - When competition is completed, the athlete may be released to parents/coach for return home on alternate transportation if the Section release form is completed before the state meet
- 2) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition in an alternate manner under the following stipulations:
 - A school that opt-outs of Section transportation will be responsible for arranging their own lodging and meals.
 - The request to opt-out of travel on the Section VI bus must be submitted in writing to the Sportchair and the Section VI office by the date specified in the sport handbook.
 - The school must submit all required release forms to the Sportchair by the specified date.
 - The school must arrange for the athlete to rendezvous with the Sportchair (or designee) at a pre-designated time and place prior to the competition.

b) Transportation expenses will be billed to Section VI.

c) Section VI will apply to the NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of \$1.30 per mile on the state grid.

Lodging:

Individual Sports: The Sportchair 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 Sportchair 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 for trial basis for **2014-15 & 2015-16**.

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 trial basis for 2014-15 & 2015-16. For some individual sports, the Section will facilitate meal handling by paying meal expenses and invoicing the schools per participating athlete. This plan, if used, will be listed in the sport handbook.

Sportsmanship Policy

The Sportsmanship Policy is item 27 on page 105 of the [NYSPHSAA Handbook](#)

Sportsmanship Responsibility of Officials:

An official who disqualifies a coach or squad member for unsportsmanlike conduct must report the disqualification to Section VI using the **ON-LINE DQ form** in www.Arbitersports.com. This form is automatically emailed to Section VI Executive Director Timm Slade. Instructions: In Arbitersports, click on the tab LISTS, then the sub-tabs FORMS. Or click here → [DQ Form](#)

Sportsmanship Responsibility of Schools:

The Section VI Executive Director automatically receives an email regarding the DQ when it is submitted on-line by the official. The Executive Director will contact the school(s) involved directly eliminating the need for the incident report/DQ Response Form. Schools may file a [Sportsmanlike Hearing Request Form](#) with the Section VI Sportsmanship Chairperson through the Section VI office.

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 → [The criteria for selection and the Nomination Form](#). All paperwork, **along with a copy of the completed online application**, must be mailed or e-mailed to the Section VI office before **February 27th**. Those selected will be honored by both Section VI and the Buffalo News.

Section VI AED Policy

(effective Feb. 2003)

The game site-chairperson will be responsible for securing an AED for the certified trainer's use at all sectional contests, and at all regional and state contests that are hosted by Section VI. The certified trainer will be provided by an orthopedic group contracted by Section VI, at all post-season contests held at **NEUTRAL SITES**. Note: If a school suffers loss or damage to an AED that is being used for post-season contests, the Section will be financially responsible.

Regulations Regarding Senior All-Star & Outside Agency Contests

(updated April 2009)

1. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests **MUST** be approved by Section VI. In addition, Senior All-Star contests must be approved by NYSPHSAA. The forms required are posted on the section website*
2. All Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests must be conducted within the season dates approved by the Section VI Athletic Council for that sport. The calendar of approved season dates for all sports is posted on the section website*
3. Only seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport may compete in these contests.
4. A contestant may participate in no more than one approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.

NOTE: A Senior All-Star contest by NYSPHSAA standards, is one in which an athlete's participation is based solely on outstanding performance as a member of a high school team. If open-tryouts are held, the contest is **NOT** a NYSPHSAA All-Star contest.

*www.section6.e1b.org Under General Information, Click on *Forms and Information*

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 cancelled. ***Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a site contracted by Section VI available for practice when a competition is cancelled.***
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 one or two 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.

Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy Section VI Divisional & Sectional Wrestling Tournaments

1. Divisional and Section VI Tournaments will be cancelled 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.

If the Divisional Tournament is cancelled 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 five bouts that day

If the Tournament is held on Friday but cancelled 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 cancelled on both Friday and Saturday, the top four seeds and pre-approved medical wildcards will advance to the Sectional Tournament. Any fifth seed that was determined by seeding criteria #9 will also advance to the Sectional Tournament and will wrestle the fourth seed in a rat-tail bout.

If the Divisional Tournament is a 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 and will be placed against another qualifier from his Divisional Tournament in a rat-tail bout. Wildcards will be matched in reverse order to their seed. (Example: A number one seed would be placed against a #4 finisher.)
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 his 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.

SECTION VI – NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Philosophy & Code of Conduct

Philosophy

1. We believe that interscholastic athletics is an important part of education and support the ideals and values embodied in good sportsmanship.
2. We believe that sportsmanlike behavior is essential if interscholastic competition is to contribute usefully and constructively to the broad goals of education and to the quality of life of those involved.
3. We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to encourage and support the development and maintenance of a sportsmanlike atmosphere for athletic competition.

Code of Conduct

1. A genuine interest in and enjoyment of interscholastic competition requires conduct that reflects the understanding that contests as a part of an overall school program are intended to be enjoyed. Behavior that reflects a winning at all cost attitude violates this standard.
2. Interscholastic competition provides valuable lessons and learning experiences that are not possible in the regular classroom setting. All involved must support the need to develop the ability to compete with enthusiasm and to accept winning with grace and losing with dignity.
3. Coaches, players, and fans should know that participation is an honor and privilege which requires them to conduct themselves in a manner that brings honor and pride to their school and community.
4. Respect for the cultural and ethnic diversity of one's opponents, their school, and community is a fundamental tenet of wholesome athletic competition. This standard suggests that planned activity is needed to demonstrate a warm and friendly welcome, mutual respect, and a genuine readiness to participate in a sportsmanlike manner.
5. Players should demonstrate both knowledge of the rules and respect for game officials and their decisions. Coaches and school officials have the responsibility to teach and encourage these attributes.

******* Sportsmanship Statement Reminder *******

The following statement will be read over the public address system just prior to the pledge to the flag. If there is no public address system, the statement will be read to both teams by the site chairperson or his representative:

“Welcome to Section VI (name of sport). Athletic competition can provide everyone with a sense of accomplishment and pride, if all of us - players, coaches and spectators - abide by the rules of good conduct. We ask that you enjoy the performance of our outstanding athletes in a spirit of sportsmanship and appreciation of competition.”