

**District III
Team Wrestling Tournament
2011-2012**

ENTRIES: The 23rd Annual Team Wrestling Championships will be conducted for senior high schools in the AA & AAA classes. Entries and seeding will be determined by the District III Power Rating System. **Pairings and brackets will be released on Sunday January 29, 2012 at 12:00 noon at Lower Dauphin High School.** Attendance is required for all schools who host first round matches. Power rating formula is available online at piaadistrict3.org

QUALIFYING SCHOOLS must satisfy the following conditions to be eligible to participate: (a) must have filed formal notification with the PIAA, District III and its affiliated league, indicating sponsorship of wrestling, (b) be placed in affiliated league's formal scheduling procedure and complete the schedule entered on the NWCA for the current season.

REPORTING RESULTS FOR POWER RATING: Every District III school regardless of the result must report dual match results to Rod Frisco at d3results@embarqmail.com by **12:00 noon** the day after the contest. Any result changes do to forfeiture or error must be reported immediately.

PARTICIPATION NOT MANDATORY: Competing in the District III Team Championship Tournament is **voluntary**. A school that chooses **not to participate may indicate their intention to withdraw from competition** by having their **athletic director or principal** send notice in writing to the District III Wrestling Chair (Randy Umberger) by email r6pts4apin@yahoo.com no later than **Friday January 20, 2012**.

WITHDRAWAL BY DEADLINE (SELECTION & SEEDING): A school who withdraws from competition by the deadline will forfeit their rank to the school(s) below them. The number of teams designated to qualify for the championships will be unchanged. (AAA 16, AA 8)

WITHDRAWAL AFTER DEADLINE (SELECTION & SEEDING): A team that withdraws from the championships after the deadline shall maintain their ranking and their bracketed opponent shall receive a forfeit win. **Ex: The number 6th ranked team withdraws from the tournament; in AAA the 11th ranked team and in AA the 3rd ranked team shall receive forfeits in the first round.** There will be no substitutions or movement of teams after the deadline to withdraw. If the withdrawing team's final ranking does not qualify them for the championships the number of qualifying teams in each classification remains unchanged.

PRELIMINARY/QUARTERFINAL/SEMIFINAL MATCHES: AAA Preliminaries will be held on Tuesday 1-31-12 at the #1, #2, #3, & #4 seeded teams on two mats. Quarterfinals will follow on one mat. AAA semifinals will be held on Thursday 2-2-12 as a doubleheader at the highest seeded team remaining. AA quarterfinals will be held on Wednesday 2-1-12 at the #1 and #2 seeded teams on two mats. The semifinals will follow on one mat.

FINAL MATCHES: AA and AAA Finals will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Spartan Center on the Milton Hershey School Campus. See attached AA and AAA Team Brackets for times.

ALTERNATE SITE: Should the higher seeded team be unable to host a home match the designated host school may choose an alternate site with approval of the District III Wrestling Chair.

HOST SCHOOL should use their own game personnel as is customary for all home matches. District III will provide tickets to sell at the gate. **The tickets and a packet of information must be picked up on January 29, 2012 at the Lower Dauphin High School.** The following personnel and equipment should be provided: security, announcer, ticket seller(s), ticket taker(s), official timer, trainer/medical personnel officials' locker room, team locker rooms, certified weigh-in scale, warm-up area.

OFFICIAL SCORING: Each participating school must provide a scorekeeper. The higher seeded team shall be the home team and their book shall be considered to be the official book.

WEIGH-INS: The match officials will conduct weigh-ins for all tournament matches one hour prior to the scheduled start time. A weigh-in form (NWCA) must be completed and given to the official **before** weigh-in begins. **Each team must also present a properly signed P.I.A.A. eligibility sheet at the time of weigh-in.**

Weigh-ins for Saturday matches will be conducted prior to the finals. Class AA wrestlers will weigh in @ 10:00 AM and Class AAA wrestlers will weigh in @ 12:30 PM.

CHEERLEADERS: Varsity cheerleaders in uniform and their coach(s) will be admitted free of charge. Cheerleaders may cheer at all dual meets but **MAY NOT** infringe upon the viewing rights of paying spectators. The game manager will designate an area where cheerleaders may perform.

BANNERS & NOISE MAKERS: Banners, signs, sirens, whistles, band instruments and artificial noisemakers are prohibited. Fixed signs that display good sportsmanship are allowed with approval from meet management.

MEDALS: Twenty-five (25) medals will be presented to each of the championship and runner-up teams in each class. A team championship trophy will also be presented to the champion of each class. Rosters for medal presentation must be given to the announcer prior to the finals. Twenty-five names only (please).

PROGRAMS & TEAM INFORMATION: Programs will not be available until the final round. The District III Committee will assume the responsibility for program sales @ the Spartan Center. Schools that qualify must forward their team information and team photo electronically to Huggins Printing (Jason Delutis) to email account Jason@hugginsprinting.com. **In January Huggins will email registration instructions to all District III schools through the District III High School and Athletic Directors Server.**

VIDEOTAPING will not be permitted from the floor except by the participating teams from an area near the team bench (game manager must approve). Videotaping that interferes with spectator viewing will not be permitted by teams or fans.

ADMISSION POLICY: Thirty (30) wrestlers, coaches, managers and trainers, will be admitted without tickets. The District Committee will provide five (5) complimentary tickets for each round to competing schools. Complimentary tickets are to be used by administrators and those persons they deem appropriate for complimentary admission. **Inter League Passes should (will) not be honored. Only District III Passes will be accepted for complimentary admission.**

TICKETS: District III will provide all tickets to be sold for admission. Ticket prices are as follows
All Rounds: \$4.00 (students) \$6.00 (adults)

OFFICIALS: The District III Wrestling Chairman and his designee assign all officials. Each match will be officiated by a head and an assistant referee. The two will alternate responsibilities with each succeeding bout.

TIES: Rule 9, Section 2, Article 2 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book will be applied to determine the team winner if both teams have identical scores.

INTERDISTRICT TEAM TOURNAMENT: P.I.A.A. State Team Tournament Qualifiers by class: AAA (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th places), AA (1st & 2nd places) Dates of the PIAA Team Championships are Feb. 6,9,10,11,2012

ALTERNATE ADVANCEMENT: If a qualifying team withdraws or is forced to withdraw from competition their replacement shall be determined as follows: AAA (5th place) quarterfinal loser with highest power rating entering the District III Championships; AA (3rd place) semifinal loser with highest power rating entering the District III Championships. The alternate will replace the lowest place finisher and all other place finishers shall advance to the next highest place finish.

PRE-MATCH AGENDA (for matches on 1-31-12, 2-1-12)

4:00 PM weigh-in and random draw all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
4:15 PM referees visit both teams
4:35-4:43 PM lower seeded team warms up on the mat
4:43-4:51 PM higher seeded team warms up on the mat
4:51-5:00 PM coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
5:00 PM start of match on two mats
7:00 PM Quarterfinals (winners of preliminary matches on one mat).

For AAA Matches on 2-2-12

6:00 PM weigh in and random draw (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
6:15 PM referees visit both teams
6:35-6:43 PM lower seeded team warms up on mat
6:43-6:51 PM higher seeded team warms up on mat
6:51-7:00 PM coin toss followed by National Anthem
7:00 PM Semifinal matches (2 mats)