

TO: Athletic Directors and Coaches of Schools Participating in WPIAL Class AA Wrestling Sectionals & Championships

FROM: Tim O'Malley, WPIAL Executive Director
Frank Vulcano, Jr., Wrestling Committee Chairman

DATE: February 13, 2018

RE: Tournament Information and Guidelines

The 2018 WPIAL Class AA Wrestling Sectionals & Championships will be held at Canon-McMillan High School on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17, 2018. At the tournament, wrestlers will vie for the honor of being a qualifier to the PIAA AA SW Regional Wrestling Tournament as well as a WPIAL placewinner. To insure that your visit to Canon-McMillan is a memorable experience, please read the following instructions and information carefully. Athletic Directors are reminded to circulate this memo to your coaches.

1) DIRECTIONS CANON-MCMILLAN HIGH SCHOOL

314 Elm Street Ext., Canonsburg, Pa. 15317

Take Interstate 79 to Houston/ Eighty Four Exit (#43). At the end of exit ramp turn left, and then make a right onto Boone Avenue. School at top of hill.

2) TEAM BUSES/VANS

Once entering the parking lot teams will be dropped off at the front of the school. All competing team personnel must enter as a unit and be identified by their coach. Coaches & contestants should enter auditorium doors to the right of the front entrance. Parking attendants will direct the bus/van driver to the designated bus parking area, vans will be directed to the back of the school and buses will be directed to the bus garage. There will not be a shuttle for drivers to the gym so teams must make some arrangements for transportation for the driver if it is needed.

**** All coaches should have a contact cell number for their driver, when wrestling is over, the bus can re-enter the parking lot at the high school to pick up the team.**

3) CONTESTANT/COACH ADMISSION - For the Class AA Individual Sectionals & Championships, all competing team personnel must enter as a unit and be identified by their coach. Each participating school will be granted one (1) complimentary admission for each qualifying contestant and a maximum of five related team personnel (head coach, assistants, trainer, manager, etc) for each tournament session.

Each head coach who has wrestler(s) qualify will be given five (5) wrist bands that he will give to his related team personnel. **The person must wear the wrist band throughout the tournament to gain admission for each session and to have access to the wrestling area. All other persons must purchase an admission ticket or a spectator wrist band. Related team personnel with out a wrist band will be required to purchase an admission ticket prior to entering the gymnasium.**

4) SKIN CHECKS/WEIGH-INS – The following schedule for skin checks/weigh-ins will be followed:

Friday, February 16: Skin Checks/ Weigh-Ins -3:15 PM

Saturday, February 17: Skin Checks/ Weigh-Ins -10:00 AM

Weigh-ins will be held in the auxiliary gym adjacent to the main gym. There will be several weigh-in stations each of which will have a digital scale for use.

5) TOURNAMENT AREA – Only the gymnasium and locker areas will be available to the WPIAL during the tournament. Wrestlers and spectators will not be permitted in areas apart from the gymnasium complex. This restriction must be strictly adhered to at all times. Please remind your wrestlers of their need to comply.

6) DAMAGES – Schools are advised that they will be held responsible for any property damage to the facility by their personnel. Proper care of the facility is a must.

7) COACHES DECORUM – The head coach of each team is responsible for the actions of their wrestlers. The head coach is expected to act in a professional and sportsmanlike manner and control his wrestlers at all times. **Coaches are expected to dress in an appropriate and professional manner at all times.** The WPIAL Wrestling Committee recommends that coaches refrain from wearing t-shirts, jeans, and caps. It is also recommended that a shirt and tie be worn at all individual championship final events. **A coach who is disqualified from the AA WPIAL Championships will not be permitted to coach in any further competition in the PIAA Individual Championship series.**

8) TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, February 16, 2018- Session 1 Section Tournaments

Doors Open For Contestants	2:50 pm
Weigh-Ins/Skin Checks	3:15 pm
Doors Open For Spectators	3:15 pm
Coaches Meeting	3:30 pm
Opening Rounds	4:00 pm
Finals (30 minutes after 2 nd consolation round)	

Saturday, February 17, 2018 -Session 2 WPIAL Championships

Doors Open For Contestants	9:00 am
Weigh-Ins/Skin Checks	10:00 am
Doors Open for Spectators	9:15 am
Coaches Meeting	10:30 am
Opening Rounds	11:00 am
Semi-Finals & 2 nd Consolations	3:00 pm

Saturday, February 17, 2018-Session 3

Doors Open For Contestants	6:00 pm
Parade of Champions	6:45 pm
Consolation Finals	7:00 pm
Championship Finals	7:00 pm

NOTE: All spectators, coaches, wrestlers, etc. must leave the gymnasium immediately after the conclusion of session 2.

9) TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Sectional Tournaments – There will be full wrestle backs from the round of 8 with the top 4 from each section advancing into the WPIAL Championships on Saturday. Nine (9) mats will be used until the consolation and championship finals.

WPIAL Championships – There will be full wrestle backs. Semi-final losers will wrestle for 3rd & 4th place. Round of 16 & Quarter-final losers will wrestle back for 5th – 8th place. Six (6) mats will be used until the consolation and championship finals. The top 7 wrestlers will move onto the PIAA Southwest Regionals that will be held at Indiana University of PA on February 23 & 24, 2018.

10) CONTESTANTS' DECORUM – All contestants must be dressed in school uniforms and/or warm-ups while in the wrestling areas and during awards presentations and photographs. Contestants eliminated from further competition may attend the remaining sessions of the tournament; however, they are restricted to the spectator seating area. **A contestant who is disqualified will not be permitted to compete in any further competition in the PIAA individual championship series.**

11) TEAM BENCHES – During competition, a maximum of two (2) team personnel (coaches and/or non-participating contestants) will be permitted on chairs at the edge of the mat.

12) SPECTATOR DECORUM – Banners, signs, pom-poms, noise makers, whistles and portable listening devices (without earphones) are prohibited during the tournament. **A spectator who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner may be removed from the premises for the remainder of the event and possibly for successor events in the PIAA individual wrestling series.**

13) AWARDS–The WPIAL will provide seven (7) medals per weight classification. WPIAL individual medals will be presented during the awards ceremony between championship final matches. Each PIAA qualifying wrestler must be dressed in school issued uniforms and/or warm-ups during the awards presentation.

14) LODGING AND DINING ACCOMODATIONS – Schools are responsible for acquiring their own lodging and meals.

DOUBLETREE – Group Rate - \$ 109.00

340 RACETRACK ROAD
WASHINGTON, PA 15301
724-222-6200

HILTON GARDEN INN

1000 CORPORATE DRIVE
CANONSBURG, PA 15317
724-743-5033

A refreshment/snack bar will operate for spectators and contestants during all sessions of the tournament.

15) PIAA SW WRESTLING REGIONAL TOURNAMENT – Information pertaining to the PIAA SW Regional tournament will be distributed at the AA championships. Please duplicate copies of the seeding formula sheet and use as needed. It is suggested that you complete a seeding sheet for each wrestler prior to the meet. **Completed sheets for qualifying wrestlers will be collected immediately following the WPIAL Class AA championships and will be emailed to the tournament director the evening of February 17.**

16) WITHDRAWAL/REPLACEMENT POLICY –It is necessary to contact the League Office when it is necessary to withdraw a wrestler from the AA Section Tournament. The policy below will apply:

- A. A wrestler who withdraws from the Section Tournament may be replaced at weigh-ins. The replacement will be placed as the last seed with all other wrestlers moving up in the bracket.
- B. A wrestler who qualifies for the PIAA AA Southwest Regional Tournament may be replaced. The replacement will be the eighth place finisher.

17) GENERAL INFORMATION

- A certified athletic trainer and a physician will be on duty during the tournament. All taping and rehabilitation is the responsibility of each competing school.
- If a physician/medical staff determines an injured wrestler should not continue, even though consciousness is not involved, they shall not be overruled (NFHS Rule 8-2-5)
- Souvenir championship merchandise will be available for purchase at the following prices: T-Shirts-\$18; Hooded Sweat Shirts -\$28.
- Programs will be available for \$5.00. Wrestling “updates” will be available for \$3.00 at the beginning of each session.

♦ **ADMISSION PRICES** are as follows:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

SESSION 1	2-Day Band	Adult	\$ 25.00
		Student	\$ 15.00
SESSION 2	All Day – Friday	Adult	\$ 13.00
		Student	\$ 8.00
	Finals Only	Adult	\$ 7.00
		Student	\$ 5.00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

Session 1	Adult	\$ 7.00
	Student	\$ 5.00
Session 2	Adult	\$ 8.00
	Student	\$ 5.00

Tickets must be purchased at the Gate. There will be no pre-sale of tickets. Pre-kindergarten children are admitted free-of-charge when accompanied by an adult.

The Wrestling Committee has been working to plan for an outstanding tournament. However, some unanticipated problems which will undoubtedly occur. It is essential that all personnel (coaches, wrestlers, spectators, etc.) conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to their school and to the sport of wrestling.

If you have any questions related to the conduct of the tournament, please contact me at the League Office or Frank Vulcano at 412-298-5247.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS