

The Ohio Novice State Wrestling Championships

March 13th-14th 2021

Welcome to the Ohio Youth State Wrestling Championships! This is for 1st and 2nd year wrestlers only. Wrestlers with more than two years of experience must compete in their respective Youth Open State Tournament. No prior qualification is needed, register now to secure your spot at www.ohioquest.com.

Event Location: The Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover St, Wooster, OH

Divisions and Weight Classes:

Division I: 2014- and later: 38,41,44,47,50,53,56,60,70, HWT (Max 95)

Division II: 2012-2013 44,47,50,52,54,56,58,60,63,67,72,78,85,HWT (Max 120)

Division III: 52,55,58,61,64,67,70,75,80,85,92,100,110,120, HWT (Max 160)

Division IV: 65,70,75,80,85,92,100,110,120,130,140, HWT (Max 200)

All weight classes are scratch weight, there is no weight allowance!

Wrestling Schedule: To be determined, once we see what our final registration numbers are. We will wrestle half the weight classes on Saturday, and the other half on Sunday. By signing up for this event you should be open to wrestling either day. Updates on the exact schedule will be released by March 1st at the latest.

Weigh-Ins: Will be held immediately before the start of the tournament. Stay tuned for more information.

Awards: All Champions leave with a deluxe, Olympic Style Medal state champion medal. Olympic Medals for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers.

Entry Fee: Early Registration (by March 3rd): \$50. After March 3rd: \$60. Register online at www.ohioquest.com. Registration Deadline is 10:00 p.m. on March 10th!

Rules: All matches will be three periods with choice of position for the second and third period. Only Ohio Wrestlers are eligible for this event. Ten point technical fall. Tournament will be random draw, no wrestlers will receive seeding and there will be no bracket re-draws (unless there is a bracketing error on part of OhioQuest).

Tournament Eligibility: This tournament is for first and second year wrestlers only. Wrestlers who are not competing in the Open Division State Tournament for their division may not compete in the Novice State Tournament, they must select one or the other. The exception to this is Division I wrestlers who are able to compete in both tournaments (assuming they have not been wrestling for more than two years).

Event Details: We are making this a one day event for individual wrestlers to eliminate the need for getting a hotel for a second night. Be prepared to wrestle five or even six times over the course of the day (possibly more if your wrestler ends up in the consolation bracket). More information about the schedule will become available as we get closer to the event and see how registration numbers are progressing.

Hotel Information: Discounted room rates will be negotiated by OhioQuest. Stay tuned for more information.

Admission: \$10 per person per session. You will also be required to purchase a coach's band for \$10 if you'd want to go onto the mat area.

Concession: Will be served all day, including a full breakfast, pizza and other hot foods in the afternoon.

Special Event Request: We ask that you DO NOT post photos of this or any wrestling tournament on Facebook or any other social media. While we know you are very proud of your wrestlers and completely respect that- these photos can draw highly negative attention to the sport from those who are very hardcore about social distancing. An individual photo can really misrepresent the event "as a whole". Thanks for you continued cooperation!

Special Covid-19 Rules:

ALL WHO ATTEND (WRESTLERS, COACHES, AND PARENTS) MUST WEAR MASKS AT ALL TIMES. Please understand that we dislike these rules as much as you do- it's just that strict enforcement of the rules is the only way we can have a sport at this time. Please keep in mind that this event is NOT the appropriate venue for a political statement against mandated mask wearing- one non-compliant event could literally derail the entire season.

No parent will be allowed to leave the stands and enter the gym floor area without having purchased a coach's band for \$10.00 (which is in addition to regular spectator admission). The purpose of these rules is to prevent crowding and congregating on the mats. If your wrestler has not been called to the mat, you will have to return to the stands. There is to be no congregating or socializing between parents or wrestlers when not competing. Again- please understand this is the State of Ohio's Law due to the pandemic so we have to go along with it.

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