

The Valley Youth Wrestling Open

Sunday, February 28th, 2021

PennQuest Wrestling is happy to present the Valley Youth Open! Please note that we will be going with "honor system" weigh-ins due to facility limitations. No wrestlers will be allowed in the building more than 30 minutes before their scheduled start time (see below) due to the need to comply with social distancing state laws. **Please note that all start times are tentative and will be updated around Noon on February 27 based on final registration numbers!**

Event Registration: **THERE IS NO WALK UP OR SAME DAY REGISTRATION**, BRACKETS WILL BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT. All wrestlers must pre-register at www.pennquest.org by February 26th at 10:00 p.m.

Location: Roy A. Hunt Elementary School, 1701 Alcoa Drive, New Kensington, PA.

Tentative Wrestling Start Times: (Once again, there will be no official weigh-ins, we will go with the "honor system" due to facility limitations). Show up 20-30 minutes before your scheduled start time. You will not be allowed into the facility until 30 minutes before your session starts. **Check back at Noon on Saturday, February 27th for final start times based on registration numbers.**

<u>Novice Wrestling Divisions (1st and 2nd year)</u>	<u>Wrestling Start Time</u>
Division 1 Novice (born 2014-2015)	9:00
Division 2 Novice (born 2012-2013)	10:30
Division 3 Novice (born 2010-2011)	9:00
Division 4 Novice (born 2008-2009)	10:30

<u>Open Divisions (Experienced Wrestlers)</u>	<u>Wrestling Start Time</u>
Division 2 Open (born 2012-2013)	12:00
Division 3 Open (born 2010-2011)	2:00
Division 4 Open (born 2008-2009)	3:30
Middle School (7 th and 8 th grade)	12:00

Once again, due to the inability to "stage" a session for weigh-ins in this facility and comply with State of Pennsylvania Covid capacity laws, **there will be no weigh ins we will be using the honor system.** You will not be allowed to enter the main event entrance until 30 minutes before your start time so we can comply with state of Pennsylvania laws involving social distancing and event capacity. Please note that seating is limited due to the nature of this building- while the sessions will be so fast you will barely have a chance to sit down- you may want to consider bringing lawn chairs.

Registration: \$40 per wrestler. Register online at www.pennquest.org by 10:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26th.

Special Covid-19 Rules: In addition to the honor system for weigh ins, we will be using the honor system for giving out awards at the end of the tournament. After you wrestle your last match,

go straight to the head table, tell them what place your wrestler got, and you will receive your medal at that time. We ask that you go directly to the exit to the left of the awards table at that time and NOT leave through the main entrance, once again for Co-Vid 19 compliance. While this has always been a family sport- we are asking that you leave grandparents, those with medical conditions and compromised immune systems, and any other potentially vulnerable persons home for their safety.

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.

Wrestlers will be on the same mat for the entire duration of the tournament. If you check your bracket it has your wrestler's mat assignment listed. That mat assignment remains the same for the entire tournament unless you are told otherwise. No parent will be allowed to leave the stands and enter the gym floor area without having purchased a coach's band for \$5.00 (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 Pennsylvania's law due to the pandemic so we have to go along with it.

Please be aware that due to the 90 minute time constraints we have for each session, there will be no guarantee of rest time between matches. This should affect both wrestlers equally in almost all cases. Typically, there will be two weight classes on each mat and your wrestler will be up every 15-20 minutes, but rest time can and will be less at the end of the session as there are fewer matches left to contest- and with such a short time frame we cannot and will not be able to grant extra rest time under any circumstances. Wrestlers may not enter two weight classes in the same division (though they may enter two divisions since they have separate start times).

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 your continued cooperation!

Weight Classes: Will be determined after registration is complete. No wrestler will be paired with a wrestler more than 12% heavier without parental/coach permission (most weight classes will have a much smaller weight range). Please note that your wrestler must weigh in within one pound of the weight you register them at.

Individual Awards: Top three finishers in all weight classes will receive medals for this event.

Rules: All matches will be three periods with choice of position for the second and third period. Overtime will be a 1:00 period, followed by a single :30 ride out period if needed.

Spectator Admission: \$10 per person. There is no official spectator limit per wrestler, but again we do ask that you leave anyone in a vulnerable population at home (such as the elderly or

Immuno-compromised).

Concessions: Pre-packaged snacks, pizza and drinks will be available all day.

Contact Information: (Email is preferred): wrestlingquest@gmail.com

Please contact us immediately if there are any issues with your wrestler's bracket!