



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA Wrestling Tournaments

Tournament entry & detailed reminders

February 3, 2024

Dear MIAA Wrestling Schools,

As the wrestling postseason begins on Saturday, February 10th, I wanted to send a detailed email with tournament specific information. As a reminder **all results and weigh-in details are required to be entered on FloArena** for all of your wrestling events (duals, tri's, quads, tournaments, etc). Please do not rely on your opponent to enter this information for you. The MIAA postseason tournaments will seed based on the complete and accurate information you input on FloArena throughout the year.

Below you will find useful information, links, and video tutorials. I have also included important details surrounding the inaugural **MIAA Girls Divisional State Tournaments** and how to register your athletes.

- 1. Cut-off Date** – The wrestling cut-off date is **Wednesday, February 7th**. All meet results and weigh-ins must be entered 24 hours prior to your seeding meetings, which are all scheduled for Thursday, February 8th. It is critical that all results and weigh-ins are accurately entered on FloArena prior to the seeding meetings. If you compete on Feb. 7th, results and weigh-ins must be entered that night.
- 2. [MIAA Wrestling Tournament Format](#)** (*click link to view*) – Please review the format prior to the start of the tournament. It has important language regarding the entire tournament, including the new Girls Divisional State Tournament.
- 3. [Tournament Central](#)**– This will be the home for all site information sheets, sectional **seeding meeting details**, brackets and more. Please find and click on the "*wrestling tournament information, brackets and results*" to access wrestling specific information.
- 4. Tournament Entries must be submitted through FloArena.**
 - **Traditional Mixed Gender Tournament** - A registration link was sent to each school on Thursday (2/1/24), from FloArena, to allow you to register your athletes for your sectional tournament. It was emailed to those who you have listed as contacts under your school's FloArena account. The deadline to register is **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 9:00am**. If you did not receive an email link and unique password, please reach out to me immediately.
 - **Girls Divisional State Tournament** – A separate registration link was sent out to each school on Friday (2/2/24), from FloArena, to allow you to register your athletes for your respective Girls Divisional State Tournament. The deadline to register is **Friday, February 9, 2024 at 11:59 PM**. If you did not receive an email link and unique password, please reach out to me immediately.

*Female wrestlers can participate on BOTH the traditional mixed gender sectional tournament and the Girls Divisional State Tournament. **You must register them for BOTH tournaments prior to the deadlines. Even if you have a female wrestler that may qualify for the Mixed Gender Divisional State***

Tournament, please register them for the Girls States, as you can always withdraw them if they chose to compete in the Mixed Gender States. In those cases, they automatically qualify for Girls All-States.

- **IMPORTANT GIRLS' TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER:** MIAA Rule 84.4.6 states in part, "To qualify at a certain weight for the MIAA Individual Sectional & State Tournaments, **including Girls Divisional States & All-States, a wrestler must weigh-in at their certified weight class at scratch weight at least once during the season, shoulder to shoulder in front of an opposing coach. For the Girls Divisional State & All-States qualifier only, wrestlers are not required to compete when weighing in for scratch weight.**"

Therefore, if you have a female wrestler that did not make scratch weight under one of the twelve NFHS girls weight classes, once during the regular season, they are ineligible to participate in the Girls Divisional State Tournament.

5. **Digital Tickets:** <https://gofan.co/app/school/MIAA> - Click on the link to access the digital ticketing for each of your sectional tournaments. There is a \$11.50 General Admission fee. All tickets must be purchased through GoFan. Schools will have QR codes on site for fans to purchase tickets.
6. **Behavior expectations:** Wrestling, along with many other sports, is facing a shortage of officials. With that said, it is our collective responsibility to correct the negative behavior towards officials at wrestling events. I encourage all Athletic Directors to meet with their wrestling coaches before each tournament to cover the expectations. There will be **no tolerance** when it comes to poor behavior from coaches, athletes and spectators.
 - **Only two (2) coaches per team are allowed in the corner during a match**, per NFHS rule. This will be strictly enforced throughout the tournament.
7. **MIAA Wrestling Merchandise** (*click link*)- MIAA wrestling apparel will be sold online by Northwest Design Ink for the sectional tournament. Free shipping on all orders.
8. **FloArena Training Videos and FAQs** - This includes how to enter results and weigh-in information.
 - **Weigh-ins** – It is important that you **only enter one weigh-in per day of competition**. Please watch out for duplicate weigh-ins. *E.g. on 1/6/24 if you have a quad meet, you only enter the weigh-in once for that day per wrestler (not three times). This is outlined in the **exact weight report video** below. For weigh-ins that have occurred after 1/1/24 ensure that the weight tolerance was added to the event and that the correct weight classes are identified by the system.*
9. **To check your progress** on FloArena, there are four separate reports you can view. Click on the links below to view a short tutorial video on each of the reports.

The [Reports](#) section (click link to view tutorial).

1. [Exact Weight report](#)
2. [Seeding Criteria 2 report](#)
3. [Progress report](#)
4. [Record reports](#)

**Athletic Directors/Coaches should download their Exact Weight report and Seeding Criteria 2 report and check them for accuracy.*

If you find duplicate results, the results link in the report should help you to delete the duplicate events even if they are not visible on your calendar. Note that you can, if necessary override the point value of a match, but a reason needs to be stated. These overrides must be done in the match and not just on the spreadsheet, doing it on the spreadsheet is your copy only and cannot be validated.

10. Sectional Seeding Meetings – Will be run by the Sectional Reps

Coaches must bring the following:

- **MIAA Seeding Criteria 2 report** – “Summary page” tab. Please remove anyone who is not entering the tournament and print the summary page that only includes those who will be entering the tournament.
- Paper copies of weigh-in sheets (in case of a discrepancy in the FloArena reports). This does NOT replace the requirement of this information being entered on FloArena.

*Dates, times and locations of these sectional seeding meetings are linked off of the [MIAA Tournament Central](#) page.

11. Remaining Tournament Rounds

- a) **Divisional States** –Divisional State Tournaments will be held on February 16th and 17th. D1 @ Newton South, D2 @ Algonquin, D3 @ Wakefield. The final schedule and details will be sent in the coming weeks. Please be reminded February 16th is a school day! Teams and spectators should not show up prior to the scheduled time.
 - **Girls Divisional States**- Will take place on Saturday, February 17th, alongside the mixed gender Divisional State Tournament.
- b) **All-States/Girls All- States** – To be held on February 23rd and 24th at Salem High School. Schedule and details will follow.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your respective tournament director.

- Division 1 – Ryan Madden, 617-291-9236, ryan_madden@needham.k12.ma.us
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Best of luck as your athletes and coaches prepare to enter the MIAA Wrestling Postseason!

Kindest Regards,

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