

2024-25 MIAA Wrestling Season Reminders & Resources

Dear Athletic Directors and Coaches,

I hope this message finds you, your student-athletes, and your coaching staff excited for the upcoming winter season! Below are several important items and updates for the 2024-25 wrestling season:

1. MIAA Wrestling Information

- Visit the **MIAA Wrestling page** for key information, including important dates, tournament sites, and more.
- The MIAA Wrestling Committee and Officials Association have issued guidance on the treatment of officials and proper gym setup. <u>Click here</u> to view the memo.
- 2. Wrestling Coaches Contact Information: To maintain an up-to-date database of wrestling coaches (head and assistant(s)), Athletics Directors are requested to complete the following survey. Please note that a maximum of three (3) coaches per team will be granted access to postseason tournaments.
 - Click here to complete the coach's information survey

3. FloArena FAQs and Training

 Access the <u>MIAA FloArena FAQs and Training Videos</u> for assistance with entering rosters, schedules, and results.

4. Regular Season Cut-Off Date

 The cut-off date for the wrestling regular season is Wednesday, February 12, 2025. All meets must be completed and results entered into FloArena by this date.

• FloArena Requirements:

- All MIAA wrestling rosters, weight assessments, schedules, and results must be entered into FloArena.
- Results must be submitted within **96 hours** of a meet.
- Complete schedules must be entered into FloArena by **December 20, 2024**.

5. Minimum Weight Control Assessments

- Assessments must be completed and entered in FloArena by December 12, 2024, or prior to your first varsity contest. Rosters must be entered before adding weight assessments.
- <u>Click here to access the Minimum Weight Control Certificate Form</u>
 - <u>Click here guidance on completing the MIAA Minimum</u> <u>Weight Control Certificate</u>

Important Notes:

- Female Wrestlers:
 - Athletes competing in the Girls' Divisional and All-State Championships must have weight certifications for both traditional and girls' state weight classes.
 - Enter all wrestlers under the "Mixed Gender 2024-25" season and female wrestlers' weight assessments in both "Mixed Gender 2024-25" and "Girls 2024-25" seasons.
- **Assessor Permissions:** If the Athletic Director wishes to assign assessor permissions to someone else, please email me directly with the individual's name, FloArena account email, and role.
 - Before entering weight assessments, switch your role from "COACH" to "ASSESSOR" and select the correct season (Mixed Gender 2024-25 or Girls 2024-25). Enter all wrestlers under "Mixed Gender 2024-25," and record female wrestlers' weights in both "Mixed Gender 2024-25" and "Girls 2024-25.

6. Medical Release and Skin Infection Resources

- Must use the official MIAA Medical Release form for all related matters.
- Additional resources:
 - <u>Strategies to prevent wrestling skin infection outbreaks</u>
 - Sample parent letter for skin infection outbreaks

7. MIAA Wrestling Tournament Format

<u>View the MIAA Wrestling Tournament Format here</u> for details on individual tournament requirements, deadlines, and seeding information.

Key Updates:

- Alternates for Mixed Gender All-States: Alternates will be notified by 8:00 PM on the Wednesday before All-States, with no changes permitted after this deadline.
- Weigh-In Procedures: At two-day tournaments, wrestlers still competing will weigh in on the second day with a +1 pound allowance, per NFHS Rule 4-5-5.

8. MIAA Girls Wrestling Tournament Updates

- To qualify for girls' postseason tournaments, athletes must weigh in at their certified girls' weight class at **scratch weight at least once during the season**.
 - Carefully read MIAA Rule 84.4.6, which 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. The opposing coach must sign the weigh-in sheet verifying the scratch weight."
- The Girls' Wrestling Divisional State Tournament will take place alongside the Mixed Gender State Tournament this season.

 Refer to page 4, items #10-12 of the <u>MIAA Wrestling Tournament</u> <u>Format</u> for details on qualification for the Girls' Divisional and All-State Tournaments.

9. Additional Notes and Resources

- 2024-25 NFHS Wrestling Rule Changes
- <u>2023-25 Wrestling Alignments</u>
- New England Championships: Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Best of luck to you and your teams this wrestling season!

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