



MIAA Wrestling Tournaments Requirement reminders & details

February 6, 2023

Dear MIAA Wrestling Schools,

As the wrestling postseason begins this Saturday, 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 **MIAA Girls All-State Tournament** and how to register your athletes.

- 1. Cut-off Date** – The wrestling cut-off date is **Wednesday, February 8th**. All meet results and weigh-ins must be entered 24 hours prior to your seeding meeting. It is critical that all results and weigh-ins are accurately entered on FloArena prior to the seeding meetings. If you compete on Feb. 8th, results and weigh-ins must be entered that night.
- 2. Tournament Central**– This will be the home for all site information, sectional seeding meeting details, brackets and more. Please find and click on the "*wrestling tournament information, brackets and results*" to access wrestling specific information.
- 3. Tournament Entries must be submitted through FloArena.**
 - **Traditional Mixed Gender Tournament** - A registration link was sent to each school over the weekend, from FloArena, to allow you to register your athletes for your sectional tournament. The deadline to register is **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 9:00am**. If you did not receive an email link, please reach out to me immediately.
 - **Girls All-State Tournament** – A registration link was sent out to each school over the weekend, from FloArena, to allow you to register your athletes for the Girls All-State Tournament. The deadline to register is **Friday, February 10, 2023 at 9:00am**. If you did not receive an email link, please reach out to me immediately.

*Female wrestlers can participate on BOTH the traditional mixed gender tournament and the Girls All-State Tournament. **You must register them for BOTH tournaments prior to the deadlines.***
- 4. 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.

- 5. Officials and behavior expectations:** Wrestling, along with many other sports, is facing an official's shortage. As a result, **sectional final matches will only use an Assistant Referee *when possible***. All sites are required to run the 1st-3rd-5th place matches at the same time. Changing this format is **not an option**. If there are only three officials on site, the sectional finals match will run with one official.

With that said, it is our collective responsibility to correct the negative behavior towards officials at wrestling event. 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.

- 6. [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.
- 7. [MIAA Wrestling Tournament Format](#) (*click link to view*)** – Please review the format prior to the start of the tournament.
- 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 1/7/23 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 1/1/23 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 (attached).**

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. Girls All-State Tournament – *Friday, February 24th & Saturday, February 25th at Reading Memorial High School

The MIAA is excited to host the fourth annual MIAA Girls All-State Wrestling Tournament in conjunction with the All-State Tournament. Please carefully read the following information specific to the Girls State Tournament:

- With the addition of Girls All-State weight classes, the number of participants in each weight class is currently unknown. This could create a scenario where this becomes a two-day tournament, like Mixed Gender All-States, for some weight classes. **If one weight class is greater than 16 participants, than any weight class greater than 12 will wrestling on Friday, February 24th.** This determination will be made once Girls All-State Tournament entries are submitted (due February 10th). Once finalized, the schedule will be communicated to all schools.
- The Girls All-State Tournament weight classes are **100, 106, 111, 118, 127, 136, 147, 160, 175, 215**. As detailed in the format, these weight classes **may be adjusted** based on participation numbers and weight information submitted during the Girl’s All-State Tournament entry. Any adjustments will be made by the Wednesday after the traditional sectional tournament and all schools will be informed.

2023 MIAA Girls All-State qualifying criteria: (updated 2/9/23)

- An athlete must have weighed in at least once during the season, shoulder to shoulder in front of an opposing coach, even if they did not compete in the meet. The official weigh-in sheet must be available.
 - All athletes will be given a two (2) pound growth allowance on Day 1 of the tournament, regardless of whether they achieved scratch weight or not.
 - On day 1 of the Girls All-State Tournament, an athlete must weigh-in at scratch weight plus the 2lb allowance in order to qualify for that weight class. E.g. 100 is 102, 106 is 108....147 is 149, etc. *The athlete does NOT need to have achieved scratch weight at the weight class during the regular season.*
- MIAA Rule 84.4.6 – The 60% rule will not apply** to the Girls State Tournament. However, athletes must have weighed in at scratch weight, at least once during the regular season, to be eligible to compete at a specific girls weight class.
 - A team champion and runner-up** will be recognized at the 2023 Girls All-State Tournament. The language details **"one scorer per weight, per team"**.

- e) **Seeding** for the Girls All-State Tournament will follow the criteria outlined in the MIAA Wrestling Format, with the exception of "criteria 2" as there are no criteria 2 points in place for the girls tournament. E.g. During girls' tournaments, the participants will be seeded by their record vs girls and common male opponents.

11. Remaining Tournament Rounds

- a) **Divisional States** –Divisional State Tournaments will be held on February 17th and 18th. D1 @ Methuen, D2 @ Milton, D3 @ Wakefield. The final schedule and details will be sent in the coming weeks. Please be reminded February 17th is a school day! Teams and spectators should not show up prior to the scheduled time.
- b) **All-States/Girls All- States** – To be held on February 24th and 25th at Reading Memorial High School. Schedule and details will follow.

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

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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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