

OHSAA Sectional Wrestling Tournament

February 27, 2021

Barnesville High School

Location:

Barnesville High School

910 Shamrock Drive

Barnesville, OH 43713

To: Participating Schools

From: Clint Abbott, Tournament Manager

Barnesville High School will be hosting the Sectional Wrestling Tournament in which your school is entered. We are sincere in our efforts to conduct a well-organized and safe tournament as possible for participating schools. The following information is provided to ensure that this goal is met.

Tournament Entry:

In accordance with OHSAA Individual Tournament standardized policies, we will use the common seed criteria and common deadlines. Each weight class will be seeded by the tournament manager based on the submitted rosters and seed criteria. A seed meeting will be held during weigh-ins. During this seed meeting, a coach may challenge a seed based on criteria and the coaches will then vote on the challenge.

The official entry for the Sectional Wrestling Tournament will be done online at www.baumspage.com. The entry window opened January 31, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. You will need to create a roster and enter your wrestlers. You will be able to go back in and modify or add an athlete if you need to.

The entry window on www.baumspage.com will close Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. There will be no additions or weight class movement to your roster after baumspage closes.

The following item must be received prior to the seeding meeting:

1. Weight Certification Alpha Master Report

Please Note: The Tournament will be **ONE** day, Saturday, February 27, 2021. There will be a total of eleven (11) teams entered in this tournament. The entered teams consist of Barnesville, Beallsville, Buckeye Local, Coshocton, Edison, Fort Frye, Martins Ferry, River, Shadyside, Shenandoah, and West Muskingum. The top four (4) placements in each weight class will advance to the District Tournament, which will be held at Coshocton High School on Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, 2021. In addition, 5th/6th place matches will be wrestled with the 5th place finisher serving as an alternate at the District Tournament. The Wrestling Tournament regulations may be found online at www.ohsaa.org.

***In the event that any wrestler must contest a sixth (6th) match in the Sectional Tournament, two options are available:**

- 1. Wrestle the 6th match on Monday, March 2nd at Barnesville High School. (Weigh-ins at 5:00)**
- 2. Do not wrestle the match and accept the placement on the district bracket based on NFHS rules.**

Admission (online only)

Admissions Per Session	Adults	\$10.00
	Students	\$10.00

Additional Information:

- Mask and social distancing are mandatory.
- Event will be split into 2 sections (106-145 (A)) and (152-285 (B))
- 2 tickets available per wrestler during their session
- The gym will be cleared and sanitized after each session
- Please inform parents and fans that the ticket price is set by OHSAA and every individual is required to purchase a ticket
- There are no reduced rates for students or senior citizens
- No school or league passes will be accepted
- Concessions will be provided by the Barnesville Wrestling Parents. No large coolers, roasters or crockpots will be permitted. Individual coolers are permissible.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday, February 27, 2020

7:00 A.M. Doors Open Check-In

8:00 A.M. Weigh-In for Session A

8:15 A.M. Coaches Meeting

9:00 A.M. Session A wrestling begins

12:00 P.M. Weigh-In for Session B

1:00 P.M. Session B wrestling begins

Session I: 9:00 A.M. (Session A)

First Round Championship

Championship Quarter Finals

First Round Consolation

Second Round Consolation

Championship Semi-Finals

Third Round Consolation

Consolation Semi-Finals

Championship and Consolation Finals

Session II: 1:00 P.M. (Session B)

First Round Championship

Championship Quarter Finals

First Round Consolation

Second Round Consolation

Championship Semi-Finals

Third Round Consolation

Consolation Semi-Finals

Championship and Consolation Finals

This has been a challenging season and our postseason is almost upon us. As always our goal is to start the road to the State Tournament off with a solid foundation. That foundation starts first with the Sectional Tournament, particularly Sectional Seeding.

The OHSAA recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many schools to change their schedules resulting in a dramatic loss of wrestling opportunities. With wrestlers not competing in as many matches as in past years, there are two exceptions in place for 2021.

- **The minimum number of matches needed to be nominated for seed was reduced from 12 to 8, but the wrestler needs to have a .500 or better record.**
- **For “quality” wrestlers that may not meet the 8 match threshold, coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a winning record but fewer than 8 matches to the seed nomination list by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding.**
 - Examples of supporting justification include current record, last season’s record, and accomplishments, placement in offseason open tournaments, etc.
 - The nomination will be evaluated and considered for placement on the seed nomination list for each weight class by a vote of the coaches before challenges are entertained and adjudicated.

There is much concern not only with the limited number of matches wrestled by an individual but also with the number of matches in the Won/Loss record which are forfeits. The OHSAA fully understands the issue of forfeits (ratio of forfeits vs actual wrestled matches) for the most part is simply the product of a limited season, but should not be ignored. The OHSAA polled tournament managers and coaches from across all six athletic districts and the consensus was that the number of forfeits versus actual physical wins should be disclosed.

To clarify, the wrestler will be listed on the **Seed Nominated List** (assuming they meet criterion 11.1 #3 of the Tournament Regulations) based on their overall season record (wins, losses, or forfeits all included) as in years past and as stated in the [2021 OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulations](#). The transparency of the true physical **Won/Loss** record is only needed to help clarify possible seeding questions/challenges.

An example would be as follows; (assuming neither wrestler has any other criteria besides Won/Loss record)

- Wrestler A has a 10 win and 2 loss record but 8 of those 10 wins were by forfeit
- Wrestler B has physically wrestled 12 matches but has a record of 8-4.
- By the criterion, the 10-2 record is listed above the 8-4 record, and that is how it will be initially put on the nomination list.

- In this case, the coach of Wrestler B will most likely challenge the seed placement of Wrestler A during the Seed Meeting.
- If neither the A nor B coach concedes, the challenge would go to a vote among all head coaches participating in the sectional. There is nothing to say that the seed will not hold, but will at least be discussed if challenged.

To accommodate the entry process the [Baumspage Online Entry Template](#) will include both a **Current Won/Lost** record and a **Won/Lost (No Forfeits)** record to show the actual number of matches wrestled. The **Current Record** should include the wrestler's overall record (including forfeits). It will be printed in the program and updated as wrestlers advance from Sectional to District and District to State.

Sectional Warning:		All Sectional Entries require the record data to be completed. Please enter the wrestler's record (even if it's 0-0) for all Record Criteria!! All Wrestler Entries with this background color are invalid. Please enter their Record information.			
Any Record Wins/Losses data with this background color should be verified as it may change throughout the season.					
Wt	Wrestler	Tournaments		Records	
		State Place @ Weight	Dist Place @ Weight	Current Won/Lost	Won/Lost (No forfeits)
106	Select a Wrestler... ▾	@	@	/	/
113	Jacobs, Madie 10 ▾	@	@	1 / 4	0 / 4
120	Adkins, Greg 12 ▾	@	5 @ 113	22 / 7	20 / 7
126	Parsons, Pat 11 ▾	@	@	13 / 6	11 / 6
132	Larson, Gary 11 ▾	@	2 @ 132	24 / 8	21 / 8
138	Select a Wrestler... ▾	@	@	/	/
145	Select a Wrestler... ▾	@	@	/	/
152	Miller, Matt 12 ▾	@	@	12 / 13	6 / 13
160	Gardner, Gary 11 ▾	@	@	7 / 8	5 / 8

An OHSAA goal is to have common policies and procedures at all sectional tournaments that will be consistent across the state. In a season of special circumstances, we must adapt as we have done the entire year. For sectionals that have seeded strictly by criteria only for many years, the talk of a Seeding Meeting and challenges may seem strange, but it is going to be necessary this year. As always our first commitment is to the student-athlete and his/her best interest. The integrity of the Seeding Process is paramount and must be maintained as it has been in past years (years without a pandemic).

Click the [OHSAA Seed Meeting Guidelines](#) link to view the process used for challenges at the Seed Meeting. Challenges will be permitted for head-to-head competition and higher placement in a common weight class at the same tournament. Before seeding the weight class, all requests for nominations of wrestlers with less than 8 matches will be evaluated and approved or rejected by a vote of the coaches.

Additional links for review:

1. [Online Entry Instructions](#)
 - a. Rosters must be submitted before **7:00 PM, on Thursday, February 25th.**
 - b. Nominations for quality wrestlers with less than 8 matches must be e-mailed to the tournament manager a minimum of 24 hours before the seed meeting.
 - c. **After 7:00 PM Thursday, all wrestlers are locked into the weight class as submitted!**
2. [2021 OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulations](#)
 - a. Carefully review **Section 10 Roster Submissions** and **Section 11 Sectional Seeding**
 - b. On both **Section 11.1 #3 and #4**, the minimum number of matches will be reduced from 12 to 8.

Seed meeting Guidelines: (Held during Weigh-ins)

A. All entries and seeding criteria must be submitted via baumspage.com before 7:00 PM on the Thursday before the Sectional tournaments. (February 25, 2021)

B. After 7:00 PM Thursday, all wrestlers are locked into the weight class as submitted. The only exceptions will be for those scenarios outlined in Section 10.3 of the OHSAA Individual Tournament Regulations.

C. Up to 8 wrestlers in each class will be seeded if credentials warrant.

D. The Seed Nomination List will only include wrestlers that meet the OHSAA Seeding Criteria.

1. Coaches will have an opportunity to review the information submitted and report any errors to the tournament manager.
2. A wrestler may only be added to, or deleted from, the list if there was an error in reporting his credentials.
3. Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a winning record but fewer than 12 matches to the seed nomination list by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.

E. Seeding will be based on the following criteria: ***There are no state placers from 2020.**

1. Returning state placer (1-3) at any weight class.
2. Returning state placer (4-8) at any weight class.
3. Returning district placer (1-6) at any weight class.
4. Tie-breakers:

a.If two or more wrestlers have identical place finishes, the tie shall be broken by the following criteria order: previous year state placement at any weight class, previous year district placement at any weight class, and then the current season winning percentage:

- b. The higher placer at each level earns the higher seed.
 - i. Previous year's tournament place finish MUST have been at an OHSAA tournament. A returning placer can be from Division I, II, or III
 - c. If two or more wrestlers have identical place finishes, the tie shall be broken by the following criteria order: previous year state placement at any weight class, previous year district placement at any weight class, and then the current season winning percentage:
 - i. Won/Loss record (by percentage) from the current season (minimum of 12 matches).
 - ii. In the event of a tie in percentage, the wrestler with the most wins will receive the higher seed.
 - iii. If this does not break the tie, a coin-flip will determine the seed.
5. Challenges will be permitted on the following grounds: (1) head-to-head competition and (2) higher placement in the same weight class at a common tournament.
- a. Each challenge to a seed nomination will be addressed separately.
 - b. The head-to-head competition takes precedence over higher placement at the same weight class at common tournaments and will be addressed first if there are two or more challenges to one seed nomination.
 - c. Disposition of each challenge to a seed nomination will be made by a vote of all coaches or concession by the coach of the nominated seed under challenge.
 - d. If a challenge is successful, the challenged seed will drop to the next lowest seed. All seeds below the challenged seed will correspondingly drop to the seed immediately below them.

F. The brackets may be drawn during the meeting assuming all wrestlers entered in the weight class will make weight and clear skin check.

- a. The bracket will not be official until the weigh-in is finished.
- b. If the bracket has been printed, published through electronic means, or otherwise made available for review and a seeded wrestler drops out or fails to make weight:
 - 1. Seeded wrestlers will be rotated up to their appropriate line, and the replacement for the seeded wrestler, who dropped out of the tournament, will be placed on the line of the alternate (if designated).
 - 2. Non-seeded wrestler's lines on the bracket will become byes if a bye is legal.
 - 3. If a bye is not permitted, a coin flip (or series of flips) will determine which line will become a bye, and which wrestler must be moved to make the bracket legal.
- c. If the bracket has not been printed/published the entries will be adjusted and the bracket will be redrawn.

Drop-Off:

Enter at the Main Entrance of the High School

Buses must park in the rear parking lot, behind the main parking lot.

Contact Information:

If any questions or concerns arise, please contact me immediately

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