



DISTRICT III M&T BANK TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONS 2018-2019

ENTRIES: The 30th Annual District III M&T Bank Team Wrestling Championships will be conducted for senior high schools in 2A & 3A classes. Entries and seeding will be determined by the District III Power Ranking System.

All dual meet competitions against PIAA opponents wrestled up to and including **January 26, 2019**, will be used to calculate power rankings. **Exception:** Team competitions wrestled to determine League Championships and not included in the school's maximum number of regular season contests (22) will not be included to determine the school's final power ranking.

FINAL RANKINGS AND BRACKETS: Unofficial rankings will be released ASAP on Saturday, January 26, 2019 primarily so Class 2A schools can plan for Monday's first round matches. District III will review the rankings Saturday night. Once confirmed, official pairings and brackets will be released ASAP on **Sunday, January 27, 2019** in pdf form on the District III website. Power ranking formula and brackets are available online at piaad3.org.

QUALIFYING SCHOOLS must satisfy the following conditions to be eligible to participate: (a) must have filed formal notification with the PIAA, District III and its affiliated league, indicating sponsorship of wrestling, (b) be placed in affiliated league's formal scheduling procedure and complete the schedule entered in the NWCA for the current season, (c) must have completed a MINIMUM of eight (8) dual matches against PIAA opponents by entry deadline. An attempt must be made to reschedule all weather or administratively postponed events by the deadline.

REPORTING RESULTS FOR POWER RANKING: Every District III school, winners and losers, must report ALL dual match results to the District III Power ranking site. Information for reporting results will be distributed through the athletic director of each school.

PARTICIPATION NOT MANDATORY: Competing in the District III Team Championship Tournament is voluntary. A school that chooses not to participate may indicate its intention to withdraw from competition by having its athletic director or principal send notice in writing to the District III Wrestling Co-Chairman (Mike Craig mcraig@cvschools.org) no later than **Wednesday, January 23, 2019**.

WITHDRAWAL BY PARTICIPATION DEADLINE (SELECTION & SEEDING): A school that withdraws from competition by the deadline will forfeit their rank to the school(s) below them. The number of teams designated to qualify for the championships will be unchanged. Class 3A will be comprised of 16 qualifiers, Class 2A of 12.

WITHDRAWAL AFTER PARTICIPATION DEADLINE OF JANUARY 23, 2019: A school that withdraws from the championships after the deadline shall maintain their ranking and their bracketed opponent shall receive a forfeit win.

Ex: The number 6th ranked team withdraws from the tournament; the 11th ranked team shall receive a forfeit in the first round. There will be no substitutions or movement of teams after the deadline to withdraw. If the withdrawing team's final ranking does not qualify them for the championships the number of qualifying teams in each classification remains unchanged.





2018-2019 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETING:

CLASS 2A

Class 2A preliminaries will be single matches held on **Monday, January 28, 2019**, at the #5, #6, #7, & #8 seeded teams. The winning teams will advance to the quarterfinals; the losing teams are eliminated.

Class 2A quarterfinals will be held on **Wednesday, January 30, 2019**, at the #1 and #2 seeded teams on two mats. The semifinals and first round consolations will follow at those sites.

Class 2A consolation semifinals will be conducted on **Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019** at Milton Hershey School's Spartan Center, followed later that day by the third-place and championship matches at Spartan Center.

CLASS 3A

Class 3A preliminaries will be held on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019**, at the #1, #2, #3, & #4 seeded teams on two mats. Quarterfinals will follow on one mat.

Class 3A semifinals, 1st round wrestle backs and 2nd round wrestle backs will be held on **Thursday, January 31, 2019**, on FOUR MATS at Spring Grove Area High School.

Class 3A third-place and championship matches will be conducted at Milton Hershey's Spartan Center on **Saturday, February 2, 2019**.

See posted 2A and 3A Team Brackets for match times at www.piaad3.org

ALTERNATE SITE: Should the higher seeded team be unable to host a home match the designated host school may choose an alternate site with approval of the District III Wrestling Chairman.

HOST SCHOOL should use its own game personnel as is customary for all home matches. Please use your own tickets for matches Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 28 through Jan. 30. District III will provide tickets to sell at the gate on Thursday, Jan. 31 at Spring Grove Area HS and Saturday, Feb. 2, at Milton Hershey's Spartan Center. Packets of information will be emailed to the host schools by the chairmen.

The following personnel and equipment should be provided: security, announcer, ticket seller(s), ticket taker(s), official timer(s), trainer/medical personnel officials' locker room, team locker rooms, certified weigh-in scale, and warm-up area.

OFFICIAL SCORING: Each participating school must provide a scorekeeper. The higher seeded team shall be the home team and its book shall be considered the official book.

WEIGH-INS: The assigned PIAA match officials will conduct weigh-ins for all tournament matches one hour prior to the scheduled start time. A weigh-in form (NWCA) must be completed and given to the official before weigh-in begins.

CHEERLEADERS: Varsity cheerleaders in uniform and their coach(s) will be admitted free of charge. Cheerleaders may cheer at all dual meets but MAY NOT infringe upon the viewing rights of paying spectators. The game manager will designate an area where cheerleaders may perform.





BANNERS & NOISE MAKERS: Banners, signs, sirens, whistles, band instruments and artificial noisemakers are prohibited. Fixed signs that display good sportsmanship are allowed with approval from meet management.

MEDALS: 25 medals will be presented to each of the championship and runner-up teams in each class (3A and 2A). A team championship trophy will also be presented. ***Rosters for medal presentations must be given to the site announcer prior to the finals with the 25 names.***

PROGRAMS & TEAM INFORMATION: We will request a team photo of all 28 qualifiers this year. Please have a team photo prepared no later than **Friday, Jan. 18, 2019** if your school is a potential qualifier. Rod Frisco will send program information to potential qualifiers on that date, including a roster form.

The District III Committee will assume the responsibility for program deliveries @ all sites. Schools that are likely to or possibly will qualify must forward their team information and team photo electronically to David A. Smith Printing to the following email accounts: chrisgustin@comcast.net and tripletdad1@comcast.net.

VIDEOTAPING will not be permitted from the floor except by the participating teams from an area near the team bench (game manager must approve). Videotaping that interferes with spectator viewing will not be permitted by teams or fans.

LIVESTREAMING: The District III Committee has enacted a moratorium on livestreaming for all District III M&T Bank Championship events at all levels. This includes all parties: member schools, school-associated vendors, commercial vendors and private individuals. The use of online livestreaming services such as Periscope and any other streaming program is prohibited.

ADMISSION POLICY: Thirty (30) wrestlers, coaches, managers and trainers, will be admitted without tickets. Each participating school may submit a list of (6) complimentary admissions (on form provided) for each round. Complimentary admissions are to be used by administrators and those persons they deem appropriate. Inter League Passes will not be honored. **Only District III Passes** and accredited media credentials will be accepted for complimentary admission.

TICKETS: District III will provide tickets to be sold for admission at Spring Grove and Milton Hershey only. Host schools use their own tickets for early round matches.

All Rounds: \$4.00 (students) \$6.00 (adults)

OFFICIALS: The District III Wrestling Chairman and his designee will assign all officials. Each match will be officiated by a head and an assistant referee. The two will alternate responsibilities with each succeeding bout. Officials will be paid \$88.

TIES: Rule 9, Section 2, Article 2 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book will be applied to determine the team winner if both teams have identical scores. In the event criteria are required to break a tie, only the match officials, scorekeepers and District III personnel will be involved in the criteria determination process. All others – including coaches – must keep a respectable distance from the score table.





PIAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: PIAA State Team Tournament Qualifiers by class: The top four teams in Class 3A will qualify for the 2018-2019 PIAA Class 3A Team Wrestling Championships. The top three Class 2A teams will qualify for the 2018-2019 PIAA Class 2A Team Wrestling Championships.

The dates of the PIAA Team Championships are **February 4, 7, 8, 9, 2019.**

Monday, Feb. 4: District III Class 2A runner-up will host the District IV Class 2A third-place team.
(Preliminary round) District III Class 2A third will visit the District XI Class 2A runner-up.
District III Class 3A third will visit the District I Class 3A third.
District III Class 3A fourth will visit the District XI Class 3A runner-up.

Thursday, Feb. 7: The District III Class 2A champion, Class 3A champion and Class 3A runner-up will proceed directly to Giant Center for first round matches.

See the PIAA website at www.piaa.org for details.

ALTERNATE ADVANCEMENT PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: If a qualifying team withdraws or is forced to withdraw from competition their replacement shall be determined as follows: In Class 3A, the second round wrestle back loser with highest power ranking entering the District III Championships will be designated the Class 3A fifth-place team. In Class 2A, the fourth-place team will serve as the alternate qualifier. The alternate will replace the lowest place finisher and all other place finishers shall advance to the next highest place finish.

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A PRELIMINARIES (Monday, January 28, 2019):

5:00 PM Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
5:15 PM Referees visit teams
5:35-5:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
5:43-5:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
5:51-6:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
6:00 PM **Start of preliminary match on one mat**

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A PRELIMINARIES AND QUARTERFINALS

(Tuesday, January 29, 2019):

5:00 PM Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
5:15 PM Referees visit teams
5:35-5:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
5:43-5:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
5:51-6:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
6:00 PM **Start of preliminary round matches on two mats**
7:00 PM **Quarterfinals (one mat) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round.**

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS, SEMIFINALS & 1ST ROUND WRESTLEBACKS

(Wednesday, January 30, 2019):

5:00 PM Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
5:15 PM Referees visit teams
5:35-5:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
5:43-5:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
5:51-6:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
6:00 PM **Start of quarterfinal matches on two mats**
7:00 PM **Semifinals and first round wrestlebacks (two mats) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round.**

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS AND WRESTLEBACKS

(Thursday, January 31, 2019, at Spring Grove Area HS):





4:00 PM Random draw and weigh in (4 scales shoulder to shoulder)
4:15 PM Referees visit teams
4:35-4:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on mat
4:43-4:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on mat
4:51-5:00 PM Coin toss followed by National Anthem
5:00 PM **Semifinal matches & first round wrestle back (four mats)**
6:30 PM **Second round wrestle back (2 mats) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A WRESTLEBACK MATCHES AT SPARTAN CENTER
(Saturday, February 2, 2019):**

9:30 AM Random draw and weigh in consolation semifinalists (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
9:45 AM Referees visit teams
10:05-10:13 AM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
10:13-10:21 AM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
10:21-10:30 AM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem
10:30 AM **Start of Class 2A consolation semifinal round matches on two mats**

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A THIRD-PLACE AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT SPARTAN CENTER (Saturday, February 2, 2019):

Noon Random draw and weigh in finalists (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
12:15 PM Referees visit teams
12:35-12:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
12:43-12:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
12:51-1:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
1:00 PM **Start of Class 3A Third Place and Championship matches on two mats**

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A THIRD-PLACE AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT SPARTAN CENTER (Saturday, February 2, 2019):

2:30 PM Weigh in finalists (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
2:45 PM Referees visit teams
3:05-3:13 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
3:13-3:21 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
3:21-3:30 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
3:30 PM **Start of Class 2A Third Place and Championship matches on two mats**

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