



District III M&T Bank Team Wrestling Championships 2017-2018

ENTRIES: The 29th 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 27, 2018**, 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.

Pairings and brackets will be released on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**, by 6:00 PM on the District III Websites. Power ranking formula and brackets are available online at piaad3.org and piaadistrict3.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 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 **Friday, January 19, 2018**.

WITHDRAWAL BY 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 8)

WITHDRAWAL AFTER DEADLINE of JANUARY 19, 2018, (SELECTION & SEEDING): A team 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; in 3A the 11th ranked team and in 2A the 3rd ranked team shall receive forfeits 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.





CLASS 3A WRESTLEBACKS: The losers of the 3A quarterfinal matches will qualify for 1st round wrestle backs on Thursday, February 1, 2018. Winners of the 1st round wrestle back will qualify for 2nd round wrestle back on Thursday, February 1, 2018, against the semifinal losers.

PRELIMINARY / QUARTERFINAL / SEMIFINAL WRESTLEBACK MATCHES: 3A Preliminaries will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 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, February 1, 2018, on FOUR MATS at Spring Grove Area High School.

Class 2A quarterfinals will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at the #1 and #2 seeded teams on two mats. The semifinals will follow on one mat.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND THIRD-PLACE MATCHES: Class 2A & Class 3A Championship Finals & Third-Place matches will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the Spartan Center on the Milton Hershey School Campus. See posted 2A and 3A Team Brackets for times.

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. District III will provide tickets to sell at the gate. Tickets and a packet of information will be mailed to host schools in care of the athletic director.

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 their book shall be considered to be 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 noise-makers 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: Programs will not be available until the Class 3A semifinal and the final round for both classes. The District III Committee will assume the responsibility for program sales @ all sites. Schools that qualify must forward their team information and team photo electronically to David A. Smith Printing to email account chrisgustin@comcast.net. In January David A. Smith Printing will email registration instructions to all District III schools through the District III High School and Athletic Directors Server.

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 by commercial and private interests (including fans) is prohibited unless prior arrangement is made with PIAA District III. A fee is required before any party may livestream. Livestreaming fees are located on the District III websites under Media Rights Fees. 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** will be accepted for complimentary admission.

TICKETS: District III will provide all tickets to be sold for admission.
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.

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.

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

The dates of the PIAA Team Championships are **February 5, 8, 9, 10, 2018**. See the PIAA website at 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: 3A (5th place) 2nd round wrestle back loser with highest power ranking entering the District III Championships; 2A (4th place). The alternate will replace the lowest place finisher and all other place finishers shall advance to the next highest place finish.

PRE-MATCH AGENDA (Tuesday, January 30, 2018, (3A) and January 31, 2018, (2A):

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
5:51-5:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
6:00 PM **Start of match on two mats**
7:00 PM **Quarterfinals (3A) and Semifinal (2A) (one mat) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round.**

PRE MATCH AGENDA (3A Matches on Thursday, February 1, 2018, 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
4:51-4:00 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**

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