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Arizona Interscholastic Association

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TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Schedule, Rules, Regulations, Instructions

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Girls Division I State Tournament:

**Mesquite High School
500 S. McQueen Rd.
Gilbert AZ 85233**

Seeding consideration:

1. Placers from last years State tournament will recieve first consideration for seeding
2. Head to Head, anyone who has a head to head win over another athlete (including a State placer) jumps them in seeding. In the case where you have a 3 way tie (A beat B, B beat C, C beat A) the seeding doesn't change.
3. A coach **MUST** submit a nomination to the section representative of any athlete for a seed, providing the athletes resume **NO LATER** than Friday Febuary 26 @ 11:59 pm. A majority vote (3/4) will allow that athlete to take that seed and adjust everyone else.

Coaches notes:

- Due to the limited availability of matches and local restrictions of school districts, there will be ZERO matches required to qualify for the State tournament.
- Up to the top 8 wrestlers will be seeded at the State tournament based on the seeding considerations
- Byes will be randomized in the bracket.
- Coaches have the responsibility to provide their athletes resume to the section rep. for seeding purposes **NO LATER than Friday Febuary 26th @ 11:59 PM**

Friday 3/5/21

Girls - Weigh-ins

1:00 pm

Girls Championship Round One (A)

2:00 pm

Girls Championship Round Two (B)

Girls Consolation Round (C)

Adjustments will be made to accommodate a 32 competitor bracket if needed

Girls Consolation Round (D)* Optional

Saturday 3/6/21

Girls - Weigh-ins

8:00 am

Girls Championship Semi Finals (E)

9:00 am

Girls Consolation Three (F)

Girls Consolation Round Four (G)

Parade of Champions

Girls Championship Finals and Medal Rounds

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Boys Division IV State Tournament:

**Poston Butte High School
32375 N Gantzel Rd.
San Tan Valley AZ 85233**

Seeding consideration:

- 1 Placers from last years State tournament will receive first consideration for seeding
- 2 Head to Head, anyone who has a head to head win over another athlete (including a State placer) jumps them in seeding. In the case where you have a 3 way tie (A beat B, B beat C, C beat A) the seeding doesn't change.
- 3 A coach **MUST** submit a nomination to the section representative of any athlete for a seed, providing the athletes resume **NO LATER than Thursday March 11 @ 11:59 PM**. A majority vote (3/4) will allow that athlete to take that seed and adjust everyone else.
- 4 If needed the committee can use win percentage to break a tie.

Coaches notes:

- Due to the limited availability of matches and local restrictions of school districts, there will be **ZERO matches** required to qualify for the State tournament.
- Up to the top 8 wrestlers will be seeded at the State tournament based on the seeding considerations
- Byes will be randomized in the bracket.
- Coaches have the responsibility to provide their athletes resume to the section rep. for seeding purposes **NO LATER than Thursday March 11th @ 11:59 PM**

Tuesday 3/16/21

Weigh-ins	9:00 am
Championship Round One (A)	10:00 am
Championship Round Two (B)	
Consolation Round (C)	Adjustments will be made to accommodate a 32 competitor bracket if needed
Consolation Round (D)* Optional	

Wednesday 3/17/21

Weigh-ins	9:00 am
Championship Semi Finals (E)	10:00 am
Consolation Three (F)	
Consolation Round Four (G)	

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Championship Finals Medal Rounds

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Division I Sectionals:

Section I	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 480-224-2113	Basha High School Saturday March 13 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Eric Magana magana.e@cusd80.com
Section II	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 480-706-7907	Desert Vista High School Saturday March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Tommy Eubanks teubanks@tuhsd.k12.az.us
Section III	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 602-449-6530	Pinnacle High School Saturday March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Patrick Hurley phurley@pvschools.net
Section IV	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 623-523-5105	Shadow Ridge High School Saturday, February 1, 2020 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Matt Kuffel matthew.kuffel@dysart.org

Division II Sectionals:

Section I	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 623-474-0200	Youngker High School Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Joe Kinney joe.kinney@buhd.org
Section II	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 623-486-6404	Ironwood High School Saturday, February 8, 2020 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Mike Burrola mburrola@pusd11.net
Section III	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 480-545-3100	Campo Verde High School Saturday, February, 2020 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Max Ragsdale max.ragsdale@gilbertschools.net
Section IV	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director:	TBD Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM TBD

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Division III Sectionals:

Section I	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 928-636-2298	Chino Valley High School Saturday March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Marty Campitelli mcampitelli@chinovalleyschools.com
Section II	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 928-474-2233	Payson High School Saturday March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Rich Ormand richard.ormand@pusd10.org
Section III	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 623-435-8010	Moon Valley Saturday March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Eddie Lopez eduardo.lopez@guhsdaz.org
Section IV	Site: Date: Weigh ins: Wrestling Start Time: Tournament Director: 520-866-3563	Florence High School Saturday March 13, 2021 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Shawn Cluff scluff@fusdaz.org

Every school must have an emergency action plan in place in order to host a post season tournament.

See link below for more information!

[Anyone Can Save A Life - Emergency Action Plan](#)

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Divison I, II & III Sectional & STATE Seeding Criteria:

• **Sectional Seeding Criteria (For 2020-21 ONLY)!**

1. Head to Head
2. ZERO matches required to be seeded.
3. Last years State placer/finalist.
4. A wrestler's overall season winning percentage. Results must be entered into the Trackwrestling web site for matches to be official!
5. Trackwrestling will take into account all common opponents to determine seeding positions.
6. Head to Head will supersede #1, #3 and #4 (must be in the top eight (8) seeding pool to challenge).
7. Optional coaches vote (requires a 2/3 vote)
8. The #3 and #4 placer selection of a possible sixth match will be determined by:
 1. Head to Head in tournament
 2. Head to Head in season
 3. Trackwrestling's common opponent Sectional seed
 4. Coin flip

• **State Tournament Seeding Criteria**

The following seeding criteria will be used for all Divisions of the State Wrestling Tournaments. Sectional Champions will be seeded in the sixteen (16) man State Tournament bracket using the following criteria:

1. The returning previous Arizona State Champion
2. Pre-seeding (Trackwrestling/common opponent) will be determined by each wrestlers overall season winning percentage (%).
3. Head to Head will supersede criteria 1 & 2 (must be in the top four - 4 seeding pool to challenge).

Sectional Champion seed

The #1's and #2's from same section will be on opposite sides of the bracket with #4 in the same side as #1's and #3's in the same side as #2's each in different quadrants of the bracket and all based off of the #1 sectional Champions seed (see bracket below).

First Seed Section Champ	Top #1 & #4	Bottom #3 & #2
Second Seed Section Champ	Top #1 & #4	Bottom #3 & #2
Third Seed Section Champ	Top #1 & #4	Bottom #3 & #2
Fourth Seed Section Champ	Top #1 & #4	Bottom #3 & #2

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Original Post: 12/07/16: dv

- #1 Seeds Section 1st Place
- #4 Seeds Section 4th place
- #2 Seeds section 3rd Place
- #3 Seeds Section 2nd Place
- #2 Seeds section 2nd Place
- #3 Seeds Section 3rd Place
- #1 Seeds Section 4th Place
- #4 Seeds Section 1st Place
- #3 Seeds section 1st Place
- #2 Seeds section 4th Place
- #4 Seeds Section 3rd Place
- #1 Seeds Section 2nd Place
- #4 Seeds Section 2nd Place
- #1 Seeds Section 3rd Place
- #3 Seeds section 4th Place
- #2 Seeds Section 1st Place

AIA State Wrestling Bracket Template

State Champion

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Thursday 3/18/21

Boys Division III – Weigh-ins **8:00 am**

Championship Round One (A) **9:30 am**
Championship Round Two (B)
Consolation Round One (C)
Consolation Round Two (D)
Championship Semi – Finals (E)
Consolation Three and Four (F)

Parade of Champions
Boys Division III – Championship Finals & Medal Rounds

Friday 3/19/21

Boys Division II – Weigh-ins **8:00 am**

Championship Round One (A) **9:30 am**
Championship Round Two (B)
Consolation Round One (C)
Consolation Round Two (D)
Championship Semi – Finals (E)
Consolation Three and Four (F)

Parade of Champions
Boys Division II – Championship Finals & Medal Rounds

Saturday 3/20/21

Division I - Weigh-ins **8:00 am**

Championship Round One (A) **9:30 am**
Championship Round Two (B)
Consolation Round One (C)
Consolation Round Two (D)
Championship Semi – Finals (E)
Consolation Three and Four (F)

Parade of Champions
Boys Division I– Championship Finals & Medal Rounds

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!

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2021 ADMISSION PRICE - TWO (2) parents/guardians per wrestler!

Division I, II, & III Sectional Sites:

Saturday

March 13, 2021

\$12.00 – All Spectators All Day Wristbands

Boys Division IV State

Tue. & Wed

March 16, & 17, 2021

\$15.00 – All Spectators All Day Wristbands

Boys Division III State

Thursday

March 18, 2021

\$15.00 – All Spectators All Day Wristbands

Boys Division II State

Friday

March 19, 2021

\$15.00 – All Spectators All Day Wristbands

Boys Division I State

Saturday

March 20, 2021

\$15.00 – All Spectators All Day Wristbands

Extra wrestlers – student managers/film crews– statisticians – scorekeepers:

Only participating wrestlers and their coaches will be allowed to enter the facility at both the sectional and State tournaments.

Participating school administrators:

Each school will be allowed two (2) school administrators/staff - enter at the coach's check-in table.

NO AIA Passes will be accepted at this time due to Covid-19 protocols: (including lifetime)

Spectators:

For the Sectional and State wrestling tournaments. A maximum of two (2) spectators (parent/guardian/sibling) per participating wrestler will be allowed to purchase a one (1) day pass using the GoFan app the "day of" at the tournament site. Please bring your smart phone to make your purchase.

Spectators will be asked to identify the specific wrestler they are there to watch before they are allowed into the venue. Children 5 years of age or younger may accompany an adult at no charge however they will be required to wear a face covering (exceptions - three 3 year olds and younger will not be required to wear a face covering and must sit with their parent). All unaccompanied children will be asked to sit with their parent/guardian/sibling or they will be asked to leave the venue.

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AWARDS

Girls State Tournament:

Individual medals will be awarded for places **1 through 6** in all 14 weight classes along with team **Championship** and **Runner-up** trophies.

Boys Division IV State Tournament:

Individual medals will be awarded for places **1 through 6** in all 14 weight classes along with team **Championship** and **Runner-up** trophies.

Boys Division I, II & III Sectionals:

Each section will award a team **Championship** plaque. Individual medals will be awarded for places **1 through 4** in all 14 weight classes.

Boys Division I, II & III State Tournament:

Each Division will award both a team **Champion** and **Runner-up** trophies. Individual medals will be awarded for places **1 through 6** in all 14 weight classes.

Bracket Release Meeting:

Site: Moon Valley High School. (Media Center)

Date: Sunday March 14, 2021

Time: Division III	10:00 AM
Division II	11:00 AM
Division I	12:00 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Individual Weight Class Awards** – 1st through 6th place will be presented after the next weight class finishes wrestling (i.e. 106 awards will follow 113 matches).
- **Ice Chests/Food/Etc.** – Each TEAM will be allowed ONE cooler to include fruit, vegetables, granola & power bars, homemade sandwiches, water & sport drinks.
- **Hospitality Room** – There is **NO** coaches hospitality room at the State Tournament
- **Bracket and Team Scores** – Brackets will be posted and updates of team scores will be available on AZPREPS365 and TrackWrestling.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **WEIGH IN INSTRUCTIONS:** Specific instructions for Mesquite HS and Poston Butte HS will be emailed to Athletic Directors and the Head coach in a separate document.
- Weigh-ins will follow the **2020 - 21 NFHS Wrestling Rule 4.**

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- All wrestlers must be checked for skin condition prior to weigh-in. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has provided a physical release form for wrestlers to participate with skin lesion. This form must be completed prior to weigh-in or upon arrival at the site of dual meet and/or tournament.
- ***Coaches and wrestlers not participating in a match must be off the competition floor area.***
- Neither the AIA nor the school of the host site shall be responsible for lost or stolen articles.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- If an athlete or coach is ejected, the Sportsmanship Rule will be in effect. (See the AIA Constitution and Bylaws, Article 16. Section 16.3, pages 58 - 59). National Federation Rule 8 (penalty chart) pages 43 - 44.

AUTHORIZED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MAT-SIDE

- Schools qualifying: one-two (1-2) wrestlers - **TWO** mat-side wrist bands.
- Schools qualifying: three-five (3-5) wrestlers - **THREE** mat-side wrist bands.
- Schools qualifying: six plus (6 +) wrestlers - **FOUR** mat-side wrist bands.

- Each school with wrestlers competing at the State Tournament will receive a maximum of four (4) credential ID's.(Landyard and/or Wrist Bands) This credential ID allows admittance to the floor area. The credential can be picked up at the Credential table. ***Each school must enter the list of up to four board-approved coaches PRIOR TO March 3rd 2021.***

- **No extra westlers or student managers will be allowed into the facility unless they are volunteering as a table worker.**

APPEARANCE OF COACHES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

The professional appearance of coaches will enhance the image of the sport of wrestling and the “class” of the State Tournament. The AIA Wrestling Sports Advisory Committee is requiring all MAT-SIDE coaches at the State Tournament be attired in school logo collared shirts (sweats) or shirt and tie. It is recommended that slacks in khaki, black, white or gray be worn. Cut-offs, shorts or any torn/ripped jeans (professional looking jeans are OK) are prohibited while at mat-side. Hats must be worn as intended (not backwards/sideways) and no questionable wording or logos.

RULES

Rules shall be those of the current National Federation Wrestling Rule Book with exceptions noted in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws and these tournament instructions.

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PROTESTS

1. Cannot appeal judgment: NFHS Rule 3.1.2, page 11.
2. Correction of Error: NFHS Rule 6.6.3 & 4, page 32 & 33.
3. Protests/appeal will be reviewed by the Head Official or his designee and 2 members of the tournament games committee prior to the start of any subsequent period.
4. A loss of appeal will result in a one-point team score deduction.

MAT-SIDE SCORES TABLE

The following may be seated at the individual mat scoring tables:

- Official timer
- Official scorer
- Runners/Tapper

WRESTLING SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6A: Shawn Rustad	CUSD	AD
6A: David Gonzales	Desert Vista	Coach
5A: Stacy Spencer	Deer Valley	AD
5A: Sean Flannigan	Ironwood	Coach
4A: Bryan Smith	Moon Valley	Coach
4A: Paul Vasquez	Sahurita	Coach
3A: Rich Ormand	Payson	AD
3A: Ernie Rivers*	Page	AD
3A: Darelyn Rock	Chino Valley	Coach
2A: Casey Woodall	Morenci	Coach
2A: Richard Sanchez	Sant Rita	AD
1A: OPEN		
1A: Brad Fischer	Joseph City	Coach
At Large: Justin Hartman	Mingus Union	AP
At Large: Chandler Evans	SDO	AD
At Large: Ryan Ridenour	Casteel	AD
At Large: Steve Wene	Arizona Lutheran	Coach

***Chair**

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TOURNAMENT SIGNS/ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS/TRIPODS

Signs are not permitted at any indoor tournament sponsored by the AIA. (AIA Bylaw 12.1.4) Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at state playoff venues. If any artificial noisemaker is brought into a game site, the item will be confiscated. Disruptive/unsportsmanlike behavior by spectators will not be tolerated. Violators will be removed from the venue.

MEDIA CREDENTIAL POLICY

The following link (http://aiaonline.org/news/press_center.php) is to the AIA Media Center which houses the AIA Media Credential Form, the AIA Approved Media List and the AIA School Media List (those that have requested and been granted AIA media access). Please download the AIA Media Credential Form and should a media member need access that is not on the media list, they will need to sign off on the form. Please print out several of the Media Credential Forms so each media outlet fills out its own form. Should the media member refuse to sign off on the form, they will not be granted access to the region or state tournament event you're hosting.

At the conclusion of the event, please fax or mail those forms to the AIA so that we may follow up and credential those people the approved media list will be updated as forms are received and processed. Please download the AIA Approved Media List and AIA School Media List (which is constantly being updated) so that those members of the media that are already approved may be granted access. Please note that some members of the media might show up with Freelance Credentials. These have no pictures on them, but do allow for access to the event per the designated media outlet on the AIA Media Credential.

Americans with Disabilities Act ADA NOTICE

It is the policy of the Arizona Interscholastic Association not to discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to or operation of its programs, services and activities, or in its hiring and employment practices.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by making a request to the Office staff. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information may be forwarded to the ADA Compliance Coordinator:

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