

WRESTLING

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

	Week/Day	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
First Allowable Practice	Monday, Week 20	November 12	November 18	November 16
First Allowable Contest	Monday, Week 22	November 26	December 2	November 30
SDHSAA No-Contact Winter Moratorium	December 23-26 Annually – No Competitions or Practices are Allowed			
Region Meet Completed by	Saturday, Week 33	February 16	February 22	February 20
State Meet/Season Ends	(Thurs)/Fri/Sat, Week 34	February 22-23	February 27-28-29	February 25-26-27

STATE TOURNAMENT DATES AND SITES

- 2019 Combined Class Wrestling Tournament at Rapid City, February 22-23
- 2020 Combined Class Wrestling Tournament at Sioux Falls, February 27-28-29
- 2021 Combined Class Wrestling Tournament at Rapid City, February 25-26-27

Participation in school activities teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one's school. Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of "growing up" experiences for students. Participants learn to accept success and failures, gain poise and confidence, achieve tolerance and understanding of others and gain the self-satisfaction of accomplishing goals. Under a well-administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observation of activities conducted under established rules. Please refer to the **Sportsmanship Section of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook** for policies and statements concerning the following items:

General Sports Objectives and Coaching Responsibility	Athletic Code of Ethics
Fundamentals of Sportsmanship	Code of Sport Ethics for Coaches
Racial Harassment, Violence and Taunting (See General Section)	

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD

In an attempt to recognize the academic excellence of the athletic teams and fine arts groups in each school, the SDHSAA created the "Academic Achievement Team Award". The "Academic Achievement Team Award" is designed to recognize "varsity" level "teams" that achieve a combined GPA of 3.0 or higher.

For additional information about the "Academic Achievement Team Award", refer to the "Academic Achievement Team Award" section of either the ATHLETIC or FINE ARTS HANDBOOK.

RULE REVISIONS FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON
National Federation Rule Changes

- 4-1-2: No additional manufacturer's logo, trademark or promotional references are allowed on the uniform.
- 4-5-7: Modified what can be worn by wrestlers in the designated weigh-in area.
- 5-10: The definition of escape was modified.
- 5-15-1, 5-15-2, 5-15-3: A wrestler is now inbounds if two supporting points of either wrestler are inside or on the boundary line. This could be two supporting points of one wrestler or one supporting point of each wrestler.
- 5-18: The definition of out of bounds has been revised.
- 5-22-1, 5-22-2: The definition of a reversal has been revised.
- 5-24-3e, f: Stalling in the neutral position also takes place when a wrestler is backing off the mat and out of bounds, as well as when the wrestler is pushing or pulling out of bounds.
- 5-25-1, 5-25-3: The definition of a takedown has been revised.
- 5-28-3: The definition of a recovery time out when a wrestler is injured because of the opponent's false start has been clarified.
- 6-4-1: The criteria when a match is stopped has been revised.
- 7-1-5q: The Nelson-Cradle is a new illegal hold/maneuver.
- 7-1-5y: Modified that a specific maneuver is not allowed.
- 7-4-2: Repeatedly dropping to one knee, as well as one hand, to break locked hands is considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 8-2-2: Clarified if a wrestler is injured because of the opponent's false start, then the injured wrestler should be accommodated with recovery time.

South Dakota Rule Changes

1. Region Timeline: Amend the deadline for official region entries to be due at 9:00 AM CT on the Thursday of Region Tournament weekend, regardless of the date of the event.
2. State Tournament: Seed ten wrestlers as opposed to the previous twelve per weight class, and region champions will be guaranteed one of these top ten seeds.
3. State Tournament: Seeding formula changed so that “Current Year, Region Place” is now the third criteria to be considered following head-to-head and common opponent comparisons.
4. State Tournament: Seeding formula changed so that the “bonus” for a region championship win has been removed
5. State Tournament Officials Voting: Each School will now have ten votes for State Tournament officials’ recommendation listing
6. State Dual Tournament: Pending Board of Directors review of the qualifying process, the State Dual Tournament will return beginning with the 2019-20 school year.
7. Moratorium: No Competitions or Practices are allowed annually beginning in 2018 on the dates of December 23-26.
8. TrackWrestling Deadlines: With the approval of the TrackWrestling Contract and unlimited usage arrangement, schools are now required to follow the following deadline structure, or face fine/penalty from the SDHSAA Office:

By December 15 th	All Competition Results through	December 1 st must be entered online in TrackWrestling.
By January 1 st	All Competition Results through	December 15 th must be entered online in TrackWrestling
By January 15 th	All Competition Results through	January 1 st must be entered online in TrackWrestling
By February 1 st	All Competition Results through	January 15 th must be entered online in TrackWrestling
By Region Meet Seeding Meeting	All Competition Results through	The Entire Regular Season must be entered online in TrackWrestling

CLASSIFICATION

The member schools of the South Dakota High School Activities Association are divided into two classes of Class “A” and Class “B”. Class “A” shall be those schools with an ADM (9-11) of 225.000 and above. Class “B” includes all other schools. Classification for the 2018-29 school year is according to the Average Daily Membership figures from December 2016.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Athletic Contest Contracts

According to Article VIII, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution, all contests must be sanctioned by the Principal or Superintendent of the schools involved. It is recommended that athletic contest contracts, as furnished by the SDHSAA

(located in the General Sport Information Section, forms GENERAL #2 and GENERAL # 3) be used for all levels of competition including regular season matches, as well as tournaments, triangulars, etc.

B. Sanction with Non-members

The SDHSAA will not sanction any games/matches with a college team, independent team, alumni team, or any other school team comprised of adults. Sanction will be approved with an unaccredited high school team provided the member school submits the appropriate form located in the sanctioning events section of the athletic handbook.

C. Wrestling Schedules and Weight Certification Forms are Due:

1. Wrestling Schedules must be completed online at www.sdhsaa.com under the School Zone Login. The online schedules need to be completed no later than October 1.
2. Weight Certification Forms must be filed with the SDHSAA Office no later than January 15.

D. Weight Classification

Competition will be in the following fourteen weight classes – 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285.

E. Meet Limitation

1. All wrestling squads (Varsity, JV, “B”, etc.) are restricted to a maximum of 15 weigh-ins, regardless of the number of duals and/or tournaments.
2. Wrestlers may not compete in more than the number of meets allowed a squad. Wrestlers, therefore, may not participate in more than 15 weigh-ins (duals/tournaments) regardless of the squad where participation occurs.
3. Wrestlers may not wrestle more than a total of 30 minutes, excluding overtime, in a single day. If a wrestler starts a match under the 30 minute limit, they will be allowed to finish the match. When two wrestlers meet in the consolation round of a tournament and both have already wrestled a maximum of 30 minutes, the wrestlers will split team points. (Example: if third place is to receive nine points and fourth is to receive seven, the two would split the total and each receive eight points.)
4. Exhibitions, default and forfeiture are considered competition.
5. A wrestler wrestling exhibition or receiving a forfeit or default in the preliminary or “B” match is not eligible to compete in the varsity or “A” match in that same session.
6. If a wrestler weighs-in and does not wrestle or does not receive a forfeit at the match that night, the weigh-in does not count as one of the official weigh-ins.

F. Rules of Competition

Rules passed by the National Federation Wrestling Rules Committee and published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official wrestling rules for all SDHSAA schools except in cases modified by SDHSAA regulations.

G. Certification of a Minimum Weight

A wrestler’s certified weight is that weight which he has established as his or her minimum weight class. Once an athlete is certified at his minimum weight, he or she cannot later certify nor compete at a lower weight.

1. Each wrestler shall be given a Weight Certification examination by a physician. After December 25, all wrestlers MUST have been certified by a physician before being allowed to compete. Failure to file the first report with the SDHSAA by January 15 could disqualify the school from further competition, including the region and state tournaments.
2. “Certified Weight” is determined by the examining physician. Physician’s and parent’s signatures must appear on the Wrestling Weight Permit. A parent may agree with the physician’s recommendation as to minimum classification or may raise the minimum classification. A parent may not lower the physician’s recommended classification.
3. The minimum weight for a 106-pound contestant is 88 pounds. The minimum weight for a 106-pound contestant who wishes to wrestle in the 113-pound class is 97 pounds. The maximum weight for any contestant shall be 285 pounds.
4. At no time shall a wrestler compete below his or her established minimum class.
5. There is no restriction as to the number of times a wrestler may wrestle above his or her certified weight. After certification, a wrestler may not weigh-in more than one weight class above their certified weight. Any wrestler weighing in more than one weight class above his certified weight will have his minimum weight adjusted up accordingly. The one weight class restriction is not applicable until after December 25, even though the wrestler may have been certified prior to December 25.
6. Each wrestler is required to have at least one-half of his weigh-ins during the season at or below the minimum weight he will wrestle at during the state tournament series.

H. Weigh-in Information

1. All contestants shall weigh in according to NFHS Rules/Regulations, including in suitable garments.
2. Time of weigh-in for dual meets (4 teams or less) shall be a maximum of one hour and a minimum of thirty minutes before the meet is scheduled to start. If a “sub-varsity” meet precedes the “varsity” meet, weigh-in starts

one hour before scheduled start of “sub-varsity” meet and must end one-half hour before the “varsity” meet starts. All wrestlers, varsity and sub-varsity, must make weight during this period.

Supervision of weigh-in should be by the referee or other authorized person. Both teams shall be present and it is the responsibility of the visiting team to arrive at the scheduled time of the weigh-in. If the visiting team is late, the home team may start weigh-in at the scheduled time if the meet referee or a school official, not a coach, is present and conducts the weigh-in in person. The two coaches involved in a dual meet may conduct the weigh-in.

3. For regular season tournament competition (5 or more teams) teams will be allowed to weigh-in at home no earlier than 7:00 AM with the following exception: If departure is earlier than 7:00 AM weigh-ins can take place no earlier than one hour prior to departure.
4. Weigh-ins for the second day of a two-day tournament during the regular season will be conducted as follows: Teams traveling home after the first day will be allowed to weigh in at home no earlier than 7:00 AM or 1 hour prior to departure if departure is prior to 7:00 AM. Teams not traveling home and staying in a motel will be required to weigh in with the host school at the host site at a time designated by the host team management no earlier than 7:00 AM.
5. The weigh-in for regional and state tournaments must be conducted at the site of the tournament.
NOTE: During the regular season, sub-state and state tournament competition, weigh-ins for two-day tournaments will be conducted on each day of the tournament. A one-pound allowance is granted over the weight limit of the previous day.
6. A contestant may not wrestle more than one weight class above the class for which his actual weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies him.
NOTE: In the event a regular scheduled wrestling contest is canceled due to an “Act of God”, the administration from the local school(s) can conduct a weigh-in as soon as feasible and certify said weigh-in results to the SDHSAA Office.
7. No contestant may wrestle more than one weight class below his most recent official weigh-in. An official weigh-in is the weighing of contestants during the specified time before a meet or tournament between two or more schools, for the purpose of establishing the weight class in which a wrestler is eligible to compete. If a wrestler wishes to have an official weigh-in recorded, his name and actual weight must appear on the “Weigh-in Form”, even though he does not actually compete.
8. Meets may be wrestled on consecutive days. A one pound allowance shall be given to a team that wrestles on consecutive days whether it is dual to dual, dual to tournament, or tournament to tournament, even though some members of the team may not have wrestled. Their opponent(s) in the second meet shall also be given the one pound allowance. A team wrestling on consecutive days must notify their opponent(s) forty-eight hours in advance so they can plan on the allowance. If a team wrestles on a Saturday and again the following Monday, Sunday will be treated as a dead day, and a one pound allowance for consecutive days competition will be allowed. A maximum of two pounds may be granted for consecutive days’ competition.
NOTE: A team receiving a one pound allowance is based on that same level of competition. Wrestler(s) who wrestle on a Junior Varsity team one day and the varsity team the following day does not warrant the granting of the additional pound. From a varsity match to a varsity match on consecutive days does permit the giving of an additional pound to that team and its opponent.
9. In the event a regular season scheduled dual match or tournament is postponed/canceled due to inclement weather, school closing, or any other Act of God, the extra pound allowance for a match or tournament scheduled for the next day, shall be permitted provided participating schools have been given a 48 hour notice. The acceptable person(s) to receive that notice shall be the head coach, principal or athletic director.
10. Competitions that are postponed for one calendar day or more, for reasons beyond the control of the participating school(s), or practices that can not be held in these situations due to school policy shall be treated the same as competitions when there are consecutive days of competition in terms of the one pound allowance, with the exception of the required 48 hour notice.
11. Each wrestler will be granted a two pound growth allowance on and after December 25. A wrestler must make scratch weight at least one time before the two pound growth allowance will be granted for that particular weight class.
12. If a team wrestles multiple duals in one day only one weigh-in is required. A copy of the original weigh-in must be presented at the scheduled site and time of the second weigh-in, should one exist. A wrestler not participating in the first dual must have been weighed at the first weigh-in or he must weigh-in at the second.

I. SDHSAA Forms

1. The Wrestling Weight Permit form must be completed by the physician and parent, and should include all requested information and be kept on file at the school. This form is mailed to all member schools having a wrestling program. Information from this form is transferred to the Wrestling Weight Certification Form to be filed with the SDHSAA Office.

2. Wrestling Weight Certification report forms must be on file with the SDHSAA Office no later than January 15. Information on this form is gathered from the Wrestling Weight permit forms that are kept on file in the school. Accuracy is very important. Any additions to the original list of wrestlers are to be filed immediately following the wrestlers first interschool competition. Attention of Superintendent, Principal or Athletic Director is called to this form as they must verify all information to be correct. Region committees will have this information sent to them at tournament time. If errors are detected a wrestler may be deemed ineligible for competition or seeding. This form is printed at the end of this section. Additional forms are available upon request.
3. **New – 2018: All Weights must be tracked for all competition within TrackWrestling. Further information, including a tutorial, shall be featured on the SDHSAA website prior to the start of this year’s season. This includes all event and the in-season form.**

J. Wrestling Scale Certification

1. The accuracy of each school’s wrestling scales must be certified annually (not simply calibrated, but certified).
2. The Department of Public Safety Office of Weights and Measures will assist with the certification of the scales. The service does not include any scale repair. For scale repair, it is the responsibility of the school to contact a certified scale service and have the scale re-inspected after repairs are complete.
The SDHSAA will inform the Department of Public Safety of those member schools sponsoring the sport of wrestling. The Department of Public Safety will in turn be in touch with the schools to arrange a time to certify the wrestling scales. Those schools who have not been contacted by November 15 should contact the SDHSAA office immediately.
When purchasing new scales, the only scales that the Department of Public Safety will “certify” are those that have a Certificate of Conformance from the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP). Many medical scales do not meet these standards. NTEP scales are often identified as “Legal for Trade”. Weights and measures Inspectors or the Office of Weights and Measures may be able to assist you in determining whether a scale has an NTEP certificate. If you choose a scale without NTEP certification, the scale cannot be used for competition, as per administrative rule they cannot be certified any longer.
3. Weights and Measures Inspectors will certify and seal those scales determined to be accurate and consistent with current government and industry standards. **ONLY** Scales that have been “certified” by a registered service agent or “certified and sealed” by the State of South Dakota may be used for weigh-ins for high school competition.

K. Licensed Officials Mandatory

1. Only “Registered” or “Certified” officials may be used in interschool varsity wrestling competition. No official shall be eligible to officiate in any interschool varsity wrestling contests unless (s)he is licensed by the SDHSAA Office and has completed all requirements of registration for wrestling.
2. Officials from Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana must have received reciprocity with South Dakota to be eligible to officiate interschool varsity wrestling matches in South Dakota.
3. The SDHSAA office publishes a list of all “registered” and “certified” wrestling officials along with a listing of all “out-of-state” officials.

L. Head Coaches Must Complete On-line Rules Meetings and Pass Open Book Test

1. All head coaches in South Dakota high school sports programs must complete an on-line rules meeting in their sport(s). In addition to completing the on-line rules meeting, each head coach must complete and pass the on-line open book test in the sport.
2. The Board of Directors has adopted the following penalty code for non-compliance of this policy:
A fine of \$50.00 will be assessed against the member school if the head coach fails to complete an online rules meeting and complete and pass an online open book test. If the head coach fails to complete both requirements, the fine will be \$75.00.

M. Collaboratives/Practice Co-Ops (NEW 2016). Schools may now form a “practice co-op” or “collaborative” with another member school, due to demonstrated need by way of lack of facilities, lack of coaching staff or lack of participant numbers. No more than five wrestlers from the “satellite” school who demonstrates the need, grades 7 through 12, may participate in the collaborative. The school requesting the collaborative will be seen as its own entity for competition, although coaches or facilities may be shared. For full information, please see the Co-Operative Agreement section of the SDHSAA Handbook.

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATIONS

A. Official Tournament Management Program

Each region must use TrackWrestling as its program for tournament management software. The program is completely web-based and accessible through www.trackwrestling.com. This tournament management program will automatically communicate results to the SDHSAA and State Tournament hosts. Regions are responsible for staffing the tournament management software, while the SDHSAA will cover the expense of licensure and obtain the program rights for each region.

UPDATE – 2018: Schools & Coaches are responsible to ensure that accurate information is entered in the TrackWrestling system in accord to a system of deadlines established by the SDHSAA. Those deadlines are as follows:

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B. Each Region will Conduct Their Own Tournament

1. Committees: A Committee is to be formed within each region with each school having the opportunity to designate an administrative staff member (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) who is not coaching wrestling to represent their school on the committee.
2. A committee chairperson (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) is to be elected and each committee shall function following generally accepted Rules of Order. The region chairperson must be currently employed as an administrative staff member from a region member school. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting with a distribution made to each school represented on a timely basis.
3. A description of the duties and responsibilities of the region committees may be found in the general section of the Athletic Handbook.
4. All schools participating in the meet/tournament shall be notified as to time and place of any meetings.
5. The current region chairperson must submit to the SDHSAA Office the name of the individual that will be the chairperson for the following year. This notification, along with an indication of the date and site should be made prior to May 1. If a committee chair can not be named for the following year, the committee must designate a school and administrative position that will assume the chairmanship duties. Failure to name either an individual or a school, including the designated administrative position, for the chair will result in naming the current chairperson as the chair for the following year. If the above information is not supplied to the SDHSAA Office by May 15, a \$50.00 fine will be assessed against the region not in compliance. Fines will be assessed for the ensuing school year. The new region committee is responsible for payment.
6. **Input of Coaches** - All committees are required to give coaches an opportunity to have input to the committee prior to any decision making by the committee.
7. Financial Report:
 - a. Sub-State Ticket prices
 - i. Students - \$4.00
 - ii. Adults - \$7.00
 - iii. Failure to charge the correct prices will result in the participating schools making up the financial shortage
 - b. Not later than one week after the completion of the tournament, the Committee Chairman shall complete a financial report and submit it to the Finance Director of the SDHSAA on forms provided by the SDHSAA office.
 - c. Forty percent of the gross receipts of all Class “B” and “A” Region Tournaments shall be forwarded to the SDHSAA office for deposit in the general treasury of the Association.
 - d. Both receipts and disbursements are to be run through a regular school account or a school activity account.
8. There are to be no matches conducted the day or night prior to the region wrestling tournaments.

C. Appeal and Grievance Procedure for Region Committees

1. If at all possible, the committee shall solve its own problems and make its own decisions.
2. Protests based upon a challenge to the interpretation given to a contest regulation or administrative ruling thereon must be submitted in writing within 24 hours after the contest, to the chairman of the region committees. The committee shall render its decision promptly to the Executive Director of the Association, and shall notify the protester, by telephone, to be followed by a written notice of its decision sent by first class mail to the protester. An appeal from the decision of the region committee shall go directly to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. The appeal must state the decision of the region committee and the basis for the request to overrule that decision.
3. Any protest lodged prior to region tournament or meet pertaining to the athletic eligibility status of a student, contest regulation or administrative ruling must be submitted to the region committee at least ten days prior to the event. The region committee shall render its decision promptly. An appeal from the decision of the region committee shall go directly to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final.

4. In cases where the protest is lodged less than ten days prior to a region tourney or meet, any appeal of a region committee decision shall go directly to the Executive Director. The decision of the Executive Director shall be final.
5. Part V, Section 1 of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws states, “**Decisions of the Judges.** Judges’ decisions in any contest are by their nature necessarily regarded as final and shall not be considered as the basis for protest.”

D. Withdrawal from Region Meet

Should a school find it necessary to withdraw from a qualifying meet after filing an intent to participate, such school shall notify the committee chairman of its withdrawal by a predetermined date established by the committee. Failure to supply such a notice makes the school responsible for its share of the expenses of the meet. If a school finds itself unable to give notice of withdrawal before the deadline because of weather conditions, the illness of contestants, or some other act of God, release from this responsibility may be obtained by filing a report of the circumstances with the Executive Director of the Association.

E. Tournament Entries/Seeding (REVISED 2016)

1. **(NEW: 2018):** Each region is responsible for their own seeding and draw process. Final entries for Region competition are due at 9:00 AM CT on the Thursday of Region Tournament weekend, regardless of the date of the event, and must be entered into TrackWrestling. The only movement of wrestlers allowed after this deadline will be for documented injury or illness. In order for entered wrestlers entered to be moved between weight classes, a documented injury/illness must exist.
2. Region Chairman will have the wrestling weight certification sheets of schools in their tournament sent to them from the SDHSAA Office prior to tournament time for verification of each competitors certified weight. This should be done prior to creating brackets.
2. Tournament Brackets:
 - a. When the number of competitors is not a power of two - that is 4, 8, 16, there shall be byes in the first round.
 - b. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next high power of two.
 - c. Each bracket is to be considered individually because in an eight team tournament, there could be weight classes that have four or less contestants. If this is the case, there will be no first round byes and the wrestlers would automatically be placed in the semi-finals.
 - d. No quarter-bracket shall have more than one bye in excess of its paired bracket.
3. REGION Seeding and Drawing Rules (**Updated 2017**):
 - a. **UPDATED, 2016:** If it is determined that there should be wrestlers seeded in a given weight class, there will be a minimum of two and a maximum of six wrestlers seeded for an eight-man bracket. If a sixteen-man bracket is to be used, a maximum of eight wrestlers may be seeded.
 - b. All non-seeded wrestlers will draw for bracket positions.
 - c. The entire season varsity record is to be used for seeding, regardless of the weight class. This would include out-of-state and tournament matches.
 - d. Forfeits will count as wins. Defaults and disqualifications will count as wins and/or losses. In Tournament competition, should a wrestler choose not to compete against an opponent in any round, it will count as a forfeit and therefore a loss.
 - e. Byes do not count as wins.
 - f. Contestants must have a minimum of eight matches actually wrestled at the weight class in which they are entered for competition at the Region Meet in order to be considered for seeding. Any injury, illness, or ineligibility will not alter the above rule. This minimum number may be reduced provided committee members and head coaches in a Region vote by majority to do so.
 - g. The following criteria will be used to seed wrestlers for the Region Tournaments (listed in priority order):
 - 1) Head to Head Competition – If two wrestlers have wrestled more than once and one has a better record against opponent, the higher seed goes to the wrestler with the most wins. If two wrestlers have identical records against each other the higher seed goes to the wrestler with the most recent win.
 - 2) Record against common opponents – TrackWrestling default Common criteria shall be used
 - 3) Returning state place winner at any weight (order of place).
 - 4) Returning region place winner at any weight (order of place).
 - 5) Wrestler who earned state/region place at the weight class nearest to the one being considered.
 - 6) Winning percentage – percentages recorded in thousands (no rounding).
 - 7) Coin flip.

If more than two wrestlers are being considered, return to the top of the criteria with the remaining wrestlers once a seed has been awarded or a wrestler eliminated from contention for that given seed.
 - h. Procedure for seeding and drawing for eight-man bracket:
 - 1) Place number 1 seed on line one.
 - 2) Place number 2 seed on line eight.

- 3) Place number 3 seed on line five.
- 4) Place number 4 seed on line four.
- 5) If there is a number 5 seed, it should be placed on line 3 or drawn for line 2, 3, 6 or 7 depending on the wishes of the committee.
- 6) Draw line numbers for BYES (if needed). Byes will be distributed evenly between each half-bracket.
- 7) Seeded wrestlers will have the same opportunity to draw a bye as any other wrestler.
- 8) Draw line numbers for the remaining wrestlers in order on entry list.

F. Substitutions

In the Region Tournaments substitutions may be made after the seeding and drawing meeting, up until weigh-in time ends, provided the substitution is requested because of illness, injury, or disciplinary action.

No substitution is permitted for a wrestler who does not make weight.

- a. For illness or injury, the substitution will be permitted only if a doctor's written excuse or a written excuse signed by a school administrator is submitted to the Committee in charge.
- b. For disciplinary action, the substitution will be permitted only if the reasons are verified in writing, by the school's administration.
- c. The substitute designated to replace his teammate will do so in the position of the original draw unless the substitute is replacing a "seeded" wrestler, whereby there shall be a re-seeding and re-drawing of that weight class.

NOTE: If there is not a substitute designated to replace a teammate who is a "seeded wrestler" there also shall be a re-seeding and re-drawing of that weight class. **Any re-draw eliminates positions established in a previous draw.**

- d. If an athlete is entered at the seeding meeting and fails to meet the requirements following weigh-ins (illness, injury, not making weight, etc.) and there is no replacement, the open spot becomes a forfeit not a bye. Byes will only be used if no wrestler is actually entered during the seeding meeting.

G. Injury or Illness of a Contestant After Weigh-ins End

1. A contestant suffering injury or illness following weigh-ins and prior to their first match may default their match in the first round and go into the consolation round.
2. A forfeit or default because of an injury or illness which occurs in a previous round does not eliminate a contestant from further competition.

H. Weigh-in

1. For Region competition the weigh-in shall be at the tournament site a maximum of three hours and a minimum of one-half hour before the first session each day.
2. For those who have a two day tournament, there shall be a one pound allowance granted on the second day over the weight limit of the previous day.
3. Any contestant failing to make weight during the time period allotted for weigh-ins shall be ineligible for the weight class in which he is entered and also any of the other weight classes.
4. For the State Tournaments the weigh-ins shall be at the tournament site three hours prior to the beginning of the first days competition. Weigh-ins for the second day's competitors will be conducted at the tournament site three hours prior to the beginning of the second days competition. A one pound allowance is granted for the second days competition over the weight limit of the previous day.
5. Medical personnel (doctor, certified athletic trainer, PA, etc.) must be present at all post season weigh ins to conduct the skin check.

I. Late Arrivals for Weigh-ins

Contestants who arrive late (after the close of official weigh-ins) for a Region or State Tournaments due to an "Act of God" (including inclement weather), may be weighed in and declared eligible to participate provided the reason for the late arrival is approved by the Tournament Committee and the following stipulations are met.

1. A late wrestler must be weighed in, dressed in wrestling uniform and appear at the designated mat, ready to wrestle, within five minutes after his match has been called, in order to compete.
2. A late wrestler who should not only miss weigh-ins but also first round competition would be eligible for the consolation round provided he makes weight prior to his assigned match being called.

J. Tournament Advancement

1. Four from each weight class shall advance from the Region Tournaments (Class "A" and "B") to the State Tournament.

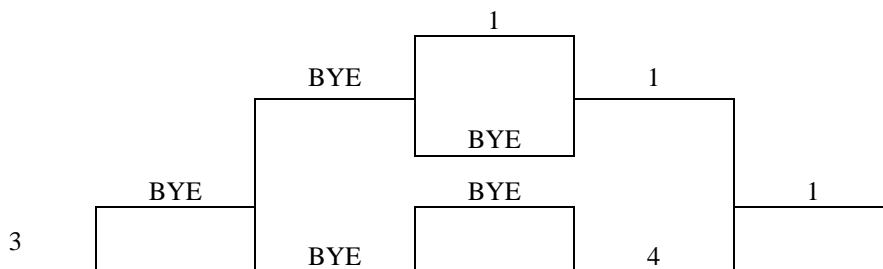
K. Scoring

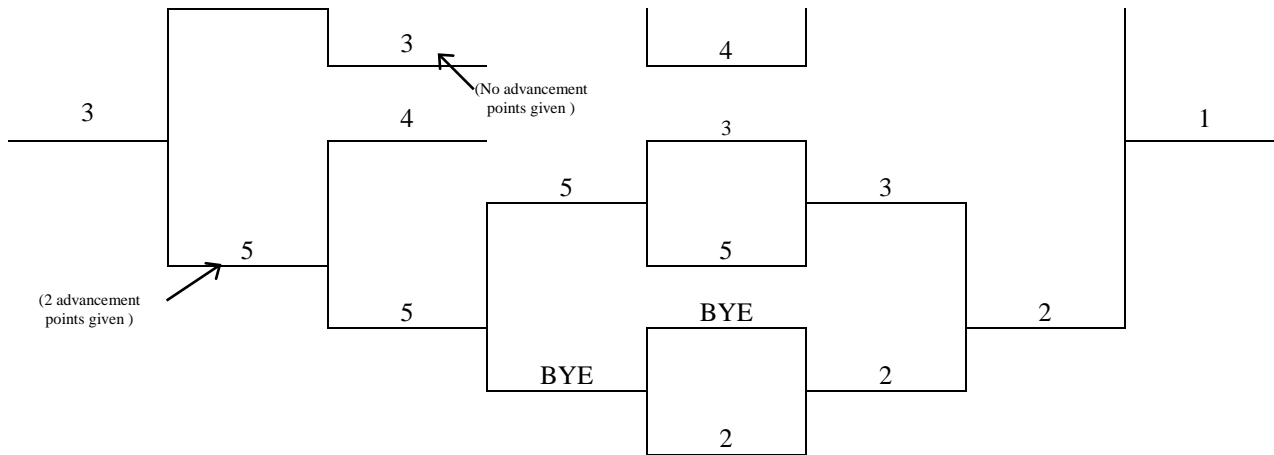
1. Four places in each weight class will be scored in Region competition. Scoring will be as follows:
 - First place - 14 points
 - Second place - 10 points
 - Third place - 7 points
 - Fourth place - 4 points

2. Eight places in each weight class will be scored at the State Tournament. Scoring will be as follows:
 - First place - 16 points
 - Second place - 12 points
 - Third place - 9 points
 - Fourth place - 7 points
 - Fifth place - 5 points
 - Sixth place - 3 points
 - Seventh place - 2 points
 - Eighth place - 1 point
3. Individual placement points shall be awarded as soon as earned.
 - a. At the Region Tournaments the winner of each championship semi-final shall be awarded 10 place points and the winner of each championship shall be awarded 4 additional place points. The winner of each consolation semi-final shall receive 4 place points and the winner of 3rd place shall receive 3 additional place points.
 - b. At the State Tournament, the winner of each championship quarter-final shall be awarded 3 place points, the winner of each championship semi-final shall be awarded 9 additional place points and the winner of each championship final shall be awarded 4 additional points. The winner of the quarter-final consolation match shall receive 3 place points. The winner of the consolation semi-finals shall receive 4 additional place points. The winner of 3rd place and the winner of 5th place shall receive 2 additional place points. Seventh place is determined by the losers of the third round wrestlebacks to wrestle with the winner receiving 2 points and the loser of the match receiving 1 point.
4. **Advancement and additional points**, for team scoring, are awarded as follows:
 - a. **2 team advancement points** shall be scored for each match won in the championship bracket, except for the final first-place match. A wrestler receives a bye in a round, where at least one match is wrestled, shall be awarded 2 advancement points for that round if he wins his next match - this would result in a total of 4 team points (2 for the win and 2 for the bye). No points are awarded for the bye if the wrestler loses the next match following the bye.
 - b. **1 team advancement point** shall be awarded for each match won in the consolation elimination, except for the final third place match. A wrestler who has received a bye in a consolation round, where at least one match is wrestled, shall receive one advancement point, provided he wins his next round match - this would result in a total of 2 team points (1 for the win and 1 for the bye.)
 - c. **2 additional points** shall be scored for each match won by default, disqualification, fall or forfeit throughout the tournament.
 - d. **1 1/2 additional points** shall be scored for each match won by a technical fall.
 - e. **1 additional point** shall be awarded for each match won by a major decision.
5. Points for a bye.
 - a. There shall be no byes after the first round of competition in either the championship or consolation bracket.
 - b. As explained above, a wrestler receiving a bye in the first round of the championship bracket or in the first round of the consolation bracket shall receive either 2 points or 1 point, respectively, if he wins his next round match.

****NOTE:** If there are two byes in the same consolation bracket, resulting when you have only five wrestlers entered in a weight class, and a “bye” vs “bye” situation appears, there would be no advancement points involved in a future win by a participant because his win would be the third place match. He cannot “get credit” for a match that never existed.

Example shown below: In the top half-bracket, wrestler number 3 would receive 7 points for this third place win (4 + 3). No advancement points are involved in this situation. In the **bottom half-bracket**, wrestler number 5 would get 4 points for fourth place finish plus 1 point for advancing after his win in the match against wrestler number 4 and 1 additional point for winning the next match after the bye.





L. Overtime Matches

Winners of overtime matches shall be determined by procedure listed in the NFHS Rule Book.

M. Awards

1. State Tournament. Team awards will be presented to the top six teams. Trophies will be presented to the champion and runner-up teams with plaques presented to the next four teams. Medals are awarded to the top eight places for each weight class and for each member of the top 6 teams. Board of Directors Members will personally present all individual and team awards.
2. The SDHSAA has an agreement to provide all medals and plaques, and will order all medals and plaques for all region meets. Two Plaques (Champion & Runner-up) will be awarded at each region tournament. Medals will be awarded to the top four individuals in each weight class, and the top two teams. Orders will be sent directly to region chairman by the companies. Region committees will be expected to pay for all awards presented.
3. Any individual winning an award must be dressed in school issued uniform/warm-up, or appropriate civilian attire (participant has completed his event earlier) in order to receive said award during a public awards ceremony. The wearing of “caps” or “hats” during an awards ceremony is not appropriate attire.

N. Officials

1. Only certified officials are eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic tournaments, including any certified official with an out-of-state address/residency, provided the registration is specific to the SDHSAA.
2. Chairmen of Region Tournaments are requested to forward the names of the officials contracted to work their tournament. The SDHSAA office staff will check to see that each of the officials has fulfilled the necessary requirements.
3. Assistant Referees - The SDHSAA recommends the use of Assistant Referees as much as possible during the sub-state tournaments, especially during the semi-final and final matches.
4. Selection of State Wrestling Tournament officials information will be conducted in accord with the SDHSAA Officials Handbook.

O. Cheerleaders Rules

Cheerleaders, for their protection, are requested to take a position off the mat and at a distance that will not interfere with the wrestlers or the official(s). Because the number of teams and individual athletes in a limited space makes safe stunting difficult to perform, cheerleaders will not be allowed except during the finals matches of the State Tournament.

P. Signs & Banners

The displaying of signs, banners or placards at the State Wrestling Tournament is prohibited. Local managers will be instructed to not permit these devices to be brought into the arenas. Exception: Banners and/or signs displayed by the SDHSAA, Radio and Television stations, and management signs are approved.

Q. Videotaping Policy

Please refer to the General Section of the Athletic Handbook.

State Tournament

A. Format

1. At the State Tournament a Double Elimination format with four mats will be used until the final session. In the final session of the State Tournament three mats will be used to determine third, fifth and seventh places. One mat will be used to determine the champion of each weight class.

2. **UPDATED - 2018:** Beginning with the 2016-17 SDHSAA State Tournament, wrestlers will be seeded for competition by the Wrestling Advisory Committee and their designees. Ten wrestlers in each weight class will be seeded, and each Region Champion is guaranteed to be given one of these top-ten seeds, regardless of any other criteria. Wrestlers will be seeded using the criteria as listed in the “Region Tournament” section of this handbook, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Region Champions are guaranteed a top-ten seed
 - b. After “Head-to-Head” and “common opponents” are evaluated, “Current Year, Region Place” shall be considered prior to other criteria.
 Additionally, once the ten seeded wrestlers have been established, a draw will be conducted to place the remaining six qualifying wrestlers. Two wrestlers from the same region will be allowed to match up with one another during the first round of competition.
3. **NEW, 2017:** The committee reserves the right to reseed/redraw a bracket if a forfeit occurs within the top eight seeds prior to the start of State Tournament competition.
3. **NEW, 2016 –** The SDHSAA and South Dakota Public Broadcasting will conduct a “fan vote” via social media to determine the order of the Individual Championship matches. Fans, coaches, athletes and the general public will have the ability to cast their vote for which match will be featured as the final match of the night for each Class ‘A’ and Class ‘B.’ For example, if the 145-pound match is selected as the final match of the night, wrestling for that class will begin at 152-pounds.

B. Passes and Complimentary Tickets at State Tournament

Passes will be distributed in accord with current SDHSAA Board of Directors policy, as found in the General Section of the Athletic Handbook. Additionally, floor-passes will only be provided to those coaches who have completed the Coaching Education Requirements and are listed on the SDHSAA website for that team’s official roster.

C. State Tournament School Lodging

Lodging reservations for contestants, coaches, student managers and cheerleaders at the State Wrestling Tournaments will be made by the SDHSAA when the tournaments are held outside of Sioux Falls or Rapid City.

D. State Tournament Reserved Seat Ticket Information – Combined Tournament, Sioux Falls-Rapid City

1. Member School Pre-Sale Ticket Orders
 - a. Only all-tournament tickets will be sold in advance.
 - b. Tickets for the Combined Tournament will be sold only by the host venue. Ticket Order forms will be sent to Member Schools in the first two weeks of January. There is no limit on the number of adult or student all-tournament tickets a school can purchase.
 - c. Each school order must be accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the host venue for the exact amount of the order.
 - d. The deadline for School Orders to be received by the host venue is February 1. Any orders received after that point will be filled in the order they are received and potentially mixed in with general public sales.
 - e. There are NO REFUNDS on ticket orders
2. General Public Pre-Sale Orders
 - a. The general public is encouraged to make their orders through their local school district to ensure they receive priority seating for the Tournament.
 - b. Members of the general public not ordering tickets through their school may contact the host site directly or purchase tickets online beginning on or around February 1.
 - c. As with the school orders, there are NO REFUNDS on any tickets purchased.
3. Ticket Prices will reflect the current prices approved by the SDHSAA Board of Directors.
4. Ticket Specifications:
 - a. All adults will be required to purchase a reserved seat ticket good for seating as assigned to gain entry.
 - b. Students wishing to sit with their school/parent groups must purchase a reserved seat ticket.
 - c. Discounted student tickets will be for seating in specified sections separate from team personnel.
 - d. Student Tickets are good for those in Grades 1-12. Kindergarten or younger are admitted free, but not necessarily provided a seat in the reserved section without a ticket. College students are considered adults and must purchase an adult ticket to gain entry.
 - e. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event. Doors will open 90 minutes prior to the first session on Friday and 60 minutes prior to each of the remaining sessions.

E. Team Expenses

Each school shall pay the entire expenses of its contestants at the State Meet. Schools will receive partial reimbursement by the SDHSAA. Please refer to the General Section of the Athletic Handbook for an explanation of the amount to be reimbursed.

F. Coaches Conduct and Dress

Coaches are asked to dress appropriately (comfortable, but not sloppy; no hats, t-shirts, denim jeans, or sweat pants).
 Coaches are in the spotlight, not a fan in the stands. (BOD's action: April, 2008)

State Wrestling Tournament Time Schedule – Updated for 2018-19

<u>Friday – First Session</u>		
10:00 AM	First Round Matches	All Eight Mats
<u>Friday – Second Session</u>		
2:45 PM	Parade of Athletes	Competitors Only
3:00 PM	1 st Round Consolation & Quarterfinal Matches	Bouts scheduled to “next available mat” as possible
Following 20 min break	2 nd Round Consolation	All Eight Mats
<u>Saturday – First Session</u>		
10:00 AM	Semifinals & 3 rd Rd Consolation	Consolation on “outside” mats, Semi’s on “Inside” mats
Following 20 min break	4 th Round Consolation Matches	All Eight Mats
<u>Saturday – Second Session</u>		
4:00 PM	Place Matches (no face-offs/intros)	Six Designated Mats
6:15 PM	Championship Match Introductions	“Finals” Mats
6:30 PM	Championship Matches	Match order determined by fan vote