



11TH PIAA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA. It is important that the Principal, Athletic Director, and head wrestling coach of all Teams that will participate in the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships and all persons who will have responsibilities involving these activities be fully informed of the policies and procedures described herein. It is also necessary that everyone associated with these championships comply with all policies and procedures without exception.

PIAA member schools are not required to enter PIAA championship events. Entry and participation in the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships are voluntary. Entry into the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, reserves the right to make changes in the date of Contests, location of Contests, management, operation, and schedule of the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee, it becomes necessary to do so.

ENTRY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A representative of each school that qualifies a Team for the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships must complete the electronic Team Information Form found on the PIAA Web site at www.piaa.org/sports-wrestling and forward a PIAA Certificate of Eligibility and an appropriate Team picture as follows:

1. Submit the electronic Team Information Form at www.piaa.org/sports-wrestling and **forward** a Team picture with a resolution of 266 dpi, or greater, in either Bitmap or JPEG format, to mbyers@piaa.org.
2. If electronically forwarding an appropriate Team picture is not possible, then courier or USPS Express Mail the Team picture to the PIAA Office.
3. Courier, USPS Express Mail, or Fax the PIAA Certificate of Eligibility to 717/697-7721.

PLEASE DO NOT FAX TEAM PICTURES. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE ELECTRONIC TEAM INFORMATION FORM AND FORWARDING AN APPROPRIATE TEAM PICTURE IS 4:30 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009. NO EXCEPTIONS.

FIRST ROUND CONTESTS

Schools that qualify for the first round will be notified concerning their opponent, home/away Team, location of Contest, date of Contest, starting time of Contest, and name and telephone number of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager BY THEIR PIAA DISTRICT TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

Principals or Athletic Directors of competing schools, upon notification of relevant information from their PIAA District Team Wrestling Championships Tournament Director, should **IMMEDIATELY** contact the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager of their respective Contest and (1) confirm the opponent, home/away team, location of Contest, date and starting time of Contest; (2) arrange for a locker room, if needed; (3) obtain directions to the Contest site; (4) state the departure time of the team and the approximate time of arrival at the Contest site; (5) state the anticipated number of spectators from the school and community that will attend the Contest; and (6) state a telephone number at which the Principal or the Athletic Director will be available, up to the announced departure time of the Team.

HOME TEAM, BENCH AREA, AND BENCH DECOREM

The teams listed at the top of the brackets (enclosed) shall be the HOME teams for all first round matches.

For all second through championship (final) round matches to be held at the GIANT CENTER, a coin flip will occur with the coaches/captains of both Teams, at the match site. The team listed at the BOTTOM of the bracket (pairing) will call the coin flip.

STARTING TIME

The preferred starting time for all single and concurrent evening first round Contests is 7:00 p.m.

The preferred starting times for all doubleheader evening first round Contests are 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

TICKET PRICES

General admission tickets will be sold at the Contest site beginning no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the Contest on the day of the Contest, unless the site is SOLD OUT!

General admission ticket prices for the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships are as follows:

First Round, Second/Quarterfinal Rounds GATE SALE:	Adult... \$6.00	Student ...	\$3.00
Semi-Final and Championship (Final) Rounds GATE SALE:	Adult... \$8.00	Student ...	\$4.00

The price of a student ticket includes any K-12 grade student. Pre-kindergarten children are admitted free-of-charge.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Teams must be prepared to participate in the event of inclement weather. If at all possible, Inter-District Championship Contests will be wrestled as scheduled. It shall be the decision of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager as to whether a Contest should be postponed because of inclement weather and/or hazardous travel conditions. Postponed Contests must be wrestled later in the day or on the next playable day, at the original Contest site, and at the original starting time, if possible.

EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE

The PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager will arrange to have a physician, an ambulance, and an EMS crew at the Contest site to provide emergency medical care. A certified athletic trainer will be available for emergency health care. The certified athletic trainer reserves the right to charge a school for any training supplies that were supplied by the certified athletic trainer or that were used by the school.

CONTEST OFFICIALS

Two (2) PIAA-registered wrestling officials will be contracted by the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, and assigned to each 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships Contest.

TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURES

The PIAA Board of Directors has adopted 2008-2009 NFHS Wrestling Rule 9-2-2 (page 48 of the Rules Book) in order to advance a Team in the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships in the event a tie score exists at the completion of wrestling.

2008-2009 PIAA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS SECOND ROUND, QUARTERFINALS, SEMI-FINALS, FINALS, AND RESPECTIVE CONSOLATION ROUNDS DATES, SITE, AND STARTING TIMES

The 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships second, quarterfinals, semi-finals, finals, and respective consolation rounds will be wrestled on the mats of the GIANT CENTER, Hershey, PA. Second, quarterfinal, and first round consolations are scheduled to be wrestled on four (4) mats, on Friday, February 6. AA and AAA semi-final, final, and respective consolation rounds are scheduled to be wrestled concurrently on four (4) mats, on Saturday, February 7, 2009 (*please see back page for complete schedule*).

CONFERENCE CALL

Schools that advance to the Second Round/Quarterfinals of the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships will receive an invitation to participate in a conference call on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 from the PIAA-appointed Contest Manager or District Tournament Director. Each qualifying school is required to have either the Principal or Athletic Director available on the conference call to receive information on the championship weekend. The schedule for the Wednesday, February 4, 2009 conference call is as follows:

AA Qualifiers:	9:00 am
AAA Qualifiers:	10:00 am

DIRECTIONS TO GIANT CENTER, HERSHEY

FROM THE EAST: Points north should use I-81 South to Grantville exit 80 (old Exit 28). Follow PA 743 South to Hersheypark Drive. Points south should use I-76 (PA Turnpike) West to Lebanon/Lancaster exit 266 (old Exit 20). Follow PA 72 North to US 322 then PA 743 North to Hersheypark Drive.

FROM THE WEST: Points north should use I-79 South to I-80 East to Woodland exit 123 (old Exit 20). Follow US 322 East to Hersheypark Drive. Points south should use I-76 (PA Turnpike) East to Harrisburg East exit 247 (old Exit 19). Follow US 322 East to Hersheypark Drive.

REGISTRATION

The Principal or Athletic Director, and head wrestling coach of each school participating in a 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships second round or quarterfinals are required to register their Team and meet with either Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, PIAA Associate Executive Director or Mark E. Byers, PIAA Assistant Executive Director, one hour prior to the starting time of their second round or quarterfinal match, in the Green Room of the GIANT CENTER. The registration packets will include:

- 1) General Information Sheet
- 2) Pre-Match and Match Schedule
- 3) Twenty-five (25) Complimentary Programs

SUPERVISION

Principals, Athletic Directors, and head wrestling coaches are responsible for supervising members of their teams at all times, both at and away from the Contest site. Misconduct by wrestlers, team personnel, coaches and/or other persons affiliated with the team will not be tolerated. Persons who engage in unacceptable behavior are subject to expulsion from the Contest site and disqualification from the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships.

**POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN CONSIDERING
SELECTION OF SITES FOR DISTRICT AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT
CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS**

The following criteria are used by PIAA in assessing the suitability of sites to host PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests:

- Quality of the Contest site competition surface.
- Location of the Contest site.
- Accessibility to the Contest site.
- Contest site Emergency Response Plan (ERP).
- Contest site handicapped parking areas and handicapped accessibility to facility, spectator seating, and restrooms.
- Contest site parking areas.
- Contest site security.
- Contest site spectator seating.
- Contest site restroom facilities.
- Contest site locker room and athletic training facilities.
- Accessibility at Contest site to Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).
- Number of telephone lines available to the broadcasting and/or print media.
- Ability to properly display the American Flag and ability to play the National Anthem, prior to the start of each Contest.

If a site proposing to host a Contest, or being asked to host a Contest, is aware of a deficiency in any of the above criteria, such deficiency shall be disclosed to PIAA prior to the selection of the site to host a Contest.

Sport-specific and other relevant criteria may be considered as appropriate under the circumstances. A deficiency in one or more of the criteria shall not, in itself, disqualify a site but such deficiency shall be weighed against the other criteria and the availability of other qualified sites.

**POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN DETERMINING
FIRST ROUND INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
CONTEST SITES IN THE SPORT OF TEAM WRESTLING**

The following criteria are used by PIAA in determining entry round Inter-District Championship Contest sites in the sport of Team wrestling:

- Availability of Inter-District Championship Contest sites.
- Suitability of Contest sites, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Considering Selection of Sites for District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests.
- Suitability of Contest sites for hosting multiple Contests in a sport.
- Contest sites geographically located in the PIAA District of the member school listed at the top of the Inter-District Championship brackets (pairings).
- Contiguous nature of involved PIAA Districts.

Sport-specific and other relevant criteria may be considered as appropriate under the circumstances.

ADDITIONAL MEDALS

The championship, second, third and fourth place teams will receive medals not to exceed twenty-five (25) per team. Members of the championship teams and second place teams will receive trophies.

Additional medals may be ordered by contacting:

JOSTEN'S
Mr. Walter A. Grudi
220 South Railroad
P. O. Box 271
Palmyra, PA 17078
(717) 838-1311

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, PIAA Associate Executive Director, will serve as the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships Tournament Director.

Mr. Mark E. Byers, PIAA Assistant Executive Director, will serve as the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships Assistant Tournament Director.

2008-2009 PIAA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2008-2009 PIAA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	EVENT	CLASS	TIME	MATS
Friday	February 6, 2009	Admit Coaches and Contestants	AA	6:30 am	
Friday	February 6, 2009	School Registration	AA	6:45 am	
Friday	February 6, 2009	Skin Condition Check and Weigh-In	AA	7:00 am	
Friday	February 6, 2009	Warm-Ups	AA	7:15 am-	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	Second Round Competition	AA	8:00 am	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	Admit Coaches and Contestants	AAA	8:30 am	
Friday	February 6, 2009	School Registration	AAA	8:45 am	
Friday	February 6, 2009	Skin Condition Check and Weigh-In	AAA	9:00 am	
Friday	February 6, 2009	Warm-Ups	AAA	9:15 am -	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	Second Round Competition	AAA	10:00 am	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	Quarterfinal Round Competition	AA	12:00 pm	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	Quarterfinal Round Competition	AAA	2:00 pm	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	First Round Consolations	AA	4:00 pm	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	First Round Consolations	AAA	6:00 pm	4
Friday	February 6, 2009	Second Round Consolations	AA & AAA	8:00 pm	4
Saturday	February 7, 2009	Admit Coaches and Contestants	AA & AAA	7:30 am	
Saturday	February 7, 2009	Skin Condition Check and Weigh-In	AA & AAA	8:00 am	
Saturday	February 7, 2009	Warm-Ups	AA & AAA	8:15 am-	4
Saturday	February 7, 2009	Semi-Final Round Competition	AA & AAA	9:00 am	4
Saturday	February 7, 2009	Third Round Consolations	AA & AAA	11:00 am	4
Saturday	February 7, 2009	Final and Consolation Finals	AA & AAA	1:00 pm	4

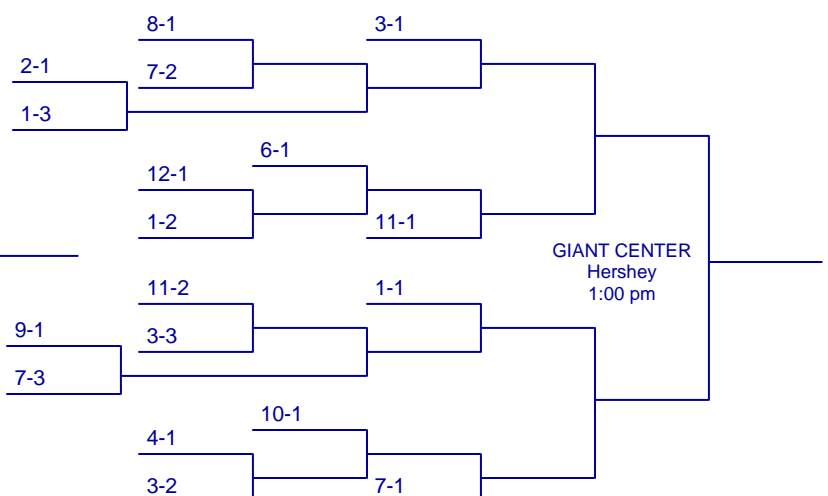
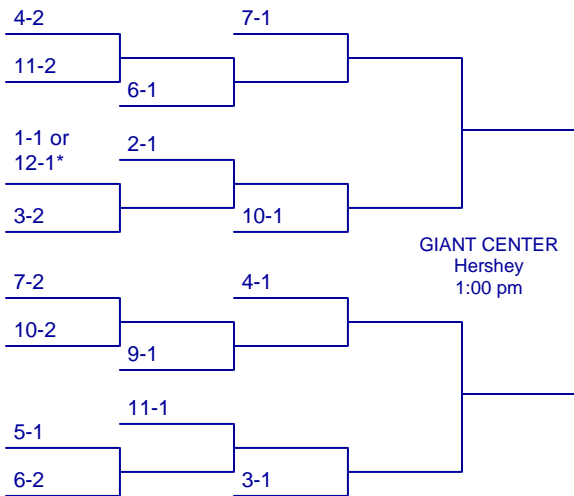
PIAA Team Wrestling Championships Tournament personnel will conduct all weigh-ins adjacent to the Green Room in the GIANT CENTER and **PIAA TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT PHYSICIANS WILL CONDUCT A SKIN CONDITION CHECK AT ALL WEIGH-INS.** A one-pound allowance will be granted for the second day of competition (Saturday).

2008-2009 PIAA AA Team Wrestling Championship

2008-2009 PIAA AAA Team Wrestling Championship

First Rd. Feb. 3 Second Rd. Feb. 6 Qtrs. Feb. 6 Semis Feb. 7 Final Feb. 7

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*Indicates District combined with another District to form a Region.

PARKING FOR COMPETING SCHOOLS AND CHEERLEADERS

Parking for competing schools and spectators is available at the GIANT CENTER. **Buses** transporting Teams and cheerleaders enter GIANT CENTER PARKING, move into the right lane, proceed under the overpass, and enter the Administrative Parking Lot on the right. A security guard checkpoint is located at the entrance to the Administrative Parking Lot. Buses will be directed to park behind the GIANT Center. **School Vans** transporting Teams and cheerleaders should enter GIANT CENTER MAIN PARKING AREA, proceed under the overpass, and follow signage to the **FRONT** of the GIANT Center. **ALL TEAMS AND CHEERLEADERS** must enter the GIANT CENTER through Team Entrance #5 on the South East corner of the building.