



DIAA 2022-2023 Wrestling Championship Tournament Manual

TO: Member School Administrators and Athletic Directors; Wrestling Coaches and Officials; and
Members of the Media

Colleagues:

The 2022-2023 DIAA Wrestling State Tournament Manual is intended to provide you with detailed information concerning the organization and administration of these Championships.

A thorough review of the general information pertinent to all of the tournaments and the specific information for each sport should familiarize you with these events.

The rules and procedures contained in this manual are applicable only to the 2022-2023 DIAA Winter State Championships and are not intended to govern subsequent championships or to be binding on future committees.

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The Committees sincerely hope that the DIAA Wrestling Championships will be a tremendous success in all respects.

For the most up to date tournament information, please visit the DIAA website,
www.education.delaware.gov/diaa

Thank you,

DIAA Wrestling Committee



General Information

The following items are applicable to each of the 2022-2023 DIAA Wrestling Championships. Items specific to the organization and administration of Wrestling are located in this manual.

Item 1. Management

- A. The 2022-2023 DIAA wrestling championships will be managed by the DIAA Executive Director and DIAA Wrestling Committee.
- B. The committees are authorized to resolve any situation not covered by the regulations in the General Information or specific information sections of this manual.
- C. Changes in tournament format or the criteria and procedures for selecting and seeding the participating teams/individuals are subject to the approval of the DIAA Board of Directors.

Item 2. Sponsorship

- A. DIAA will organize, conduct, and underwrite the costs of the championship and will receive all proceeds.
- B. All expenditures must be approved by the DIAA Executive Director.
 1. No vouchers will be approved unless an itemized statement of cost accompanies the request for payment.
 2. Vouchers will not be processed until the financial ticket reconciliation information has been submitted and verified to the DIAA.
 3. No vouchers received after the end of the fiscal year (June 15, 2023) will be paid.

Item 3. Eligibility

- A. Eligibility rules as stipulated in the most up to date DIAA Regulations will be strictly enforced.

Item 4. Contest Rules

- A. DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations. The playing rules promulgated by the NFHS for wrestling (team and individual) except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors, will be in effect for all tournament contests.

Item 5. Classification (Division I and II)

- A. The Dual Team Wrestling Tournament crowns Division I and Division II Champions. DIAA classifies all schools in Division I that have a DOE certified enrollment count of grades 9 through 12 equal to or greater than the school with the smallest enrollment in either the Blue Hen Conference Flight A or the Henlopen Conference North Division. That number for the 2020-2022 school years is 1045. This count consists of all students who, if eligible, would participate at that school, including special needs students. Single gender schools have their total enrollment doubled to determine their final enrollment number. All other schools are classified as Division II.

The Division I schools for this school year are as follows:

Appoquinimink	Cape Henlopen	Caesar Rodney	Charter School of Wilmington
Concord	Delcastle	Dover	Hodgson
Middletown	Mount Pleasant	Padua (girls)	Polytech
Salesianum (boys)	Smyrna	St. George's	Sussex Central
Sussex Tech	William Penn	Milford	

Item 6. Ticket Sales & Ticketing Policies

- A. All tickets will be purchased through GoFan, DIAA's official ticketing partner, unless otherwise noted.
- B. Tickets for DIAA state tournament events can be found by visiting <https://gofan.co/app/school/DIAA>
- C. Fans MUST have a smart phone or mobile device to show and redeem purchased tickets for entry into DIAA Championship events.
- D. Fans should purchase tickets in advance of the championship events by visiting <https://gofan.co/app/school/DIAA>

- E. Children four (4) years and younger will be admitted without charge to all matches and should have an accompanying free ticket through GoFan.
- F. Ticket prices and fees are subject to change per approval by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- G. No refunds will be given for tickets purchased but not used.
- H. All tickets will be coded so as to admit the holder only to the round specified.
- I. No tournament passes will be sold.

Item 7. Sportsmanship and Spectator Conduct

- A. Member schools are required to conduct all of their athletic affairs in a spirit of good sportsmanship.
- B. The administrators, athletic directors, and coaches of the participating schools are expected to: actively promote good sportsmanship and appropriate crowd behavior, stress the importance of demonstrating respect for the contest officials and the opposing team, and emphasize the need for proper conduct by spectators at all venues. School administrators are expected to be proactive in preventing unsportsmanlike behavior and to deal with it promptly and decisively if it occurs at the contest.
- C. The coaches and athletes of the participating schools are expected to observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- D. Spectator Guidelines and Conduct:
 - 1. Drones, banners, flags, and signs are prohibited outdoors at all tournament contests. Other decorations that do not block spectator, press or team sightlines may be used with permission of and at the discretion of the Committee.
 - 2. Streamers, confetti, and other paper debris are also prohibited.
 - 3. Sirens, horns, bells, buzzers, whistles or any other artificial or mechanical noise-making devices are strictly forbidden at all **indoor** events.
 - 4. The use of any noise making device that simulates game controls devices (whistles, air horns etc.) is strictly forbidden at **all** contests.
 - 5. All cheers should stress the spirit of good sportsmanship. Use only positive cheers that encourage your team. Profane, derogatory or obscene chants and taunting will not be tolerated.
 - 6. Behavior such as fans reading newspapers or turning their backs during player introductions, booing or heckling the contest officials, and being disrespectful to the opposing cheerleaders is unsportsmanlike behavior and is not to be tolerated at DIAA athletic events.
 - 7. Face paint is permitted, but body paint is not. A shirt, top, etc. must be worn at all times.
 - 8. Spectators must remain in the assigned seating section. Spectators are not permitted on the playing surface at any time.

Item 8. Soliciting, Promotional Activities, and Merchandising

- A. Soliciting and promotional activities; e.g., public address announcements, signs, banners, display or sign-up tables, and the distribution of printed materials are prohibited at all tournament playing sites without the consent of DIAA Executive Director.
- B. Only vendors authorized by DIAA Executive Director will be permitted to sell merchandise at tournament playing sites.

Item 9. Raffles and 50/50 Drawings

- A. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, and other games of chance are prohibited at all tournament playing sites without the consent of DIAA Executive Director.

Item 10. Bench and Sideline Personnel

- A. DIAA requires that all school personnel in the team bench area be in the sixth grade or older and approved as members of the official team party.

Item 11. Media Policy for State Tournament Events

- A. Media Email List: Media personnel wishing to receive press releases and information regarding DIAA events must submit their name, media outlet, phone number and email address to DIAA at diaa@doe.k12.de.us
- B. Tournament Media Credentials
 - 1. Media personnel wishing to cover DIAA events must request working credentials from the DIAA Office. DIAA credentials may also be valid for regular season events at the host school’s discretion.
 - 2. DIAA will provide credentials to representatives of an accredited media organization recognized by DIAA for the sole purpose of providing access to cover a DIAA Tournament Event. Because of demand, credentials will be issued on a priority system. Facility size is a determining factor. All requests may not be honored. To request credentials, complete the form on the DIAA website (https://education.delaware.gov/diaa/diaa_for/media/). Accredited media organizations should have a tax ID number and submit this requested information by completing the media credentials request form.
 - 3. DIAA credentialing is for use solely in connection to news and editorial coverage of the event. Any non-editorial, commercial or other unauthorized use of any transmission, picture, film, videotape, audiotape, writing, drawing or other

depiction of any game, game action, game information, player interview or other stadium activity, and any non-editorial or commercial use of the DIAA mark or logo is prohibited without prior specific approval of the DIAA Executive Director.

4. The DIAA may deny or revoke credentials for noncompliance with DIAA policies; and for conduct for which there are reasonable grounds to believe violate state or federal law, or constitute a breach of professional ethics.

C. Broadcasting/Photographing

1. DIAA retains exclusive rights to the permission to broadcast and photograph all tournament games and no party may do so without the consent of the DIAA Executive Director. The DIAA must be contacted, in writing or by e-mail, for permission to cablecast, telecast, web cast (video stream) live or on a delayed basis, or photograph a State Tournament Event or any part of a State Tournament Event.
2. Broadcast agreements are available upon request and will be awarded to those companies that meet DIAA State Tournament broadcast criteria. Questions or concerns can be directed to the DIAA Executive Director 302-857-3365.
3. All broadcasting/photography must be in accordance with current NFHS Rules for that sport. All access to the field, course, and court area for the purposes of videotaping or photography will be conducted according to the current NFHS rules for that sport. Persons photographing or videotaping a State Tournament Event, and stations cable casting, telecasting, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament Event must remain in the areas that have been designated for spectators, sports photographers, schools, cable/television stations, or Internet video broadcasters. If that area is not known to them, they must seek out a DIAA Tournament Committee member to be shown the designated area.
4. Persons cable casting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament Event shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object or facility.
5. Persons cable casting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament Event shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of spectators, shall not present a safety hazard to spectators, and shall not disrupt, disturb, or interfere with the competition or with an individual competitor

D. Photograph Reproduction

1. Credentialed media personnel may not sell photos and/or video from state tournaments, except by bona fide newspaper offices (or the official website of the newspapers).
2. Spectators are permitted to photograph and/or video contests for personal use only. No image of any contest may be reproduced without the written consent of the student-athlete being photographed. Photographs and/or videos taken by spectators may not be sold.
3. School personnel may photograph and/or video contests for school use only in publications such as yearbooks, school websites, school newsletters, etc. provided they have received permission from the DIAA Executive Director and school principal.
4. Freelance photographers who are not affiliated with a bona fide media outlet will not be credentialed for state tournament contests.
5. All other photography of DIAA tournament games is strictly for the purpose of news and editorial coverage of the event. No other photographs or any other visual material taken at a DIAA event may be sold without express written consent of the DIAA.

E. Media Entrance: Members of the media must display current DIAA Media credentials to gain access to all State Tournament Events. Bags and equipment may be inspected for security purposes.

F. Press Area: A designated press area will be made available for members of the media to view and report on State Tournament Events when available or possible. Members of the media should contact the site coordinator prior to an event for access to phone lines, Ethernet or wireless access. The DIAA will do its best to provide this when available.

Item 12. Video by Spectators

- A. Spectators are permitted to video contest for personal use only. The reproduction, distribution and sale of spectator video is prohibited without the consent of DIAA Executive Director
- B. Videos may be used in accordance with current NFHS Rules for that sport.
- C. Spectators will be allowed to video a game in their seat provided they use hand held camcorders and do not block the view of other spectators or interfere with the game. Tripods are only permitted in the top row of the bleachers.
- D. Neither DIAA nor the host site will be liable for theft or damage to spectator videotaping equipment or injury due to the use of such equipment.
- E. The host site is not obligated to provide power for spectator videotaping equipment.

Item 13. Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

- A. Unless granted special permission by the DIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any DIAA State Tournament Event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the DIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

Item 14. Transportation Reimbursement, Parking and Spectator Buses

- A. Each participating school may be reimbursed at a rate of 75¢ per mile for one bus. Reimbursements will be made only for actual mileage traveled; no reimbursement will be made for band and spectator buses or for team meals and lodging. The school must submit a voucher to DIAA to be reimbursed for transportation. DIAA will not process any vouchers DIAA receives after the end of the fiscal year (June 15, 2023).

Item 15. Comments and Recommendations

- A. The committee is genuinely interested in the comments and/or recommendations of member schools concerning all aspects of the tournaments. Please submit any comments and/or suggestions in writing to the appropriate committee chairperson.

DIAA Wrestling Committee Members

Buddy Lloyd, Chair	Smyrna School District (retired)
Peter Parlett.....	DWOA Official (retired)
Ron Eby	Smyrna School Board Member (retired)
John Rusnak.....	Salesianum School (retired)
Joe Loboizzo.....	DWOA Official
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2022-2023 DIAA WRESTLING DUAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

Specific Information

Item 1. Competition Rules

- A. All competition shall be conducted according to the 2022-23 NFHS Wrestling Rules Book and the current version of the DIAA Official Handbook.

Item 2. Tournament Field

- A. The Division I and II tournament fields shall consist of eight (8) teams in each Division.
 - 1. The Division I tournament field shall consist of the Blue Hen Flight A Champion, the Henlopen North Champion and six (6) at-large teams.
 - 2. The Division II tournament field shall consist of the Blue Hen Flight B Champion, the Henlopen South Champion and six (6) at-large teams.
- B. The State Wrestling Committee (SWC) will select at-large teams for both Division I and Division II tournaments and determine the order of seeding of both tournament fields.
 - 1. All teams wishing to be considered for selection, including automatic qualifiers, shall complete the application included in this manual and forward to the DIAA Executive Director no later than noon on Friday, February 10, 2023.
 - 2. The following criteria are used by the SWC to determine selection and seeding:
 - a. Head-to-head competition,
 - b. regular season competition results against common opponents,
 - c. strength of schedule,
 - d. additional information provided on the application. Coaches are encouraged to provide any information they feel will assist the SWC in selecting and seeding their team accurately.
- C. Seeding: Teams in each division will be seeded #1 through #8 in a traditional 8 team bracket. In the event that eight teams do not apply, seed #1 would get a bye followed by seed #2 that would get the second bye. There would be no change to the brackets once the tournament starts.

Item 3. Tournament Dates

- A. The 2023 Dual Team Wrestling Championship will be held on Wednesday, February 15 and Saturday, February 18, 2023.
- B. Should the tournament be postponed due to inclement weather the alternate dates shall be the Monday and Wednesday prior to the Conference Tournaments. The dates for 2023 are Monday, February 20 and Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Item 4. Tournament Sites

- A. The 2023 tournament Quarter Finals sites will be determined based on tournament seeding.
- B. The Semifinals and Finals will be held at Smyrna High School for both Division I and Division II on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Item 5. Tournament Schedule

A. The SWC has established the following schedule for the tournament:

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
(Higher Seed Team Will Host)

Time	Event
5:30 PM	Teams arrive. Please do not arrive earlier.
6:00 PM	Weigh-ins begins
7:00 PM	Quarterfinals begins on one mat

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Time	Event
12:30 PM	Teams arrive. Please do not arrive earlier.
1:00 PM	Weigh-ins begins
2:00 PM	Division II Semifinals begins on two mats
4:00 PM	Division I Semifinals begins on two mats
6:00 PM (immediately following Semifinals)	Finals begin on two mats
Following Finals	Presentation of Awards

Item 6. Weigh-Ins

- A. Weigh-ins shall be conducted according to 2022-2023 NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5.
- B. All contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh in shoulder-to-shoulder at the tournament site a maximum of one hour before the quarterfinal round on Wednesday and again on Saturday before the semifinals.
- C. All teams must be present at the start of the weigh-in period. Exceptions for late arriving teams may be granted by the Tournament Director if an extenuating circumstance prevents the team’s arrival on time.
- D. The weigh-in shall be conducted by weight class beginning with the randomly drawn weight class. Contestants shall not leave the weigh-in area until they have completed their weigh-in.
- E. Two scales will be available for weigh-ins on Wednesday. Four Scales will be available on Saturday.
- F. A contestant may step on and off the first scale two times. If the contestant fails to make weight they may step on all other scales one time. During the time off the scales, activities that promote dehydration are prohibited.
- G. A maximum of twenty-eight (28) wrestlers from each team are permitted to weigh in.

Item 7. Wrestler’s Health

- A. During weigh-ins coaches of wrestlers suspected of having a communicable skin disease, or any other condition that makes participation inadvisable, must present a written medical note signed by a physician, DO, physician assistant or nurse practitioner stating that the suspected disease or condition is not communicable.
- B. Covering a communicable condition shall not be considered acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to compete.
- C. If an on-site meet physician/DO is present, he/she will have final authority regarding suspect skin conditions and may overrule the medical note.

Item 8. Weight Allowance

- A. The two-pound growth allowance granted by DIAA shall be in effect. Additional weight allowances shall not be granted except in accordance with 2022-23 NFHS Wrestling, Rule 4-5-5 (consecutive days of team competition).

Item 9. Match Rosters

- A. Team rosters must be submitted electronically to Trackwrestling and to the school’s website4sports site. Please list by weight class beginning with the 106 lb class.
- B. A maximum of twenty-eight (28) wrestlers who legally weighed-in for each team will be eligible to compete in each match. These names will comprise the match roster for the meet.

Item 10. Admission

- A. The admission charges for the 2023 Dual Team Wrestling Tournament are as follows:
 - 1. Wednesday, Quarterfinal Round – Student (K-12) and adult admission - \$5.00
 - 2. Saturday, Semifinal and Championship Round - Student (K-12) and adult admission - \$7.00
- A. Complimentary Admission
 - 1. Competing wrestlers (maximum of twenty-eight) will receive complimentary admission via a hand stamp conducted during

weigh-ins.

2. The head coach and a maximum of two assistant coaches of each participating team will receive complimentary admission via a hand stamp conducted during weigh-ins.
 3. A maximum of two managers and one trainer for each participating team will receive complimentary admission via a hand stamp conducted during weigh-ins.
 4. The varsity head coach of each member school's wrestling team may receive three complimentary, non-transferable passes for coaches on their staff by contacting the DIAA office by February 1, 2023. The request must include the names of the coaches who will receive the passes. Coaches who do not submit the team photo and information requested in Item 13 by the deadline will not receive passes.
- B. Due to space limitations, cheerleaders will not be permitted and are not eligible for complimentary admission.

Item 11. Tournament Administration

- A. The SWC, in coordination with the DIAA Executive Director, shall be responsible for all decisions regarding the planning, preparation and operations of the tournament. Members of the SWC shall volunteer to staff the tournament to the extent possible.
- B. The Chair of the SWC, or the Chair's designee, shall be the Tournament Director and shall be responsible for on-site tournament operations and decisions, in consultation with the SWC and DIAA Executive Director.
- C. An Official Timer will be coordinated by DIAA. Each team will provide a scorer.
- D. A member school agrees to host the event.
 1. The Host School will designate a Site Director. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
 - a. Set up the gym, mats and bench areas according to current NFHS specifications.
 - b. Provide locker room facilities for the officials and provide safe passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 - c. Provide locker room facilities for the participating athletes.
 - d. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 - e. Provide seating arrangements for spectators.
 - f. Contact the Tournament Director three hours prior to game time if the site is not in appropriate condition.
 - g. Clear with the Tournament Director matters of policy or procedure.
 - h. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 9).
 - i. Charge admission until directed by the SWC.
 - j. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 - k. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 - l. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school.
 2. The host school designates and supervises support personnel. The number of support and police personnel MUST be approved by the DIAA Executive Director prior to the start of the event. Support personnel may include:
 - a. Ticket seller(s);
 - b. Program seller(s);
 - c. Ticket taker(s);
 - d. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);
 - e. Scoreboard Operator
 - f. Track Wrestling Operator; and
 - g. Medical Personnel: two trainers and one physician
 3. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
 - a. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 - b. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA at diaa@doe.k12.de.us.
 4. The host school is responsible for returning any unsold tickets and reporting program sales to the DIAA Office.
 5. Public Address System
 - a. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school unless the SWC provides an announcer.
 - b. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the SWC or the Executive Director.
 - c. The public address announcer must remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game. Game announcing is for factual information purposes only, 'play-by-play' announcing of the game is not allowed.

Item 12. Officials

- A. The Delaware Wrestling Officials Association, Inc. (DWOA) shall provide the officials for the tournament.
- B. Two officials will be used for each match. The officials will alternate being head official and assistant official.
- C. The officials will be chosen by a method devised by DWOA subject to the approval of DIAA and SWC. A Head Official will be appointed by mutual agreement of the DWOA and the SWC. Assignment of officials to work specific matches will be made by the DWOA, subject to the approval of the Tournament Director.

- D. Officials assigned to the 2023 Dual Meet Tournament will be paid according to the Officials Association-DIAA Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Item 13. Tournament Program

- A. DIAA will prepare an official tournament program which will contain team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information and will be available online.
- B. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information. Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's website4sports site by January 31, 2023. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tfi format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 - 1. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo. Program information must be submitted for coaches to receive a complementary Tournament Pass.

Item 14. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 - 1. Team: Trophies will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up teams in each Division.
 - 2. Individual: Medals (28) will be presented to each member of the Championship and Runner-Up teams in each Division.

**2022 - 2023 DIAA DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
APPLICATION FOR AT-LARGE BERTH AND SEEDING**

SCHOOL NAME: _____

	Dual Meet Opponent and/or Tournament	Dual Meet Results		Dual Meet Score	DI or DII	Enrollment (If Out-of-State)	Tournament Results (place finished)
1.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
16.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
17.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
18.	_____	W	L	_____	_____	_____	_____

Overall Win/Loss Record _____ - _____

In-State Win/Lose Record _____ - _____

Best three (3) opponents: _____

Best opponent defeated: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athletic Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be emailed (diaa@doe.k12.de.us) or delivered to Executive Director no later than noon on Friday, February 10, 2023. A copy of your full wrestling schedule must be included with this application. Coaches are strongly encouraged to submit additional information which may assist the State Wrestling Committee in accurately selecting or seeding teams.

** In accordance with DIAA regulation 1006.2.4 only a DIAA member school in good standing which sponsors wrestling and is in compliance with all applicable DIAA Rules and Regulations shall be eligible for the DIAA Dual Team Wrestling Championship Tournament. Any applicants found to be in violation of DIAA Rules and Regulations may be subject to disqualification.

WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

Committee Members

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Peter Parlett.....	DWOA Official (retired)
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Item 1. Competition Rules

- A. All competition shall be conducted according to the 2022-2023 NFHS Wrestling Rules Book and the current version of the DIAA Official Handbook.

Item 2. Tournament Field and Seeding

- A. Competition will consist of 16-person championship brackets in each of 14 weight classes according to National Federation rules.
- B. Competition in each weight class will consist of the top four place winners in each of the qualifying tournaments (Blue Hen, Henlopen Conference and Independent Schools) and four at large berths.
- C. Current weight classes are as follows:
- | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 106 lbs | 126 lbs | 144 lbs | 165 lbs | 215 lbs |
| 113 lbs | 132 lbs | 150 lbs | 175 lbs | 285 lbs |
| 120 lbs | 138 lbs | 157 lbs | 190 lbs | |
- D. Seeding: The Individual State Wrestling Tournament will be seeded by the State Wrestling Committee based on approved criteria that places primary emphasis on the wrestler's finish in their conference qualifying tournament, head to head competition for the current season, followed by a point system determined by a list of criteria approved by the SWC.
1. The SWC will use Trackwrestling and the seeding criteria to rank all 24 place winners from the qualifying tournaments. Once the top 16 wrestlers from the list of 24 are identified and ranked, they will be seeded under the current seeding process.
 2. The top four place winners from each qualifying tournament will be guaranteed a seed, but overall ranking within the top 16 will determine their seed.
 3. For the initial seeding, the most that any qualifying tournament can send would be eight representatives. Once the eight representatives from one of the qualifying tournaments are seeded, the remaining representatives from the other qualifying tournaments would be seeded.
 4. The SWC will designate the 17th to 24th ranked wrestlers as alternates to be used in case there are scratches. The alternates would be added by the rank order of the committee without regard to the qualifying tournament.
 5. If a wrestler scratches, the wrestlers ranked below the scratched wrestler will move up one seed and the alternate becomes the 16th seed. The bracket will then be adjusted.
 - a. All scratches should be reported as early as possible to allow the alternate wrestlers to prepare. Alternate wrestlers should maintain their weight in case a scratch does occur.
 - b. All scratches must be reported to the SWC Chair, Buddy Lloyd, by 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 2. Contact information: 302-222-8206 or buddykeene@gmail.com
- E. Tournament pairings will be determined in accordance with the procedures outlined in Rule 10 of the National Federation of High Schools wrestling rules book. A competitor must be defeated twice in order to be eliminated. The top eight place winners will be determined via competition.

Item 3. Tournament Dates

- A. The tournament for the 2022-2023 wrestling season the tournament will be held on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, 2023. Inclement weather dates are Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5, 2023.

Item 4. Tournament Site

- A. The 2023 tournament will be held at Cape Henlopen High School.

Item 5. Tournament Schedule

- A. The SWC has established the following schedule for the tournament: (*subject to change*)

Session One on Day One

Time	Event
2:00 PM	Teams arrive on site. Please do not arrive earlier.
2:30 PM	Weigh-ins begin.
4:00 PM	Preliminary Round begins on five mats
7:00 PM	Quarterfinal Round begins on three mats
7:00 PM	First Consolation Round begins on two mats

Session Two on Day Two

Time	Event
8:30 AM	Teams arrive on site. Please do not arrive earlier.
8:45 AM	Weigh-ins begin.
10:00 AM	Second Consolation Round begins on four mats
11:00 AM	Championship Semifinals begin on two mats
End of Second Consolation Round	Quarterfinal Consolation Rounds begins on mats available
Before the break	7 th and 8 th Place Round

Session Three on Day Two

Time	Event
5:00 PM	Fifth Place Round begins on two mats
Immediately following Fifth Place	Third Place Round begins on two mats
6:55 PM	Parade of Champions
7:00 PM	Championship Finals on one mat

Item 6. Weigh-Ins

- A. Weigh-ins shall be conducted according to 2022-2023 NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5.
- B. All contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh in shoulder-to-shoulder at the tournament site a maximum of two hours before the first session of the day.
- C. All teams must be present at the start of the weigh-in period. Exceptions for late arriving teams may be granted by the Tournament Director if an extenuating circumstance prevents the team's arrival on time.
- D. The weigh-in shall be conducted by weight class beginning with the 106 lb class and will conclude immediately following the 285 lb class. Contestants shall not leave the weigh-in area until they have completed their weigh-in.
- E. Four scales will be available for weigh-ins.
- F. A contestant may step on and off the first scale two times. If the contestant fails to make weight they may step on all other scales one time. During the time off the scales, activities that promote dehydration are prohibited.
- G. Contestants failing to make weight are eliminated from the tournament.

Item 7. Wrestler's Health

- A. During weigh-ins coaches of wrestlers suspected of having a communicable skin disease, or any other condition that makes participation inadvisable, must present a written medical note signed by a physician, DO, physician assistant or nurse practitioner stating that the suspected disease or condition is not communicable.
- B. Covering a communicable condition shall not be considered acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to compete.
- C. If an on-site meet physician/DO is present he/she will have final authority regarding suspect skin conditions and may overrule the medical note.

Item 8. Weight Allowance

- A. The two pound growth allowance granted wrestlers on December 26 shall be in effect.
- B. In addition, all wrestlers will be granted an additional pound on the second day of competition.
- C. Additional weight allowances shall not be granted except in accordance with 2022-2023 NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5-5 (consecutive days of team competition).

Item 9. Admission

- A. Student (K-12) and adult admission is \$5 for Session One, \$6 for Session Two and \$7 for Session Three.

- B. Complimentary Admission
 1. Admission for contestants shall be via a hand stamp conducted during weigh-ins each day. Contestants eliminated on the first day of competition must report to the weigh-in area during weigh-ins on day two to have their hand stamped in order to receive complimentary admission.
 2. The head coach and a maximum of two assistant coaches of each participating team will receive complimentary admission via a hand stamp conducted during weigh-ins.
 3. A maximum of two managers and one trainer for each participating team will receive complimentary admission via a hand stamp conducted during weigh-ins.
- C. Due to space limitations cheerleaders will not be permitted and are not eligible for complimentary admission.

Item 10. Tournament Administration

- A. The SWC, in coordination with the DIAA Executive Director, shall be responsible for all decisions regarding the planning, preparation and operations of the tournament. Members of the SWC shall volunteer to staff the tournament to the extent possible.
- B. The Chair of the SWC, or the Chair's designee, shall be the Tournament Director and shall be responsible for on-site tournament operations and decisions, in consultation with the SWC and DIAA Executive Director.
- C. DIAA shall provide a Bout Master who is responsible for creating brackets, electronically posting on-deck information available to all throughout the event, tracking overall contestant advancement and assisting with awards ceremonies.
- D. A member school shall agree to host the event.
 1. The Host School will designate a Site Director. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
 - a. Set up the gym, mats and bench areas according to current NFHS specifications.
 - b. Provide locker room facilities for the officials and provide safe passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 - c. Provide locker room facilities for the participating athletes.
 - d. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 - e. Provide seating arrangements for spectators.
 - f. Contact the Tournament Director three hours prior to game time if the site is not in appropriate condition.
 - g. Clear with the Tournament Director matters of policy or procedure.
 - h. Provide an official scorer, official timer and runner/towel tapper, unless assigned by the SWC and supplied by the Officials' Association.
 - i. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 9).
 - j. Charge admission until directed by the SWC.
 - k. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 - l. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 - m. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school.
 2. The host school designates and supervises support personnel. The number of support and police personnel MUST be approved by the DIAA Executive Director prior to the start of the event. Support personnel may include:
 - b. Ticket seller(s);
 - c. Program seller(s);
 - d. Ticket taker(s);
 - e. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);
 - f. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer; and
 - g. Medical Personnel: two trainers and one physician
 3. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
 - a. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 - b. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
 4. The host school is responsible for returning any unsold tickets and reporting program sales to the DIAA Office.
 5. Public Address System
 - a. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school unless the SWC provides an announcer.
 - b. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the SWC or the Executive Director.
 - c. The public address announcer must remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game. Game announcing is for factual information purposes only, 'play-by-play' announcing of the game is not allowed.

Item 11. Officials

- A. The Delaware Wrestling Officials Association, Inc. shall provide the officials for the tournament.
- B. Ten (10) officials will be selected to work the tournament. The officials will be chosen by the DWOA using a selection method approved by DIAA and the SWC.
- C. A Head Official will be appointed by mutual agreement of the DWOA and the SWC.
- D. All ten officials will work the championship finals. Assignment of officials to work specific finals will be made by the Head Official,

DWOA President and the Tournament Director.

- E. Officials assigned will be paid according to the Officials Association-DIAA Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year

Item 12. Tournament Program

- A. DIAA will prepare an official tournament program which will contain team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information and will be available online.

Item 13. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 - 1. The top six (6) place winners in each weight class will receive a medal and a certificate. The Champion of each weight class will be presented with the official bracket for the class.
 - 2. The 7th and 8th place winners will receive a certificate.
 - 3. The Outstanding Wrestler, selected by the SWC, will receive a plaque.