WRESTLING DUAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

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Item 1. Competition Rules

A. All competition shall be conducted according to the 2023-24 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 9, 2024.
 - 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 2024 Dual Team Wrestling Championship will be held on Wednesday, February 14 and Saturday, February 17, 2024.
- 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 2024 are Monday, February 19 and Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Item 4. Tournament Sites

- A. The 2024 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 17, 2024.

Item 5. Tournament Schedule

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

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (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 17, 2024

Time	Event
12:30 PM	Teams arrive. Please do not arrive earlier.
1:00 PM	Weigh-ins begins
2:00 PM	Division I Semifinals begins on two mats
4:00 PM	Division II 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 2023-2024 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 2023-24 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 2024 Dual Team Wrestling Tournament are as follows:
 - 1. Wednesday, February 14th, Quarterfinal Round Student (K-12) and adult admission \$5.00
 - 2. Saturday, February 17th, Semifinal and Championship Round Student (K-12) and adult admission \$10.00
- B. Complimentary Admission
 - 1. Competing wrestlers (maximum of twenty-eight) will receive complimentary admission via a hand stamp conducted during weigh-ins.
 - a. 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.
- b. A maximum of two managers and one trainer for each participating team will receive complimentary admission via a hand conducted during weigh-ins.
- c. 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.
 - 1. 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 2024 Dual Meet Tournament will be paid according to the Officials Association-DIAA Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.

Item 13. Tournament Program

A. DIAA will not prepare an official tournament program.

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.
 - 3. Student-Athlete Academic Awards: One wrestler per team during the team championships (8 wrestlers in each Division) will be recognized as a Student-Athlete Academic Award winner. Athletic Directors must submit the name of the student-athlete through the AD Portal on the DIAA website. Criteria for selection includes:
 - i. Student-athlete must be at least a sophomore academically and athletically in their sport;
 - ii. Student-athlete must have been at the school for a least a year to receive the award;
 - iii. Student-athlete is an active member on the roster and eligible for the championship;
 - iv. Student-athlete only eligible to receive the academic award once during the sport championship;
 - v. Student-athlete must have a 3.2 GPA and on the active team championship roster.

2023 - 2024 DIAA DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT APPLICATION FOR AT-LARGE BERTH AND SEEDING

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Best opponent defeated:					
Coach Signature:					Date:
Athletic Director Signature:					Date:
Principal Signature:					Date:

Applications must be emailed (<u>diaa@doe.k12.de.us</u>) or delivered to Executive Director no later than noon on Friday, February 9, 2024. 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

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Steve Lex	
Vic Leonard	
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Item 1. Competition Rules

A. All competition shall be conducted according to the 2023-2024 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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.
 - g. 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, February 29. 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 2023-2024 wrestling season the tournament will be held on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2,

2024. Inclement weather dates are Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4, 2024.

Item 4. Tournament Site

A. The 2024 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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, \$8 for Session Two and \$10 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.
 - 1. 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 2023-2024 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 sold at all tournament playing sites. Schools will not receive complimentary programs at the conclusion of the tournament.

Item 13. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 - 1. The top eight (8) 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 Outstanding Wrestler, selected by the SWC, will receive a plaque.