



2024-2025 Boys Wrestling Series Terms and Conditions

I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

- A. There will be two classes of competition based on a school's 7-8 enrollment.

II. STATE TOURNAMENT SERIES DATES AND SITES

A. Regional Tournaments

Regional meets will be held on Saturday of [Week 33](#) in the IESA standardized calendar. Regional tournaments will use a follow the leader format. The seeding meeting is to be held the Thursday prior to the Regional meet.

B. Sectional Tournaments

Sectional meets will be held on Saturday of [Week 34](#) in the IESA standardized calendar. Sectional tournaments will use a wrestleback format. NOTE: All sectional tournaments must start @ 9:00 a.m.

C. State Tournament

The IESA state finals will be held on Friday and Saturday of [Week 35](#) in the IESA standardized calendar. State tournament will use a wrestleback format.

The State Finals will be held at the Northern Illinois University Convocation Center in DeKalb, Illinois. **Weigh-ins begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 7 and wrestling will start at 11:30 a.m. on Friday of the state finals.**

Item - Updated	2024-2025
Entry Deadline (Mon.)	Oct. 7, 2024
Final Entry Deadline	Nov. 1, 2024
Cooperative Agreement Due	Dec. 1, 2024
Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)	Nov. 25, 2024
Season Schedule Deadline (Mon.)	Dec. 9, 2024
Meets may begin (Mon.)	Dec. 9, 2024
Online Roster Deadline (Tue.)	Feb. 18, 2025
Regional Seed Meeting (Thu.)	Feb. 20, 2025
Regionals (Sat.)	Feb. 22, 2025
Sectionals (Sat.)	Mar. 1, 2025
State (Fri. & Sat.)	Mar. 7, 8, 2025
Season must end (Sat.)	Apr. 5, 2025

III. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

A. Regional Entry Form

The On-line Regional Entry Form, to be completed by logging in to the IESA Member Center, shall be used to list up to two certified contestants in each weight class for state tournament series play. The Regional Entry Forms will be available on-line for regional hosts to view. No changes may be made to the bracket after a weight class has been seeded.

It is mandatory that schools complete the Regional Entry Form by the [Tuesday of Week 33](#). A school that fails to complete the Regional Entry Form by [the deadline](#) shall be disqualified from regional competition. (By-Law 4.057)

Teams shall be ruled ineligible to compete in any tournament series contest unless they have official entries at the

seeding meeting (By-Law 4.057).

It is the ultimate responsibility of all competing teams for all athletic activities to ensure that each participant listed on the Regional Entry Form is eligible. Regional hosts for all athletic activities are also required to check each contestant on the Regional Entry Form.

B. Entry fees

Schools must pay an entry fee of \$75. Those entries postmarked after **the posted deadline** were considered late and were required to pay a late fee of \$150. Entry fees will be refunded only upon request prior to initial entry deadline. If your school is listed in the Regional and Sectional Assignments posted on the IESA website, you have paid your entry fee for **2024-2025**.

Late entry fees will be waived for schools designated as new members or for current member schools entering an activity for the first time which petition to participate in an activity after the initial entry deadline.

The penalty fee for a school which does not participate in the State Tournament series without notification to the IESA or withdraws after the regional seeding meeting shall be the loss of the entry fee and a \$50.00 penalty. (By-Law 5.029)

IV. Eligibility

A. Participation

A student must be eligible under all the eligibility rules and conditions of competition of the IESA. These rules and conditions are outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the IESA Handbook and include but are not limited to:

1. Scholastic Standing - IESA By-Law 2.040
2. Residence and Transfer - IESA By-Laws 2.050 and 2.060
3. Participation Limitations - IESA By-Law 3.040
4. Age Qualifications - IESA By-Law 3.050
5. Physical Examination - IESA By-Law 3.060
6. Amateurism - IESA By-Law 3.070
7. Participating Under an Assumed Name - IESA By-Law 3.080
8. All-Star Participation - IESA By-Law 3.100

No student is eligible to participate at the same academic grade level for two different school years in the same sport. This is true whether the student attended a member or a non-member school. Participation in one interscholastic contest in a sport constitutes one season of eligibility in that sport.

B. MIXED- TEAM

Girls are permitted to participate on the team under the following guidelines:

IESA is not an enforcement agency when it comes to determining a school's compliance with Title IX and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) monitors the Federal law and the Illinois Sex Equity Rules (23 Illinois Administrative Code 200) that require school districts to offer athletic programs that accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes to a comparable degree. IESA member schools seeking a waiver for female athletes to participate on boys teams must demonstrate and provide assurance to ISBE of compliance with 23 Illinois Administrative Code 200.80.

Prior to any tryout, practice or game participation, the principal of a member school desiring to participate in an activity designated as a boys athletic activity, with a team comprised of both boys and girls shall:

- (1) Complete and submit the Gender Equity in Athletics Waiver Application that is available through the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) Web Application Security System (IWAS). This online application replaces the paper form ISBE 33-95. Please note the following:
 - a. Paper applications to the Illinois State Board of Education will no longer be accepted.
 - b. The application process for any sport in which a school wants permission to participate with a girl on a boys team must be completed prior to any tryout, practice or game participation by the girl.
 - c. The application does not have to list the names of the girls who wish to compete on the boy's team.
 - d. The application can list multiple sports if you need to get permission for more than one sport.
 - e. The ISBE IWAS application will require review by the District Superintendent, the Regional Office of Education

Administrator, and finally the ISBE Administrator who will issue final approval

- f. Questions concerning the completion of the form can be sent to:

Ms. Lynda Vaughn
Illinois State Board of Education
Office of General Counsel
Public School Recognition Department
100 W. Randolph St.; Suite 14-300
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Phone: 312-814-2223. FAX: 312-814-8636 Email: lvaughn@isbe.net

- (2) After submitting the ISBE IWAS application, you must send the IESA Office some type of communication (email, FAX, or written letter) that you have started the online application. Conditional approval for the girl(s) to play on the boy's team shall be automatic upon receipt of this communication. Conditional approval allows a school to permit a girl to tryout, practice, or participate in interscholastic boys athletic activities without penalty, pending the final compliance ruling from the ISBE.

C. Coaching school participation

A student who is a member of the school team may participate, depending on local school district policy, in any coaching school/camp during the season. A coaching school is defined as any program sponsored by an organization or individual, which provides instruction in sports theory and skills to groups of persons. Students may participate in and/or receive private lessons, school physical conditioning programs and may be used for demonstration purposes in coaches' clinics.

D. Schools With Which Contests May Be Held

Member schools may permit eligible students to participate in interscholastic activities as school representatives pursuant with the following:

- Schools which are members of this Association;
- Illinois elementary attendance centers containing any of the grades five through eight which are not members of this Association;
- Any school (Illinois or non-Illinois) containing grades five through eight as long as that contest is held in an Illinois school;
- Non-Illinois elementary attendance centers in states adjacent to Illinois which contain any of the grades five through eight.

Member schools may not permit students to participate as school representatives in interscholastic activities with high school or non-school groups. Schools may not compete against any type of IKWF team.

Member schools are not allowed to practice against other middle/junior high schools or allow students from their own school to practice with high school students.

IV. SEASON LIMITATIONS

A. Practice-Competition Dates

No member school participating in the Boys Wrestling State Tournament Series shall organize, hold tryouts, or practice prior to Monday of [Week 21](#) in the IESA standardized calendar.

A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in wrestling no earlier than Monday of Week 23 in the IESA standardized calendar. Member schools last interscholastic contest in wrestling may be no later than Saturday of Week 39 in the IESA standardized calendar.

B. Match-Tournament Limitations for Teams and Individuals

TEAM LIMITATIONS

Schools must submit their regular season schedule online in their Member Center no later than the Monday of Week 23.

Only schools which have an established school team which has played at least three (3) interscholastic contests prior to the regional seeding meeting in that sport during the current season may participate in team competition in Association-sponsored meets or tournaments.

INDIVIDUAL LIMITATIONS

Individual contestants shall be limited to a maximum of six matches per day, with a minimum rest period of 30 minutes between each match.

Exclusive of the IESA tournament series, individuals are limited to a maximum of 42 interscholastic matches per season (includes all school matches wrestled).

NOTE: If the school allows their students to participate in club wrestling during the IESA season and an IESA wrestler participates with a non-school club or team, those matches do not count toward the 42 match limitation. However, any school (IESA) match in which a wrestler actually wrestles (varsity, sub-varsity, exhibition, j.v., etc.) counts toward the 42 match maximum.

C. Regular Season Weigh-ins and Weight Allowances

All wrestlers must weigh in at each meet and/or tournament. **There is no weight allowance at any time during the season unless NFHS rule 4-5-5 is met.** Each wrestler must make scratch weight at every weigh-in.

REGULAR SEASON

During regular season meets and regular season invitationals, weight allowance may be given when National Federation rule 4-5-5 is met. No weight allowance is given for a digital scale. **NFHS Rule 4-5-5 is not in effect for the state series unless granted by the IESA Wrestling Administrator for reasons beyond control of the participating schools.**

All wrestlers shall weigh in at each regular season meet and/or tournament. IMPORTANT: ALL REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS (DUAL MEETS OR TOURNAMENTS) AND THE REGIONAL AND SECTIONAL MEETS MUST FOLLOW THE NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES REGARDING WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES. THE IESA DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY TYPE OF BODY FAT TESTING.

V. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

A. Seeding

It shall be the responsibility of the regional wrestling host to invite the coaches of the participating schools to a seeding meeting on Thursday of [Week 33](#) in the IESA standardized calendar. Schools not in attendance shall have nothing to say regarding seeding.

Teams without contestants listed on a Regional Entry Form at the seeding meeting shall be disqualified from regional competition. (By-Law 4.057)

In order to be seeded, a wrestler must have at least eight (8) varsity matches completed.

Eight contestants in each weight class shall be seeded from entries on the [Regional Entry Form](#) in the following manner:

- (a) Head-to-head competition;
- (b) Record against common opponents;
- (c) Overall record of **VARSIITY** matches--include matches wrestled regardless of the weight class;
- (d) Vote by the coaches if the eight seeds cannot be determined through steps a through c above.

NOTES:

- *Coaches may make corrections and/or additions to their Regional entries prior to the start of seeding for a specific weight class. Once seeding fir the weight class has begun, no additions/corrections may be made*

to entries.

- No re-seeding shall be done after all 19 weight classes have been seeded unless a seeded wrestler scratches at which time the remaining seeds are advanced. See Section B below
- Only the wrestlers who have wrestled at least 8 varsity matches may be seeded. All other wrestlers are drawn into the bracket. For example, if the 100 lb. weight class has 10 wrestlers entered but only five of the 10 wrestlers have wrestled 8 varsity matches, then only those five wrestlers will be seeded and the remaining five wrestlers are all drawn into the bracket.
- A wrestler who has not met the 8 varsity match requirement can never be seeded and will be drawn into the bracket regardless of his record. For example, one wrestler in the 126 lb. wt. class has a 16-1 record heading into regionals but only four of the 17 matches were wrestled at the varsity level with the other 13 matches wrestled at the j.v. level. Another wrestler is 1-12 at the same weight class but all matches were varsity matches. The wrestler with the 16-1 record CANNOT be seeded. That wrestler must be a draw because he has not met the 8 varsity match requirement. The wrestler with the 1-12 varsity record may be seeded. A similar situation would hold true if a wrestler, due to injury during the season, enters the seeding day with a 5-0 varsity record. That wrestler cannot be seeded and must be drawn into the bracket whereas a wrestler with a 4-8 varsity record could be seeded.

Seeding Procedure:

- ✓ In the above procedure, if (a) determines all eight seeds, go no further.
- ✓ If it does not, go to (b). If this determines remaining seeds, go no further.
- ✓ If not, go to (c), then (d).

Seeded wrestlers may be placed in the same bracket. If two wrestlers from the same school are seeded in the same bracket, do not re-seed so they are placed in opposite brackets.

For example, a school has two wrestlers in the 135 lb. weight class. One wrestler received the 2nd seed and the other wrestler received the 3rd seed. These two wrestlers must remain in the exact spot where they were seeded. It is not permissible to move the 2nd or 3rd seeded wrestler to the top bracket.

B. Pairings/Day of Regional Meet Scratches

REGIONAL BRACKETS: After the seeds have been placed in the bracket, the remaining wrestlers shall be placed by draw. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top bracket and seeds #2, #3, #6, and #7 in the bottom bracket.

Once a bracket has been seeded, the bracket is frozen and there are no changes to the bracket even if a wrestler scratches for any reason. For example, the #2 seeded wrestler misses weight Saturday morning of the regional. That wrestler is scratched, there is no replacement made, and the wrestler who was scheduled to wrestle the #2 seeded wrestler advances via a forfeit. IT DOES NOT MATTER THE REASON, IF A WRESTLER SCRATCHES AFTER THE SEEDING MEETING, THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE BRACKET.

SECTIONAL BRACKETS: The sectional meet shall be organized on the basis of regional results.

STATE BRACKETS: The state meet shall be organized on the basis of sectional results.

C. Scoring

Scoring shall be as in the National Federation Wrestling Rules Book.

Regional/Sectional: Team points shall be scored 14, 10, 7, and 4 points for four places at regionals and sectionals.

State: Team points shall be scored 16, 12, 9, 7, 5, and 3 points for six places at the state final meet.

D. Length of Periods

Regular match, consolation matches and wrestlebacks

First period will be one minute in length. The second and third periods will be one and one-half minutes in length.

Overtime

IESA does not use the overtime procedure that the IHSA uses and is listed in the NFHS rule book. In regular season

and tournament competition, the overtime period shall be conducted as follows:

- If the score is tied at the end of the three periods, the wrestlers will wrestle an overtime period which will be a maximum of one minute in length. Both wrestlers will be in the neutral position. The wrestler who scores the first point(s) will be declared the winner.
- If no winner is declared by the end of the 1-minute overtime period, a 30 second tiebreaker will be wrestled. Choice for position is given to the wrestler who scores the first point in the regulation match. The wrestler who scores the first point in the tiebreaker will be declared the winner.
- If no scoring occurs in 30 second tiebreaker, the offensive wrestler will be declared the winner and one match point is added to the offensive wrestler's score.
- **Of course, if the points earned in the overtime period or tiebreaker involve a takedown or reversal straight to the back, the match shall continue until the near fall or fall situation has concluded.**

E. Scoring Software

Schools hosting an IESA regional or sectional will receive a software program (Track Wrestling) to assist in computer scoring. The IESA will provide each regional and sectional host with trackwrestling software. A username and password will be sent to each host. All regional and sectionals must use trackwrestling as their scoring software for post-season events.

VI. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

- A. REGIONAL TO SECTIONAL:** The first, second, and third place regional individual weight class winners shall advance to sectional level competition.
- B. SECTIONAL TO STATE:** The first, second, third, and fourth place sectional individual weight class winners shall advance to state level competition.
- C.** If a wrestler who has advanced to the sectional or state level is ill, injured, or ineligible, they must be scratched.

Note: It shall be the responsibility of the principal or coach of the wrestler who is scratching to notify the IESA Office that an alternate may be necessary. The IESA Office will then contact the alternate's principal or coach to inquire if the substitute is available to wrestle at the next level.

VIII. STATE SERIES TOURNAMENT RULES

The official [2024-2025](#) National Federation Wrestling Rules shall be in effect for all dual meets and tournaments with the exceptions noted herein.

A. Contestants Entered

Each member school is eligible to enter one team, consisting of no more than two contestants in each weight class.

B. Weigh-ins and Allowances

All wrestlers must weigh in at each meet and/or tournament. There is no weight allowance. Each wrestler must make scratch weight at every weigh-in.

During the state series, all teams shall weigh-in together with their coach present. If even one wrestler is absent, the team shall wait until all members are present before they begin their weigh-in. If a wrestler fails to make weight at the regional meet, the wrestler can not move up to the next weight class and must be scratched. No contestant may replace him. No re-seeding will be done when a contestant is scratched.

Weigh-ins for all levels in the state series may be conducted as a team as opposed to weight class. Teams may not begin weighing-in until ALL team members have arrived. No individual may weigh-in after the team has weighed-in. For example, if School A completes their weigh-in without one of their wrestlers who missed the team bus, and then 10 minutes after the completion of weigh-ins, the individual shows up, that individual must be scratched from the tournament. He may not weigh-in separately. All State Series hosts must use digital scales. Weigh-ins at the state meet are conducted on Friday only.

All State Series hosts must use digital scales. No State Series host shall make a weight scale available to check weight before the actual weigh-ins begin. If the head official verifies that a school has checked their weigh on-site prior to the official weigh-in, that team shall be disqualified.

At the regional, sectional, and state level, ALL members of a team must be present before any member of that team may weigh-in. No team may weigh-in until the head official assigned by the IESA Office is present. Host schools must adhere to this rule.

Host schools for regionals and sectionals should set a 60-minute block of time 90 minutes prior to the start of the event for weigh-ins. ALL schools DO NOT have to be present when weigh-ins begin. (IHSA requires this). Schools simply show up as a team within the 60-minute block of time set aside for weigh-ins and then the team weighs in as a group.

If a wrestler fails to make weight at the regional meet, the wrestler cannot move up to the next weight class and must be scratched. No contestant can replace him. There are no changes to a weight class after it has been seeded. If a wrestler fails to make the required weight at the sectional or state meet in his entered class, he must be scratched.

C. Scratched Wrestlers and Substitutions

State

Scratches of state qualifying wrestlers must be reported by 12 noon on the Tuesday prior to the state tournament in order for the alternate to advance. Scratches reported after 12 noon on that Tuesday will not be replaced including wrestlers who fail to make weight at the state meet.

State wrestlers who are ill, injured, ineligible, or fail to make weight must be scratched. The coach or principal must notify the IESA prior to the state meet. The IESA will contact the school administrator of the next qualified wrestler from the sectional.

Criteria for replacement:

The first alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinals to the eventual 3rd place winner. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinals to the eventual 4th place winner. **Scratches of wrestlers advancing to the state meet must be reported by 12 noon on the Tuesday prior to the state in order for the alternate to advance. Scratches reported after 12 noon on that Tuesday will not be replaced including wrestlers who fail to make weight at the state meet.**

If a wrestler fails to make weight the day of the state meet, the wrestler must scratch and there will be no substitute.

Sectional

Scratches of sectional qualifying wrestlers must be reported by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the sectional in order for the alternate to advance. Any scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on that Thursday will not be replaced.

Criteria for sectional replacement:

The first alternate shall be the wrestler in the regional who was defeated in the third place match. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the regional championship bracket but failed to qualify as a third place winner or as the first alternate

If a wrestler fails to make weight the day of the sectional, the wrestler must scratch and there will be no substitute.

When there are substitutes at the sectional or state levels, contestants shall be advanced in brackets. e.g. A wrestler who won the sectional is injured during the week before the state meet and has to be scratched. The first alternate from the sectional will replace him. The second-place sectional finisher now moves to the first-place bracket slot, the third-place finisher moves into the second-place bracket slot, the fourth-place finisher moves into the third-place bracket spot, and the first alternate moves into the fourth place bracket slot. If a wrestler scratches at the sectional level, you can still advance the wrestlers but there will end up being a 3rd place bye if no replacement contestant is used.

D. State Final Order of Competition

Four mats will be used for the championship matches at the NIU Convocation Center. The championship matches will be held on four mats in the following order: **95 & 100; 105 & 112; 119 & 126; 135 & 145; 155 & 167; 185 & 215; 275 & 65; 70 & 75; 80 & 85; 90**

E. Pass Gate for State Final

1-4 wrestlers= 2 coaches passes. 5 or more wrestlers= 3 coaches passes. All schools that qualify an individual for the state finals must access the pass gate form online through the IESA website. Schools must enter their school password to access the form and must complete the form online. Contestants and coaches must have their name listed on the pass gate form in order to receive admission tags. Statisticians, managers, and scorekeepers are NOT admitted free. **The IESA Pass Cards shall not be used for free admission.**

Schools **MUST** complete the online pass gate list by Tuesday, [March 4](#).

IX. EXCEPTIONS TO NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES

Contestants shall be required to follow the National Federation rules regarding the uniform. Universal or freestyle singlets are not allowed. [4-1-1]

Weight classes shall be as follows: 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 119, 126, 135, 145, 155, 167, 185, 215, and 275. [4-4-1; 4-4-2] **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NFHS RULE ALLOWING A MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF 285 LBS. IN THE HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS HAS NOT BEEN ADOPTED BY THE IESA. THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR THE HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS AT THE IESA LEVEL IS 275 LBS.**

Weigh-ins at the state meet are held on Friday only. [4-5]

Weigh-in time period may begin two and one-half hours prior to the beginning of a meet. [4-5-1]

Weigh-ins must be conducted in accordance with NFHS rule 4-5-7.

The following time limits shall apply to all state series matches and are recommended for all regular season matches:

- First period--one minute
- Second and third periods--one and one-half minutes [6-1-1]

In regular season and tournament competition, the overtime period shall be conducted as follows:

- If the score is tied at the end of the three periods, the wrestlers will wrestle an overtime period which will be a maximum of one minute in length. Both wrestlers will be in the neutral position. The wrestler who scores the first point(s) will be declared the winner. If no winner is declared by the end of the 1-minute overtime period, a 30 second tiebreaker will be wrestled. Choice for position is given to the wrestler who scores the first point in the regulation match. The opponent of a wrestler who receives an unsportsmanlike penalty will have choice in the 30 second tie-breaker period. (unsportsmanlike supersedes first points scored) The wrestler who scores the first point in the tiebreaker will be declared the winner. If no scoring occurs in 30 seconds, the offensive wrestler will be declared the winner and one match point is added to the offensive wrestler's score. If the points earned in the overtime period or tiebreaker involve a takedown or reversal straight to the back, the match shall continue until the near fall or fall situation has concluded.

There are no weight/growth allowances. All regular season contests (duals and tournaments) as well as the IESA state series shall be limited to the maximum weight in each weight class with no extra growth allowance permitted. Wrestlers must make scratch weight at every weigh-in except as noted below. [4-4-4].

During regular season meets and regular season invitationals, weight allowance may be given when National Federation rule 4-5-5 is met. No weight allowance is given for a digital scale. **NFHS Rule 4-5-5 is not in effect for the state series unless granted by the IESA Wrestling Administrator for reasons beyond control of the participating schools.**

Regional and sectional host schools shall designate a 60- minute block of time 90 minutes prior to the start of the event to conduct weigh-ins. Weigh-ins for the state series may be conducted as a team as opposed to weight class. ALL members of a team must be present before weigh-ins for that team may begin. [4-5-3]

For all dual meets and tournaments, a maximum of two personnel (coaches and or non-participating contestants) will be permitted on chairs at the edge of the mat. [2-2-1; 2-2-2]

X. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

- A. Displaying of signs, banners, placards, balloons, or constructed frames through which players run is prohibited. Such devices obstruct the view of spectators, can be unsightly, and in many instances may become safety hazards. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.
- B. Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring mechanical noise-making devices, megaphone, radios, or tape players into the playing area of the state tournament contest.
- C. Videotaping will be allowed unless the videotape is being reviewed during the contest.
- D. No alcoholic beverages shall be served at any IESA activity where there are students participating.
- E. Prayer at an IESA state series contest that takes place over a public address system is prohibited.
- F. Host schools should make every effort to accommodate the media.
- G. Due to space restrictions, cheerleaders are not permitted on the floor during the state series in wrestling.
- H. Teams that cannot attend a wrestling regional, sectional, or state finals due to weather may forfeit without penalty. However, only when a majority of the schools scheduled to compete in the contest are not able to participate due to weather will the contest be rescheduled. Should weather cause a delay or postponement in any state final activity, it is the responsibility of the IESA along with the respective host school to reschedule the contest.

XI. AWARDS

- A. **Plaques shall be awarded to the first place team at all regionals and to the first place team at all sectionals.** In case of a tie, a flip of the coin shall determine which team takes the award and a duplicate shall be ordered for the other school. The host school must notify the IESA Office if this occurs so a duplicate plaque may be ordered.
- B. Trophies shall be awarded to the first, second, third, and fourth-place winners in state final competition. In case of a tie, a flip of the coin shall determine which team takes the award and a duplicate shall be ordered for the other school.
- C. **Individual Awards at Regional:** Ribbons will be presented to the first, second and third place winners in each weight division at each regional wrestling meet.
Individual Awards at Sectional: Medals will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place winners in each weight division at each sectional meet. A bracket board will also be given to each individual weight class sectional champion.

Note: When presenting the individual awards at the regional and sectional level, host schools should present the

awards to the weight classes as they are completed. For example, two weight classes have completed their championship bouts. The place winners for those two classes are then seated in the awards area while the next two championship bouts are taking place. At the conclusion of those two championship matches, awards are then presented to the first two championship bouts that were completed. Do not wait until the very end to award all 19 weight classes at one time.

Individual Awards at State: Medals will be presented to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth-place winners in each weight division in each class. A bracket board will also be given to each individual weight class state champion.

Thirty-eight (38) individual awards will be presented to the competitors of the first, second, third, and fourth place team winners in each class at the state final competition.

XII. OFFICIALS

- A. It is required that member schools use Illinois High School Association officials licensed in wrestling for all regular season contests.** Coaches from participating teams should never be the contest officials.
- B.** Three officials shall be hired for all regional boys wrestling tournaments. Five officials shall be hired for all sectional boys wrestling tournaments. The IESA Office shall contract the officials for the regional, sectional, and state final tournaments in wrestling.
- C.** Twelve (12) officials shall be hired to work the state wrestling finals.
- D.** Contest officials shall make all decisions regarding the rules of play. Their judgments and decisions cannot be protested.
- E.** Payment will be **\$160.00** at the regional level with no mileage. At the sectional level payment will be **\$225.00** with no mileage. Payment for the state finals will be **\$175.00** per day plus one night's lodging expense.

VII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Regional-Sectional

- a. The regional tournament/sectional financial report form outlines allowable expenditures and which expenditures are not allowed.
- b. Each member school hosting a regional tournament/sectional match shall send the IESA 30% of the gross receipts for admissions along with the completed financial report form as soon as possible and no later than within two weeks of the conclusion of hosting.
- c. Allowable expenditures shall be detailed on the financial report form.
- d. Scoring software (track wrestling) included in allowable expenditures.
- e. The host school shall pay the officials assigned by the IESA Office the day of the tournament.
- f. If there is a deficit in regional tournament finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-team basis.
- g. If there is a deficit in sectional tournament finances, participating schools may be assessed by the host school on a per-match basis.
- h. Assessments shall be paid directly to the host school and shall not be sent by participating schools until the IESA Executive Director approves the financial report form.

B. State Tournament

State tournament financials will be taken care of between the IESA Office and the host school according to the following agreements:

- The IESA will pay the officials and the expense will be charged to the financial report.
- All vouchers for workers and expenses shall be forwarded to the IESA Office within one week. All receipts for admission and program sales shall be forwarded to the IESA Office.

- One-third of the profit shall be returned to the host school and two-thirds of the profit retained by the IESA. Deficit expenditures will be paid by the IESA.
- The host school will receive an amount approved by the IESA Board from the sale of t-shirts and other merchandise at the state site.
- All concession revenue may be kept by the host school.
- Outside vendors besides concessions must be contracted at least one month in advance through the IESA Office and not the host school.