

2026 STATE WRESTLING MEET TIME SCHEDULE

Friday, March 13

8:30 a.m.	Pass Gate Entrance Open to Athletes and Coaches
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Weigh-ins for all competitors
10:00 a.m.	Doors Open to Spectators
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Meeting for all Coaches and Officials
10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Warm-up period for wrestlers

Session 1

(Class A---Mats 1, 2, 3, & 4; Class AA---Mats 5, 6, 7, & 8)

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Championship Bracket First Round
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	BREAK
3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Quarterfinal Round of Championship Bracket and First Round Wrestlebacks

Saturday, March 14

Session 2

(Class A---Mats 1, 2, 3, & 4; Class AA---Mats 5, 6, 7, & 8)

7:45 a.m.	Pass Gate Entrance Open to Athletes and Coaches
8:00 a.m.	Doors Open to Spectators
9:00 a.m. -10:45 a.m.	Second Round of Wrestlebacks
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m.	Semifinal Round of Championship Bracket & Quarterfinal Round Wrestlebacks
12:45 p.m. -1:35 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1:35 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	Semifinal Round Wrestle-backs
2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Fifth-Sixth & Third-Fourth Place Matches (8 mats--All 5 th -6 th place matches completed before start of 3 rd -4 th place matches)
4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	BREAK
4:45 p.m.	Parade of Champions (Two Finalists in Each Weight Class Only)
5:15 p.m.	Championship Matches (4 Mats)
	Order of championship matches: 105 & 112; 119 & 126; 135 & 145; 155 & 167; 185 & 215; 275 & 65; 70 & 75; 80 & 85; 90 & 95; 100.

Please Note: Times are approximate and are subject to change. Matches may begin no earlier than 30 minutes from the scheduled starting time. All wrestling will take place in the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University.

CONSOLATION BRACKET CRITERIA

Note 1: All wrestlers who are beaten in the championship bracket move to the consolation bracket (except 2nd place).

Note 2: If consolation bracket qualifiers have wrestled one another in the championship bracket, wrestlers will re-wrestle to determine who advances. There are no walkovers. The losers of the championship bracket quarterfinal matches in the top half of the bracket will be placed in the bottom bracket of the second round wrestlebacks while the losers of the championship bracket quarterfinal matches in the bottom half of the championship bracket will be placed in the top bracket of the second round wrestlebacks.

Note 3: All wrestlers will wrestle two matches on Friday. Of the 16 wrestlers in each weight class, four will be eliminated on Friday. There will be 12 wrestlers remaining in each weight class after the conclusion of wrestling on Friday and all 12 will wrestle at least once on Saturday.

Individual awards for 1st – 6th places will be presented by the coach of each weight class champion following the title bout in each weight class with team awards at conclusion of meet. All wrestlers who place in each weight class are required to report to the awards area following the championship match in their respective weight class for presentation of individual awards to be followed by a group photograph of the place finishers in each weight class. All first-place finishers are to stay in uniform and report following the 90 lb. class individual presentations for a group photograph of all weight class champions. A photographer will be available to photograph each weight class and team champions.