

# ACTIVITY UPDATE

## 2018-19 IESA WRESTLING



**NEW - Online Schedule Deadline:** Schools are required to submit their regular season schedule online by December 3, 2018. Schools may complete this requirement by logging in to the Wrestling Entry Center. You will need the AD password provided to your school.

### **NEW for 2018-19 - Individual Limitation now set at 42 matches**

All wrestlers are limited to a maximum of 42 matches before entering the IESA regional meet. This includes ALL matches wrestled. It does not matter if a match is wrestled at the varsity level, a j.v. match, or an exhibition match. A match wrestled is a match wrestled and all matches wrestled (including forfeits) count toward the maximum of 42. Previously, wrestlers were limited to 37 matches.

### **NEW - IESA State Series to be Conducted in a Two Class Format**

Effective with the 2018-19 school year, the IESA state series will be conducted in a two class format. The split will put the largest 50% of the schools in Class AA and the lowest 50% of the schools in Class A. The split between Class A and Class AA will be based on the school's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment. There will be 16 regionals and four (4) sectionals in each class. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place wrestlers in each weight class will advance from the regional to the sectional and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place wrestlers in each weight class will advance from sectional to the state finals. Each weight class bracket at the state finals will be a 16 man bracket. There will be a total of 608 wrestlers at the finals compared to 456 under the old format.

### **NEW - Additional Regional Hosts Needed**

Because of the new format, a total of 32 schools will be needed to serve as regional host schools. The good news is there will only be 5-6 teams assigned to reach regional and a school only needs two mats to be able to serve as a regional host. Previously there were 10-12 schools assigned to a regional and schools likely needed three mats to conduct the regional. Please contact the IESA Office if you are interested in hosting a regional.

### **NEW - State Final Time Schedule Changed**

Because of the new two class format, the time schedule for the state finals has been changed. Weigh-ins will now begin on Friday at 9:30 a.m. and wrestling will start at 11:30 a.m. All wrestlers will wrestle two matches on Friday. Wrestling will resume on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. with the second round wrestlebacks. Wrestling should be completed by 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening. A complete time schedule is available at the following link:  
[https://www.iesa.org/activities/bwr/IESA-BWR\\_Schedule.pdf](https://www.iesa.org/activities/bwr/IESA-BWR_Schedule.pdf)

### **No Changes Allowed to Regional Entry Form**

No changes will be permitted to the Regional Entry Form after each weight class has been seeded the night of the seeding meeting. The bracket is frozen when seeding for a given weight class has been completed. If a wrestler scratches between the seeding meeting and Saturday morning of the regional or if a wrestler misses weight Saturday morning at the regional, the spot occupied by that wrestler in the bracket simply becomes a forfeit and there is no replacement for the scratched wrestler and there is no re-seeding.

### **Wrestling Finals to Remain at NIU Convocation Center in DeKalb**

The IESA Board of Directors awarded the 2019-2023 IESA state finals to Northern Illinois University. The Convocation Center will continue to host the IESA state finals.

### **Scratch Weight Required for All Meets**

IESA will continue the policy of requiring wrestlers have to make scratch weight prior to each meet or tournament unless NFHS rule 4-5-5 is met. No weight allowance will be given for the state series. As a reminder, coaches will have to be very careful come state series time and enter wrestlers in the weight class which they will be able to "make weight" throughout the regional, sectional, and state finals. As in past years, weigh-ins will be held only on Friday of the state finals--not on Saturday. There will be no weight check scales at any of the state series meets---regional, sectional, or state.

#### **2018-19 Dates of Interest:**

Practice/Tryouts may begin	November 26, 2018
Meets may begin	December 3, 2018
Regional Seeding Meetings	February 20, 2019
Regionals	February 23, 2019
Sectionals	March 2, 2019--- <b>9:00 a.m.</b>
State @ NIU Convocation Center, DeKalb	March 8-9, 2019-- <b>Weigh-ins begin at 9:30 a.m.</b>