

**YESHIVA UNIVERSITY
HENRY WITTENBERG WRESTLING INVITATIONAL**

Policy Guidelines/Rules

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I. Registration

Every team must complete a registration packet including:

- School Participation Form
- Team Roster
- Travel Itinerary
- Room Accommodations Form
- Electronic Team Roster

Each wrestler must complete a participation form as well as a medical release form.

All registration and participation forms must be returned and on file by January 10th (the online team roster is also due by December 17th). Each coach is encouraged to keep a copy of all forms filed on behalf of his Team. Original signed forms must be sent as per application instructions (postmarked by Jan 10th) to the YU at:

Yeshiva University: Office of Admissions
Chanie Kirschner
500 West 185th Street
New York, NY 10033

II. Late Entry

Registration forms received after the registration deadline will only be accepted with prior permission from the Tournament Director.

III. Eligibility for Participants

Only High School student athletes (grades 9 – 12) who may have participated in regular season competition or were eligible to do so may participate in this tournament. All participants must be enrolled in the institution that they represent.

Questions concerning the eligibility of a participant will be decided by the Tournament Director.

IV. Misconduct

Misconduct is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanship or unprofessional behavior, a breach of law incident occurring to, in route to, from or at the site of the tournament that discredits the event or the hosting institution. The tournament committee reserves the right to immediately withdraw the student athlete or institutional representative from competition.

V. Squad Size/ Scorers

Each participating school may enter as many eligible student athletes per weight class as they wish. However, only one wrestler per weight class will be eligible for team points. This designation will be made by the team coach when the second team roster (weight class declaration) is submitted indicating the official weight class of each wrestler (see rule VIII paragraph 4).

Since there is no limitation on the number of wrestlers any one school may bring or the number of wrestlers a school may enter per weight class, there will only be points awarded to the designated wrestlers as per rule V. – Squad Size. In the event that a wrestler designated for advancement points must compete against a fellow teammate in a medal round (i.e. for 1st or 3rd place), that team will be awarded the maximum number of points (i.e. fall) that one wrestler can receive for that round regardless of the outcome of the match. One team point will be awarded for the 5th place winner (no bonus points will be awarded for 5th).

A wrestler who did not make weight for their designated weight class will not be eligible to wrestle in the tournament. Since they have already been placed in the brackets, their first match will be recorded as a forfeit. The tournament director reserves the right to adjust the brackets to compensate for any gross imbalance this causes.

VI. Seeding

Seeding will be established only by the tournament committee prior to weigh-ins.

Seeding will be decided by the following criteria based upon last year's tournament results.

1. Any returning champion participating in the same weight class that he previously won will automatically be seeded number one.
2. Any second place finisher participating in the same weight class.
3. Any returning champion participating in another weight class. If there is more than one champion a higher seed goes to the champion of the highest weight class.
4. Any returning third place winner from the same weight class.
5. Any second place winner of another weight class. If there is more than one second place winner a higher seed goes to the second place winner of the highest weight class.
6. Any third place winner of another weight class. If there is more than one third place winner a higher seed goes to the third place winner of the highest weight class.
7. Any fourth place winner participating in the same weight class.
8. Any fourth place winner from another weight class. If there is more than one fourth place winner a higher seed goes to the fourth place winner of the highest weight class.
9. Any fifth place winner participating in the same weight class.
10. Any fifth place winner from another weight class. If there is more than one fifth place winner a higher seed goes to the fifth place winner of the highest weight class.

Every team will be awarded two wildcard seeds. Teams can use the wildcard seeds to the advantage of two of their wrestlers and give those wrestlers the next available seeds after all seeds have been determined based on last years tournament results criteria. In the event of two (or more) wildcards in the same weight class, the determination of the higher seed will be random. (Example – the 119 lb weight classes has a returning champion (119) and a returning 3rd placer (119). If Team XXX picks their 119 as a wildcard, he will be given the 3rd seed.)

After all previous year's place winners have been seeded, designated **scorers** will be seeded randomly before **non-scorers**. Example: Seeds 1-5 have been filled with last year's champions/place-winners. Seven **scorers** are then randomly placed in seeds 6-12. The 4 remaining **non-scorers** are then randomly placed in seeds 13-16. In the absence of any of the above criteria all seeding will be random. Byes are generally awarded to the higher seeds.

For seeding purposes, wrestlers must have wrestled and won **at least one match** in last year's tournament to be eligible for automatic seeding (e.g. a wrestler who finished 4th place last year in a four man bracket is not eligible for preferential seeding).

VII. Rules

National High School Federation rules and interpretations will be followed except where noted.

VIII. Weight Certification

In order to be eligible for a weight class a wrestler must have officially weighed in twice after January 1st and before February 6th at the weight he plans to compete in at Wittenberg. A wrestler may not wrestle more than 1 weight-class above his certified weight in Wittenberg. Official weigh-ins are defined as a scheduled pre-match weigh-in. Teams will be required to follow their respective state rules regarding official weigh-ins.

Teams will be required to provide all official weigh-in forms for all matches after January 1st. Proof of weight certification must be brought to weigh-ins and be available for examination by the Tournament Committee. Incomplete forms and weigh-ins sheets will not be accepted. Any wrestler who has not weighed in twice after January 1st will not be eligible to wrestle in the Tournament. Exceptions may be made for new teams who do not have weigh-ins after January 1st of their first year of competition.

Any wrestler found to be in violation of the above rules will be subject to disqualification from the tournament. Any team found to be in violation of the above rules will also be subject to disqualification.

Coaches are required to send in their team roster showing the lowest certified weight of each wrestler as of February 6th by 11:59 P.M via email (yeshivawrestling@gmail.com). Rosters with the lowest certified weight for each wrestler will be available on the Web. Coaches may re-submit a new roster by February 10th, 11:59 P.M. detailing the weight class in which each wrestler will be participating in the tournament. A wrestler can only move up from the weight on the February 6th roster, not down. Weight classes may not be changed after February 10th.

IX. Weigh-Ins

All student athletes must have submitted a participation form and medical form prior to weigh-in. All student athletes will be examined at weigh-in for signs of communicable diseases. Student athletes who fail to pass the skin examination at the initial weigh-in will be disqualified.

It is mandatory that all participants in each weight class weigh-in. The weigh-in will be supervised by the tournament committee. Only participants and properly credentialed tournament officials will be admitted to the weigh-in area. Weigh-ins will be conducted on Friday before the tournament at designated weigh-in locations.

All wrestlers will be required to make weight at his pre-selected weight class. Any wrestler who does not make his pre-selected weight will not be allowed to wrestle in the tournament. A wrestler may not leave the weigh-in area once he has been called to weigh-in, NFSHA rules will be enforced.

X. Match Time

Match times will be six (6) minutes except for consolations which will be five (5) minutes.

XI. Uniforms

The uniform shall conform to the standards set forth in this year's National High School Federation Wrestling Rules and Interpretations. The head gear rule will be strictly enforced.

XII. Mat Area Control

In addition to the participating wrestler only two (2) representatives per institution will be allowed in the corner of the mat.

Coaches are encouraged to keep their wrestlers away from the east side of the gym where the scorers and tournament administration tables are located. Team points may be deducted for not following this rule.

XIII. Protest

Protests may be lodged only for errors in the recording of points of match results and for non-judgmental errors in the application of rules. The coach must inform the official scorer and the referee of intent to protest the bout before the bout sheet is removed from the scorers table. The referee will note this intent to protest the bout on the bout sheet and will notify the opposing wrestler not to leave the mat area until the matter is settled. A protest must be filed with the tournament director within ten (10) minutes after the bout.

XIV. Awards

Official awards will be presented to the top five place winners in each weight class. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams. A Rookie Team Award will be presented to the highest scoring new team if there are at least two new teams participating in the Tournament. A Most Outstanding Wrestler Award (MOW) and a Dominator Award (Most Pins in the least amount of time in championship bracket) will be presented. In determining the Dominator Award participants competing against each other, from the same team, will not be considered. Awards will be presented during the championship competition. When student athletes are receiving their awards, they must wear their school's official warm-up top.

Participants must be present and dressed in team warm-up (at least warm-up top) and yarmulke at the awards ceremony to receive their award.

The most outstanding Wrestler Award will be voted upon by one coaching representative per team, and the Tournament Administrative Director and/or the Tournament Director.

The Dominator Award is based strictly on the maximum number of pins in the least amount of time.

XIV. Dates/Deadlines

December 17 th , 2007	-	Electronic Team Roster
January 10 th , 2008	-	Registration Forms, Participation Forms, Checks
January 27 th , 2008	-	Write-ups for the Annual Wittenberg Tournament Booklet
February 6 th , 2008	-	Weight Certifications due
February 10 th , 2008	-	Weight Declarations due
February 15 th – 18 th	-	Wittenberg Tournament