



DISTRICT III M&T BANK TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020-2021

ENTRIES: The 32nd Annual District III M&T Bank Team Wrestling Championships will be conducted for senior high schools in the 2A & 3A classes. Entries and seeding will be determined by the District III Power Ranking System.

The 2020-2021 Team Championships will be conducted on Monday, February 15, 2021. Details are below.

All dual meet competitions against PIAA opponents wrestled up to and including **Saturday, February 13, 2021**, will be used to calculate power rankings. **Exception:** Team competitions wrestled to determine League Championships and **not included** in the school's maximum number of regular season contests (22) will **not be included to determine** the school's final power ranking. In addition, **new** matches or hosted multi-dual events scheduled between Sunday, Jan. 31 through Saturday, Feb. 13 will not be included in the District III power rankings as per the recently adopted power rankings freeze policy.

FINAL RANKINGS AND BRACKETS: Unofficial rankings will be released ASAP on Saturday, February 13, 2021. District III will review the rankings Saturday throughout the day. Once confirmed, official pairings and brackets will be released ASAP on **Sunday, February 14, 2021** in pdf form on the District III website. Power ranking formula and blank brackets are available online at piaad3.org.

QUALIFYING SCHOOLS must satisfy the following conditions to be eligible to participate: (a) must have filed formal notification with the PIAA, District III and its affiliated league, indicating sponsorship of wrestling, (b) be placed in affiliated league's formal scheduling procedure and complete the schedule entered in the NWCA for the current season, (c) must have completed a MINIMUM of eight (8) dual matches against PIAA opponents by entry deadline. An attempt must be made to reschedule all weather or administratively postponed events by the deadline.

REPORTING RESULTS FOR POWER RANKING: Every District III school, winners and losers, must report ALL dual match results to the District III Power ranking site. Information for reporting results will be distributed through the athletic director of each school. Questions may be directed to District III webmaster Rod Frisco at tripletdad1@comcast.net.

PARTICIPATION NOT MANDATORY: Competing in the District III Team Championship Tournament is **voluntary**. A school that chooses not to participate may indicate its intention to withdraw from competition by having its athletic director or principal send notice in writing to the District III Wrestling Co-Chairman (Mike Craig mcraig@cvschools.org) no later than **Wednesday, February 10, 2021**.

WITHDRAWAL BY PARTICIPATION DEADLINE (SELECTION & SEEDING): A school that withdraws from competition by the deadline will forfeit its rank to the school(s) below them. The number of teams designated to qualify for the championships will be unchanged. Class 3A and Class 2A will be comprised of 4 qualifiers in each class.

WITHDRAWAL AFTER PARTICIPATION DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021: A school that withdraws from the championships after the deadline shall maintain its ranking and its bracketed opponent shall receive a forfeit win.



2020-2021 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETING:

CLASS 2A

The Class 2A Championship will be held in its entirety on Monday, February 15, 2021, at the home site of the Class 2A top seed.

Class 2A semifinals will pair the No. 1 seed with the No. 4 seed and the No. 2 seed with the No. 3 seed on two mats. The matches will be conducted simultaneously. The championship match will be held following the completion of the semifinal matches. There will be no consolation matches.

CLASS 3A

The Class 3A Championship will be held in its entirety on Monday, February 15, 2021, at the home site of the Class 3A top seed.

Class 3A semifinals will pair the No. 1 seed with the No. 4 seed and the No. 2 seed with the No. 3 seed on two mats. The matches will be conducted simultaneously. The championship match will be held following the completion of the semifinal matches. There will be no consolation matches.

See posted 2A and 3A Team Brackets for match times at www.piaad3.org

HOST SITE AVAILABILITY: Qualifying schools that are in position to host matches should make every effort to ensure gym availability for the designated date of the championships, even if it requires the re-scheduling of a home event. Should the host school be unable to host a home match, that designated host school may choose an alternate site with approval of the District III Wrestling Chairman.

HOST SCHOOL should use its own game personnel as is customary for all home matches. Schools should follow the COVID-19 protocols they have used during the regular-season. At this point, no spectators will be permitted. However, District III will assess the spectator capacity limits at each site as well as the directives of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Department of Education to determine whether spectators will be permitted.

The following personnel and equipment should be provided: security, announcer, ticket seller(s), ticket taker(s), official timer(s), trainer/medical personnel officials' locker room, team locker rooms, certified weigh-in scale, and warm-up area.

OFFICIAL SCORING: Each participating school must provide a scorekeeper. The higher seeded team shall be the home team and its book shall be considered the official book.

WEIGH-INS: The assigned PIAA match officials will conduct weigh-ins for all tournament matches one hour prior to the scheduled start time. A weigh-in form (NWCA) must be completed and given to the official before weigh-in begins.

BANNERS & NOISE MAKERS: Banners, signs, sirens, whistles, band instruments and artificial noisemakers are prohibited. Fixed signs that display good sportsmanship are allowed with approval from meet management.



MEDALS: 25 medals will be presented to each of the championship and runner-up teams in each class (3A and 2A). A team championship trophy will also be presented. ***Rosters for medal presentations must be given to the site announcer prior to the finals with the 25 names.***

PROGRAMS & TEAM INFORMATION: We will request a team photo of all 8 qualifiers this year. Please have a team photo prepared no later than **Monday, February 8, 2021** if your school is a potential qualifier. Rod Frisco will send program information to potential qualifiers before that date, including a roster form.

VIDEOTAPING will not be permitted from the floor except by the participating teams from an area near the team bench (game manager must approve). Videotaping that interferes with spectator viewing will not be permitted by teams or fans.

LIVESTREAMING: It is the desire of the District III Committee to have all matches livestreamed. The District will contact potential hosts to determine its livestream capability. The use of personal online livestreaming services such as Periscope and any other streaming program is prohibited.

TICKETS: If spectators are permitted, tickets will be sold at a cost of \$6 per person. The host school will determine spectator capacity and ticket distribution.

OFFICIALS: The District III Wrestling Chairman and his designee will assign all officials. Each match will be officiated by a head and an assistant referee. The two will alternate responsibilities with each succeeding bout. Officials will be paid \$88.

TIES: Rule 9, Section 2, Article 2 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book will be applied to determine the team winner if both teams have identical scores. In the event criteria are required to break a tie, only the match officials, scorekeepers and District III personnel will be involved in the criteria determination process. ***All others – including coaches – must keep a respectable distance from the score table.***

PIAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: The date of the 2020-2021 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships has not been determined as of this writing. This section will be updated as information is made available.

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS SEMIFINALS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS (Monday, February 15, 2021):

11:00 AM	Random draw and weigh in all teams
11:15 AM	Referees visit teams
11:35-11:43 AM	Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
11:43-11:51 AM	Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
11:51-12:00 PM	Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
12:00 PM	Start of semifinal matches on two mats

Championship begins as soon as possible following the completion of the last semifinal match.

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