



PIAA District III WellSpan BOYS TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-2026

ENTRIES: The 37th Annual PIAA District III WellSpan Team Wrestling Championships will be conducted for senior high schools in the 2A & 3A classes. Entries will be determined by the District III Power Ranking System.

All dual meet competitions against PIAA opponents wrestled up to and including **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, 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.

FINAL RANKINGS AND BRACKETS: Unofficial rankings will be released ASAP on Saturday, January 25, 2025 primarily so Class 2A schools can plan for first round matches on Monday, Jan. 26th. District III will review the rankings Saturday night. **Once confirmed, the District III Wrestling Seeding Committee will seed the 16 qualifiers from AAA and the 12 qualifiers from AA.** Official pairings and brackets will be released ASAP on **Sunday, January 25, 2026** in pdf form on the District III website. Power ranking formula and 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, **(d) must have a minimum six (6) weight classes represented as part of their competition roster.** An exhaustive 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 Steve Navaroli at D3Communications@piaa.org

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 (Brad Keeney- keeneyb@sesdrams.org) no later than **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**.

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 will be comprised of 16 qualifiers, Class 2A of 12.

WITHDRAWAL AFTER PARTICIPATION DEADLINE OF JANUARY 21, 2026: A school that withdraws from the championships after the deadline shall maintain its ranking and its bracketed opponent shall receive a forfeit win. (Ex: The number 6th ranked team withdraws from the tournament; the 11th ranked team shall receive a forfeit in the first round. There will be no substitutions or movement of teams after the deadline to withdraw. If the withdrawing team's final ranking does not qualify them for the championships the number of qualifying teams in each classification remains unchanged.)





2025-2026 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETING:

CLASS 2A

Class 2A preliminaries will be single matches held on **Monday, January 26, 2026**, at the #1, #2, #3, #4 seeded teams on one mat. Quarterfinals will follow on one mat.

Class 2A semifinals, 1st round wrestle backs and 2nd round wrestle backs will be held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026** on FOUR MATS at York County School of Technology.

Class 2A third place and championship matches will be conducted at Central York High School at 3:30 pm on **Saturday, January 31, 2026**.

CLASS 3A

Class 3A preliminaries will be held on **Tuesday, January 27, 2026** at the #1, #2, #3, & #4 seeded teams on two mats. Quarterfinals will follow on one mat.

Class 3A semifinals, 1st round wrestle backs and 2nd round wrestle backs will be held on **Thursday, January 29, 2026**, on FOUR MATS at Spring Grove Area High School.

Class 3A third-place and championship matches will be conducted at Central York High School at 1 p.m. on **Saturday, January 31, 2026**.

See posted 2A and 3A Team Brackets for confirmed 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 that round, even if it requires the rescheduling 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 Chairmen.

HOST SCHOOL should use its own game personnel as is customary for all home matches. 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.





CHEERLEADERS: Varsity cheerleaders in uniform and their coach(s) will be admitted free of charge. Cheerleaders may cheer at all dual meets but MAY NOT infringe upon the viewing rights of paying spectators. The game manager will designate an area where cheerleaders may perform.

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: Steve Navaroli, District III program chairman, will request a team photo and roster from all schools that could possibly qualify for the championship in mid-January. Please be prepared to send both electronically (D3Communications@piaa.org) no later than Friday, January 16, 2026. The two-day window between the qualifying date and opening round matches make it critical to abide by these deadlines. This year's program will be on-line at no cost to spectators and participants.

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: The District III Committee permits livestreaming with conditions for all District III M&T Bank Championship events at all levels. Please see the **2025-2026 Media Rights Fees** for the appropriate fee(s). The use of online livestreaming services such as Periscope, Facebook Live, and Instagram is prohibited unless the appropriate rights fee is submitted to District III no less than 30 minutes prior to the start of any match.

ADMISSION POLICY: Thirty (30) wrestlers, coaches, managers and trainers, will be admitted without tickets. Each participating school may submit a list of six (6) complimentary admissions (on form provided) for each round. Complimentary admissions are to be used by administrators and those persons they deem appropriate. Inter-League Passes will not be honored. **Only District III Passes** and accredited media will be accepted for complimentary admission.

TICKETS: Sub-Championship rounds on Jan. 26 through Jan. 29: all tickets are **\$8, including fees**. Class 2A championship and third-place match and Class 3A championship and third-place match on Jan. 31 at Central York: all tickets are **\$10, including fees**. One admission is good for all day. All District III tickets are sold ONLINE ONLY.

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 \$100.





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: PIAA State Team Tournament Qualifiers by class: The top four teams in Class 3A will qualify for the 2024-2025 PIAA Class 3A Team Wrestling Championships. The top two Class 2A teams will qualify for the 2024-2025 PIAA Class 2A Team Wrestling Championships.

The dates of the PIAA Team Championships are **February 3, 6, 7, 2026.**

Tuesday, Feb. 3: District III Class 2A Champion will host and wrestle the winner of the District IV second and the District VII fourth.
(Preliminary rounds) District III Class 2A second will wrestle the District IV Class 2A third at the District XI First. District III Class 3A Champion will host and wrestle the winner of the District XII second and the District VII third
District III Class 3A second will visit the District I Class 3A first
District III Class 3A third will wrestle the District I third at the District XI first
District III Class 3A fourth will wrestle the District VIII first at the District VII first

(Winners in those rounds will advance to the PIAA third round at 1st Summit Arena, Cambria Co. War Memorial, Johnstown on Thursday, Feb. 6)

See the PIAA website at www.piaa.org/wrestling for details.

ALTERNATE ADVANCEMENT PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: If a qualifying team withdraws or is forced to withdraw from competition its replacement shall be determined as follows: In Class 3A, the second-round wrestle back loser with highest power ranking entering the District III Championships will be designated the Class 3A fifth- place team. In Class 2A, the third-place team will serve as the alternate qualifier. The alternate will replace the lowest place finisher and all other place finishers shall advance to the next highest place finish.

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A PRELIMINARIES AND QUARTERFINALS

(Monday, January 26, 2026):

5:00 PM Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
5:15 PM Referees visit teams
5:35-5:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
5:43-5:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
5:51-6:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
6:00 PM **Start of preliminary match on one mat**
7:00 PM **Quarterfinals (one mat) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round.**

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- 6:00 PM **Start of preliminary round matches on two mats**
- 7:00 PM **Quarterfinals (one mat) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round.**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS, SEMIFINALS & 1ST ROUND WRESTLEBACKS
(Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at York County School of Technology):**

- 4:00 PM Random draw and weigh in (4 scales shoulder to shoulder)
- 4:15 PM Referees visit teams
- 4:35-4:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on mat
- 4:43-4:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on mat
- 4:51-5:00 PM Coin toss followed by National Anthem
- 5:00 PM **Semifinal matches & first round wrestle back (four mats)**
- 6:30 PM **Second round wrestle back (2 mats) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS AND WRESTLEBACKS
(Thursday, January 29, 2026, at Spring Grove Area HS):**

- 4:00 PM Random draw and weigh in (4 scales shoulder to shoulder)
- 4:15 PM Referees visit teams
- 4:35-4:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on mat
- 4:43-4:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on mat
- 4:51-5:00 PM Coin toss followed by National Anthem
- 5:00 PM **Semifinal matches & first round wrestle back (four mats)**
- 6:30 PM **Second round wrestle back (2 mats) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A THIRD-PLACE AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT
Central York HS (Saturday, January 31, 2026):**

- Noon Random draw and weigh in finalists (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
- 12:15 PM Referees visit teams
- 12:35-12:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
- 12:43-12:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
- 12:51-1:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
- 1:00 PM **Start of Class 3A Third Place and Championship matches on two mats**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A THIRD-PLACE AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT
Central York HS (Saturday, January 31, 2026):**

- 2:30 PM Weigh in *finalists* (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
- 2:45 PM Referees visit teams (*finalists*)
- 3:05-3:13 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
- 3:13-3:21 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
- 3:21-3:30 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
- 3:30 PM **Start of Class 2A Third Place and Championship matches on two mats**





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