



PIAA District III WellSpan GIRLS TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-2026

ENTRIES: The 1st Annual PIAA Girls District III Team Wrestling Championships will be conducted for senior high schools in the girls wrestling classification. Entries will be determined by the District III wrestling committee.

All dual meet competitions against PIAA opponents wrestled up to and including **Saturday, January 31st, 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 31st, 2026. **Once confirmed, the District III Wrestling Seeding Committee will seed the 16 qualifiers from the girls wrestling classification.** Official pairings and brackets will be released ASAP on **Sunday, February 1st, 2026** in pdf form on the District III website.

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 six (6) 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 28, 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.

WITHDRAWAL AFTER PARTICIPATION DEADLINE OF JANUARY 28, 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:

GIRLS Team PIAA District III Championship Tournament

Preliminaries will be held on **Wednesday, February 4, 2026** at the #1, #2, #3, & #4 seeded teams on two mats. Four teams at each location. Only one round (single elimination) will be completed which will create an 8 team bracket for Saturday February 7, 2026.

Quarter finals, semifinals, 3rd Place and Finals matches will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2026**, on FOUR MATS at Gettysburg Area High School. The quarterfinals will be single elimination.

Third-place and championship matches will be conducted directly following the semifinal matches. on **Saturday, February 7, 2026** at Gettysburg High School.

See posted Girls Team Brackets for confirmed match times at www.piaad3.org

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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 scanners, 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. 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 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 round on February 4, 2026: all tickets are **\$8, including fees**. Tickets for February 7, 2026 at Gettysburg High School (quarterfinals, semifinals, 3rd place match and Championship) are **\$10, including fees** for the whole day.

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**





PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR GIRLS PRELIMINARIES AND QUARTERFINALS

(Wednesday, February 4, 2026):

- 6:00 PM** Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)
- 6:15 PM** Referees visit teams
- 6:35-6:43 PM** Lower seeded team warms up on the mat
- 6:43-6:51 PM** Higher seeded team warms up on the mat
- 6:51-7:00 PM** Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants
- 7:00 PM** **Start of preliminary round matches on two mats (only 1 round)**

PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR GIRLS QUARTERFINALS SEMIFINALS THIRD PLACE and FINALS

(Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Gettysburg):

- 9:00 AM** Random draw and weigh in (4 scales shoulder to shoulder)
- 9:15 AM** Referees visit teams
- 9:35-9:43 AM** Lower seeded team warms up on mat
- 9:43-9:51 AM** Higher seeded team warms up on mat
- 9:51-10:00 AM** Coin toss followed by National Anthem
- 10:00 AM** **Quarterfinal matches (four mats)**
- 12:00 PM** **Semifinals (or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round) two mats**
- 2:00 PM** **Start of Third Place and Championship matches on two mats (or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round)**

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