



2011 New England Youth Wrestling Championships

Lowell High School, 50 Father Morrisette Blvd, Lowell, MA 01852
Saturday & Sunday, March 12-13, 2011

The 5th annual Youth New Englands will take place **Saturday & Sunday, March 12-13, 2011 at Lowell High School in Lowell MA**. Representatives from all six New England states have agreed to participate in this event. Entry fee is \$30 per wrestler; all wrestlers are guaranteed a minimum of two matches. Spectator admission fee will be \$5 per session, or \$7 for both sessions. Concessions and wrestling gear will be available on site. A professional photographer will be available with action and award photos.

Only qualified wrestlers and USA Wrestling coaches will be allowed in the competition area. Coaches must be registered with USA Wrestling. Allow one week for coach's registration, including a background check. Each state may assess an additional \$5 fee per wrestler to fund its coaching staff registration with USA Wrestling. USA certified coaches will be admitted free with a USA Wrestling card.

Eligibility – All wrestlers **MUST** meet the following requirements:

Age & Weight: Novice (1999 / 2000 birth years) – 60, 65, 70, 74, 79, 84, 88, 92, 97, 103, 108, 114, 120, 130, 145, and 170
Middle School (1996 / 1997 / 1998 birth years) – 70, 77, 84, 88, 93, 98, 104, 110, 115, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 205, and 260
All wrestlers **MUST** be born in the birth years listed above for each age division. All wrestlers **MUST** qualify at the **same weight** in a state-qualifying tournament and the Youth New Englands. Wrestlers who have not provided age certification through their state directors will be required to present a **birth certificate** prior to weigh-in.

State Qualification: Individual state tournaments will be held as qualifying tournaments. State Qualifier dates and locations will be publicized and organized by each respective State Director. The **top four (4) wrestlers** in every weight class from each state will automatically qualify to represent their state in the Youth New Englands. Wrestlers are required to finish in the top six places of their state-qualifying tournament and compete in the weight class at which they wrestled in the state qualifier.

Residency: Wrestlers **MUST** qualify through the **state in which they reside**. Out-of-state wrestlers are not permitted to participate in a state qualifier for another state. In-state residency includes full-time boarding school students.

USA Wrestling Membership: The New England Youth Wrestling Championships are sanctioned by USA Wrestling. **All wrestlers** must have a **USA Wrestling card to participate**. Cards are available online at www.themat.com. Any wrestler who has not provided a USA Wrestling card number through his state director will be required to purchase a USA Wrestling card in order to weigh in.

High School Status: This is a middle school tournament; **high school students** are not eligible to compete in the Youth New Englands. Middle school wrestlers who compete for their local high school teams are eligible if they do NOT compete in their high school state tournament or the Prep New England tournament.

Pre-Registration:

Pre-Registration will take place through state representatives, upon qualification at the respective state-qualifying tournaments. State representatives will collect entry fees and compile information for all qualifying wrestlers for their respective states. A State Pre-Registration Form must be completed by each state tournament director and emailed to Mike Stuer at thestuers@verizon.net. **All qualifying wrestlers MUST be pre-registered. Rosters must be submitted by Wednesday, March 9th**, with qualifying alternates permitted to fill open spots through the State Director. Each state will submit a roster of coaches along with its roster of wrestlers (minimum of four coaches per state). Entry fees should be paid in the form of a single check from each state, payable to the *Youth New Englands*, to be forwarded to Mike Stuer, 15 Gay St, North Chelmsford MA 01863.

Registration & Weigh-ins:

Registration & weigh-ins will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 in the "Little Theatre" at Lowell High School. There will be two weigh-in sessions: **Morning 10 AM – Noon (Novice & Middle School) and Evening 5-6 PM (Middle School)**. Novice wrestlers **MUST** weigh in during the morning session (10 AM – Noon). Middle School wrestlers may weigh in during either session.

Wrestling: **Novice wrestling starts at 1 PM on Saturday** **Middle School wrestling starts at 9 AM on Sunday**

Brackets will be formed using a pre-determined seeding chart. This is a double elimination tournament. Period lengths: Championship bouts 1.5-1.5-1.5; Consolation bouts 1-1-1. Championship matches will be wrestled to determine place finishers for 1st, 3rd, and 5th place. The tournament will be run on full mats, in two flights: **Novice (Saturday 1 – 5 PM) and Middle School (Sunday 9 AM – 3 PM)**.

Awards:

Individual tournament champions will receive an embroidered New England Champion sweatshirt. Top three place finishers will receive plaques. Finishers placing 4th, 5th, and 6th will receive engraved commemorative medals. Team awards will be given to the top two states.

Official Tournament Hotels

(Make reservations by **Thursday March 3, 2011** and mention "Youth New Englands" for special group rates)

Courtyard by Marriott
30 Industrial Ave Lowell MA
978-458-7575
\$89 per night with full breakfast buffet
(\$79 per night without breakfast)
Fireside Lounge, Internet, Nearby Restaurants

Radisson Hotel & Suites
10 Independence Dr Chelmsford MA
978-256-0800
\$84 per night with continental breakfast
(\$99 per night for Suite)
Pool, Internet, Restaurant, Lounge, Fitness Center

Visit www.merrimackvalley.org for information on local attractions: "There's a lot to like about Lowell"

Questions: Contact Mike Stuer at thestuers@verizon.net.