

**2017 CIAC State Open Wrestling Tournament**  
**February 24 & 25, 2017**  
**The Floyd Little Athletic Center (Hillhouse HS) in New Haven**  
**480 Sherman Parkway New Haven CT 06511**

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

1:30PM—2:15PM	Registration & Weight Check (rear entrance of facility; wrestlers & 2 coaches & 1 manager only)
2:30PM	Weigh-Ins by weight class in Auditorium Hair, nails and skin will be checked--have current & proper state physician's form for any skin condition
3:00PM	Coaches Meeting/Scratch Meeting in Auditorium
3:00PM	<b>Doors Open for spectators—<u>front entrance only</u></b> (please do not arrive before 3PM)
4:15PM	Championship Round of 32 <span style="float:right">est 90 bouts    8 mats</span>
6:00PM*	Championship Round of 16 <span style="float:right">112 bouts    8 mats</span>
8:00PM*	First Round Consolations <span style="float:right">est 90 bouts    8 mats</span>
	Estimated finish time of 9:30PM

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

7:30AM	School opens—front entrance for all (wrestlers with pass, coaches & spectators)
7:45AM—8AM	Weight Check (1 additional pound allowance from Friday)
8:00AM	Weigh-Ins by weight class (trainer's room)—Be on time!
9:00AM	Championship Quarterfinals <span style="float:right">56 bouts    4 mats</span>
	Second Round Consolations <span style="float:right">56 bouts    4 mats</span>
11:00AM*	Consolation Round of 8 <span style="float:right">56 bouts    6 mats</span> (wrestling will reduce to 4 mats following this round)
12:30PM	Championship Semifinals <span style="float:right">28 bouts    2 mats (mats 1 &amp; 2)</span> Top Half of bracket on Mat 1 & Lower Half of bracket on Mat 2
12:30PM	Consolation Quarterfinals <span style="float:right">28 bouts    2 mats (mats 3 &amp; 4)</span>
2:45PM*	Consolation Semifinals <span style="float:right">28 bouts    4 mats</span>
4:00PM*	Third Place & Fifth Place Finals <span style="float:right">28 bouts    4 mats</span>
5:30PM	Parade of Past Champions & Introductions of Finalists
5:45PM	2017 State Open Finals (starting weight class will be determined by draw on Fri)
7:45PM (est)	Presentation of Awards—medalists must be present to receive award

\*indicates estimated time, and may start earlier/later. Firm times listed for semis and finals will not start earlier

**Coach & Wrestler Information**

1. Admission passes will be issued for each state medal winner from the divisional class meets (places 1-6)
2. Each team will be issued 2 coaching passes and 1 manager pass. Coaches must arrive during registration period to be granted free admission pass. For any team that has qualified 4 or more wrestlers for the Open, a third complimentary coaching pass will be issued. An additional coaching pass may be purchased at registration, and is limited to certified coaches representing their school, arriving on time and in proper coaching attire. An additional manager's pass will be issued to any team providing a manager to assist as a table worker (arranged in advance).
3. The top six placewinners from the divisional meets qualify for the State Open. The 4 divisional state champions will be seeded according to state seeding placement points and state seeding criteria. All

- coaches of divisional champions are requested to email David Nowakowski at [nowakowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nowakowski@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-705-2629 by 12pm on Monday, February 20 if their wrestler has defeated any of the other 3 state champions. Each weight class will then be bracketed based upon the seeding of the 4 state champions, with the top 2 finishers from each class receiving a bye, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> vs 5<sup>th</sup> assignments based on the seed grid. There are no alternates for the Open.
4. IF YOUR WRESTLER IS AN EARLY SCRATCH, PLEASE CONTACT Dave Nowakowski at (860) 705-2629 or [nowakowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nowakowski@sbcglobal.net) so that brackets may be adjusted. Please note that this phone number is not the “I’m a lost fan who needs directions to the school” hot-line.
  5. There are no alternates for the Open.
    - a. If one of the 4 divisional champions is a scratch, the other 3 state champs will move up accordingly. The vacant 4<sup>th</sup> seed will be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher from the same division as the scratched wrestler, and weight class will be re-bracketed based on the placement of the top 4 seeds, with alternates placed as noted.
    - b. In the event of any other scratches, all wrestlers from that division (S/M/L/LL) will move up accordingly, and some byes may be created.
    - c. If your wrestler is not present when his weight class is called for weigh-ins, he will be disqualified. Please be on time. If you are experiencing an emergency delay due to traffic, please call Dave Nowakowski at (860) 705-2629, and the decision of the CIAC wrestling committee will be final. This is not the “I’m a fan who needs directions” phone number.
  6. Medals will be awarded to the top 6 finishers in each weight class. Wrestler must be present to receive medal. Plaques will be awarded to the top 2 teams, and an “Outstanding Wrestler Award” will be presented.
  7. The top 5 CT finishers qualify for the New England Tournament next weekend. If a wrestler who qualifies is unable to participate, a 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher must be submitted for state registration purposes by Wednesday. Please contact Dave Nowakowski at (860) 705-2629 if you have a NE qualifier who will be unable to attend, and please attempt to contact the coach of the 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher. There are no “alternates” for New Englands in terms of getting into the tournament on Friday if there are late scratches.

### **Spectator Information**

Tickets: Two sessions (Friday and Saturday). Ticket prices for each session are as follows: Children 5 & under: Free. Students Grade 1-12 and Senior Citizens 65 & older: \$5. All other adults: \$10

Admit times: Spectators must use front entrance only. Please do not arrive prior to 3PM on Friday (wrestling starts at 4:15) or prior to 8AM Saturday (wrestling starts at 9AM).

Valuables: Do not leave valuables unattended. You are responsible for your own items.

Food drink: No food or drink may be brought into the field house. Bottled water is permitted. A concession stand and seating for dining is located adjacent to the ticket booth.

Seating: Spectators must be seated in bleachers, or may stand along outer perimeter at the end of the field house where no seats are located. Do not obstruct other spectators. Do not block walkways. Only certified coaches, active wrestlers and managers with credentials are permitted inside the roped off area.

On line scoring: Wrestling may be tracked either in the field house using a smartphone or at home on your computer at <http://arena.flowrestling.com/>.

Live video: Wonderful live video of the championship finals was provided in 2016 by the NFHS Network, and we expect them to offer the same in 2017.

### Seeding the State Open Based on Seed Points of the Four Divisional Champions

Only the 4 divisional champions will be seeded (1-4), while all other seeds will be placed accordingly in the respective grid. Top six from each division qualify for Open. 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> place divisional winners will receive first round byes, as the 32-man bracket features 24 entries and 8 byes. Ties and seeding will be done in accordance with state seeding criteria. All coaches of divisional champions are requested to email David Nowakowski at [nowakowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nowakowski@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-705-2629 by 12pm on Monday, February 20 if their wrestler has defeated any of the other 3 state champions. The State Open seeds and brackets will be posted on the CIAC website (<http://tournamentcentral.ciacsports.com/>) once confirmed, typically by late Monday.

Seed	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	LL	LL	LL	LL	LL	LL	L	L	L	L	L	L
2	L	L	M	M	S	S	LL	LL	M	M	S	S
3	M	S	S	L	L	M	M	S	LL	S	LL	M
4	S	M	L	S	M	L	S	M	S	LL	M	LL

Seed	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
1	M	M	M	M	M	M	S	S	S	S	S	S
2	LL	LL	L	L	S	S	LL	LL	L	L	M	M
3	L	S	S	LL	L	LL	M	L	M	LL	LL	L
4	S	L	LL	S	LL	L	L	M	LL	M	L	LL

If one of the 4 divisional champions is a scratch, the other 3 state champs will move up accordingly (even if the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher from the division of the scratched champ has more seed points than any of the remaining 3 champions). The 4<sup>th</sup> seed will be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher from the same division as the scratched wrestler, even if that wrestler has defeated any of the other state champions, and weight class will be re-bracketed based on the placement of the top 4 seeds.

Separation of seeds from same divisional classification is as follows:

1,6,10,13,17,22      2,5,9,14,20,23      3,8,12,15,19,24      4,7,11,16,18,21

