

2022 CIAC State Open Wrestling Tournament
February 25 & 26, 2022
The Floyd Little Athletic Center (Hillhouse HS) in New Haven
480 Sherman Parkway New Haven CT

Friday, February 25, 2022

12PM—1PM	Registration & Weight Check (rear entrance of facility; wrestlers & 2 coaches & 1 manager only)		
1:00PM	Weigh-Ins by weight class in Auditorium Nails and skin will be checked--have current & proper state physician's form for any skin condition		
2:15PM	Coaches Meeting/Scratch Meeting in Auditorium		
2:30PM	Doors Open for spectators—<u>front entrance only</u> (please do not arrive before 2:30PM)		
3:00PM	Welcome, Presentation of Divisional OW Awards & National Anthem		
3:15PM	Championship Round of 32	est 100 bouts	8 mats
4:45PM*	Championship Round of 16	112 bouts	8 mats
6:30PM*	Championship Quarterfinals	56 bouts	4 mats
6:30PM*	First Round Consolations	est 100 bouts	4 mats (8 at 8pm)
	Estimated finish time of 9PM		

Saturday, February 26, 2022

8:00AM	School opens—front entrance for all (wrestlers with pass, coaches & spectators)		
8AM—8:30AM	Weight Check (1 additional pound allowance from Friday)		
8:30AM	Weigh-Ins by weight class in Field House—Be on time!		
9:30AM	Second Round Consolations	56 bouts	6 mats
10:30AM*	Consolation Round of 8	56 bouts	6 mats
12:00PM	Championship Semifinals	28 bouts	2 mats (mats 1 & 2)
	Top Half of bracket on Mat 1 & Lower Half of bracket on Mat 2		
12:15PM	Consolation Quarterfinals	28 bouts	2 mats (mats 3 & 4)
2:15PM*	Consolation Semifinals	28 bouts	4 mats
3:30PM	Third Place & Fifth Place Finals	28 bouts	4 mats
4:30PM	Parade of Past Champions, Introductions of Finalists & National Anthem		
4:45PM	2022 State Open Finals (starting weight class will be determined by draw on Fri)		
7:00PM	Estimated Finish Time		

Presentation of Awards will take place after each medal round set of bouts, delayed 1 match (ie 120 pound awards will be presented after the 126 pound medal matches—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 or call 860-705-2629 by 12pm on Monday, February 21 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 3rd vs 6th and 4th vs 5th assignments based on the seed grid below. There are no alternates for the Open.
4. 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
5. IF YOUR WRESTLER IS AN EARLY SCRATCH, PLEASE CONTACT Dave Nowakowski at (860) 705-2629 or nowakowski@sbcglobal.net so that brackets may be adjusted.
6. 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 4th seed will be filled by the 2nd 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The top 5 CT finishers qualify for the New England Tournament next weekend in Providence. If a wrestler who qualifies is unable to participate, a 6th 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 6th place finisher. There are no "alternates" for New Englands in terms of getting into the tournament on Friday if there are late scratches after the deadline.

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 2:30PM on Friday (wrestling starts at 3:15PM) or prior to 7:45AM Saturday (wrestling starts at 9:30AM).

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 followed either in the field house using a smartphone or at home on your computer using Kap Wrestling at www.kapwrestling.net or at Flowrestling.com via "FloArena"

Live video: Wonderful live video of the championship finals was provided in 2020 by NFHS Sports Network, and we expect them to offer the same in 2022, as well as Flo live video of all 10 mats.

2022 CIAC Girls' State Wrestling Invitational
February 25 & 26, 2022
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480 Sherman Parkway New Haven CT 06511

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12PM—1PM	Registration & Weight Check--wrestlers and coaches only at rear entrance		
1:45PM	Weigh-Ins by weight class in Auditorium		
	Nails and skin will be checked--have current & proper state physician's form for any skin condition		
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2:30PM	Doors Open for spectators—<u>front entrance only</u> (please do not arrive before 2:30PM)		
4:30PM	Championship Round of 32—if needed	est 16 bouts	2 mats
5:30PM*	Championship Round of 16	est 32 bouts	2 mats
6:30PM*	First Round Consolations	est 16 bouts	2 mats
	Estimated finish time of 8:30PM		

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8:00AM	School opens—front entrance for all (wrestlers with pass, coaches & spectators)		
9:00AM—9:30AM	Weight Check (1 additional pound allowance from Friday)		
9:30AM	Weigh-Ins by weight class (trainer's room)—Be on time!		
10:30AM	Championship Quarterfinals	36 bouts	4 mats
11:30AM	Consolation Round of 8	est 24 bouts	4 mats
1:00PM	Championship Semifinals	20 bouts	2 mats (mats 5 & 6)
	Top Half of bracket on Mat 5 & Lower Half of bracket on Mat 6		
1:00PM	Consolation Quarterfinals	20 bouts	2 mats (mats 7 & 8)
2:15PM*	Consolation Semifinals	20 bouts	3 mats
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3. Medals will be awarded to the top 6 finishers in each weight class. Wrestler must be present to receive medal. An “Outstanding Wrestler Award” will be presented.
4. Coaches passes will be determined based on the number of entries for the State Open and the Girls Invitational. As in the past, each team receives 2 coaches passes and 1 manager pass for the event. Any team that qualifies more than 4 wrestlers for the Open will receive a 3rd pass. In addition, any team that enters more than 2 female wrestlers will receive an additional coach pass. Under no circumstance will more than 4 coaching passes be issued to any school. Additional coach passes for certified coaches in appropriate attire may be purchased at registration. As with the State Open, only certified coaches in proper attire may be in the corner coaching. Please note that due to both events being held concurrently, the chances of multiple wrestlers from the same team competing at the same time are increased. Referees will be instructed NOT to hold any matches for coaches who are occupied by another bout on another mat, as presence within the facility meets the requirement.
5. For additional information on the registration process for this event, please see the CIAC Girls Wrestling Supplemental Packet on the CIAC Wrestling website.

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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 & 2nd 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 or call/text 860-705-2629 by 12pm on Monday, February 21 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 (www.casciac.org) 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 2nd place finisher from the division of the scratched champ has more seed points than any of the remaining 3 champions). The 4th seed will be filled by the 2nd 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

2021-2022 CIAC Girls' Wrestling Individual State Championship Tournament Supplemental Packet

Girls will continue to participate in the regular season as members of their school's wrestling team, just as in the past, and may represent their team in the Divisional Class State Championship Tournaments. Any girls who qualify for the State Open (top 6 in divisional meet) will have the option of representing their team in the Boys State Open, or competing in the Girls' Invitational Tournament, to be run concurrently with the State Open (may not compete in both).

2021-2022 CIAC Girls' Tournament--Details

All components of the 2021-22 CIAC wrestling packet are applicable to any females seeking to participate in the Girls' Wrestling Championship on February 25-26, 2022 at the Floyd Little Athletic Center, New Haven CT (Hillhouse HS), to be run concurrently with the CIAC State Open Wrestling Tournament.

1. Female wrestlers may represent their team in the Divisional Class State Championship Tournaments. Any girls who qualify for the State Open (top 6 in divisional meet) will have the option of retaining their seed in the State Open OR declining their seed and entering the Girls Tournament. State Open qualifying girls will NOT be able to compete in both the Boys State Open and the Girls' Tournament. Declaration of intent will need to be made by 12pm Monday, February 21, 2022 to the tournament director via email at nowakowski@sbcglobal.net or by phone (860) 705-2629.
2. This will be an individual event. No team scores will be kept, and no team awards will be presented.
3. For 2022, the only seeded wrestlers will be any returning top 3 finishers from the 2020 Girls State Tournament and any wrestlers who have defeated a 2020 top 3 finisher during the current CIAC season. This is due to the fact that for comparative purposes, there could be an outstanding female on Team A who is unable to break into that team's varsity line-up, while there could be another individual on Team B who is varsity by default, and has claimed numerous varsity wins by forfeit or on the mat.
4. Teams will be permitted to enter a maximum of 2 girls at any weight class. Best efforts will be made to separate teammates on the bracket, but there is a strong chance that they could eventually meet.
5. Medals will be presented to the top 6 finishers in each weight class, and winners will be recognized at CT State Champions. For this year, there will once again be 10 weight classes intended to represent an even distribution of athletes, while maintaining appropriate differences between the weight classes. The weight classes represent a mirroring of the NFHS weights at the lower end of the spectrum, while alternating upper weight classes and capping the last

weight at 235 pounds. By matching current NFHS lower weight classes, it will allow females to continue to weigh in during the regular season in a normal manner. As with the CIAC state tournament series, a female wrestler must have at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of her weigh-ins at the minimum weight at which they intend to wrestle at the championship. **The 10 weight classes for 2022 will be: 99, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 152, 170 and 235.** To qualify for 99 pound class, wrestler must have at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of their weigh-ins at that weight. These weight classes may be adjusted in future seasons, based on the number of female wrestlers and the distribution of weights, but the intent will be to establish specific weight classes for the State Tournament prior to the season. As required, new NFHS weight classes will need to be adopted (choosing 12, 13 or 14 weights) for the 2023-24 season.

6. All entries must be entered on-line via the Flo Wrestling registration system by 3PM Monday, February 14. Registration link is <https://events.flowrestling.org/event/4a27d6e0-23a5-9f6b-5674-38ad9bf84a4f> Based on prior participation numbers, it is anticipated that there will be approximately 12 wrestlers per weight class, with some potentially smaller numbers at either end of the spectrum, and perhaps slightly higher numbers at certain middle weights. As such, coaches will have the opportunity to adjust the weight class for which a female wrestler is entered. Once preliminary entry lists are established by Monday, February 14 at 3pm, coaches will have until 8PM on Thursday, February 17 to request any change in weight class by phone, text or email to Dave Nowakowski (860) 705-2629 or nowakowski@sbcglobal.net. For instance, if there are 18 girls at 120 and only 10 at 126, a coach may opt to move up a wrestler to the higher weight class (particularly if there are 2 teammates at the lower weight). Entered weight classes may not be changed following the verification of entries on Thursday, February 17 at 8PM, after which final brackets will be posted. In the event that any female who subsequently qualifies for the State Open and opts to participate in the State Open, that female will be scratched from the Girls Tournament, and brackets may be adjusted by the tournament director to maintain balanced byes (as with scratches on the day of the event).

7. It is expected that there will be a limited number of matches that will need to be wrestled on Friday. The bracket will be similar to the Open, with a double-elimination format from the round of 32. On Friday evening, the Round of 32 (if needed), the Round of 16 (in any weight classes with more than 8 entrants) and the first round of consolations (in any weight class with more than 12 entrants) will be wrestled. A total of 10 mats will be utilized on Friday and early Saturday. On Saturday, the quarterfinals, semis, all other wrestlebacks rounds and the medal round will be contested. Please note that due to expected variations in bracket sizing, the cross-bracketing of the consolations may vary in weight classes (whether an 8, 16 or 32). The state championship matches will be conducted concurrently with the CIAC State Open Championship finals (2 mats). 3rd and 5th place matches wrestled at the same time as the State Open 3rd and 5th place matches, prior to the championship finals, on multiple mats.

8. There will be no differentiated admission for spectators at the tournament, whether attending to watch the State Open or the Girls' Tournament or both. All admission fees posted

for the event will apply to all spectators. Coaches and wrestlers are encouraged to inform their family members and other spectators that there is a chance that they will NOT wrestle on Friday (but will still weigh in), and can provide expected details after the seed meetings, based on the bracket size for each weight class.

9. Registration will take place simultaneously with State Open registration on Friday. All entrants, whether or not they will have a match on Friday (due to variable bracket sizes), will need to register and weigh-in. Female weigh-ins will be conducted immediately following the State Open weigh-ins (and just prior to the Coaches Meeting). As such, wrestling for the girls is expected to begin 1 hour after the State Open commences (estimated start time for any females in the Round of 32 will be 4:30PM). The entry fee for the Girls event will be \$20 per wrestler. As there are no team scores being kept, there is no “team entry fee” option at this time. The registration fee will be billed by CIAC to the schools of the entrants, and will not be collected at the gate.

10. Coaches passes will be determined based on the number of entries for the State Open and the Girls Invitational Tournament. As in the past, each team receives 2 coaches passes and 1 manager pass for the event. Any team that qualifies more than 4 wrestlers for the Open will receive a 3rd pass. In addition, any team that enters more than 2 female wrestlers will receive an additional coach pass. Under no circumstance will more than 4 coaching passes be issued to any school. Additional coach passes for certified coaches in appropriate attire may be purchased at registration. As with the State Open, only certified coaches in proper attire may be in the corner coaching. Please note that due to both events being held concurrently, the chances of multiple wrestlers from the same team competing at the same time are increased. Referees will be instructed NOT to hold any matches for coaches who are occupied by another bout on another mat, as presence within the facility meets the requirement.

11. Girls may continue to represent their respective schools during the regular season, in dual meets, tournaments etc, must appear on the school’s roster and MUST be weight-certified and an eligible member of a team in order to participate in the Girls Invitational Tournament. All CIAC individual season limitations concerning the number of events for the season and on a weekly basis will apply. Any tournament conducted during the course of the wrestling season will count toward individual limits, whether the event is a varsity event, a JV event or a “girls only” tournament. Any “girls only” tournaments will be considered JV events, and results from those tournaments will not count toward a female wrestler’s varsity record (and as such, sending girls to a girls’ event will NOT impact a TEAM’S season, multi or weekly limitations, only the individual athlete). However, these tournaments are subject to CIAC regulations (ie tournament may NOT be scheduled for Sunday). In addition, schools with significant female participation may seek to schedule dual meet competitions with other schools, but these would be considered JV events (and would be subject to season and weekly limitations for INDIVIDUALS). In addition, any “1-man teams” are subject to all applicable rules and regulations (no more than 3 athletes from any one school, and all wrestlers from same school must be affiliated with only one “host” school).