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Wisconsin Wrestling Challenge Series (WWCS)

Region Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017

Finals Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017

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Region Host Schools and Contacts

Region 1

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Wisconsin Wrestling Challenge Series Final

Host Site: Wausau West High School

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Contract and information pertaining to the Finals will be sent by host school Wausau West. Finals in Wausau will consist of top 3 from 8 Regions to compete in 24 wrestler bracket. There is also a 'girls division' option (details below).

Coaches must notify Dan Hein the Tuesday immediately following Region events, as soon as it is known, of wrestler(s) unable to compete at Finals, so alternate(s) may be notified promptly to participate. (see clarification 3. h. below)

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Wrestling's continued preservation and growth is important for the youth of our communities.

The Wisconsin Wrestling Challenge Series for sub-varsity level interscholastic wrestlers has been developed with these goals in mind. This event is designed to be compliant with WIAA guidelines and is available to WIAA member schools of all divisions.

Tournament Procedure

1. Assignment of schools will be on a geographical basis with the State of Wisconsin divided into eight 'Regions' (Regions listed below).

Challenge Series plan, dates, qualifying and sites.

a. Approximately 40 schools will make up each Region.

b. Schools are assigned to one of 8 Regions geographically. Teams/Competitors will only compete within their school's assigned Region as determined by the WWCS guidelines.

c. The top 3 finishers (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each weight division from each Region qualify for the Challenge Finals.

d. All wrestlers must weigh in at the Region and Final. Finals wrestlers must make official weight in the class they qualified for the Final. Wrestlers may not change to a different weight class for Final competition.

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e. Assignments of teams to Regions and host schools for those tournaments will be announced in late spring.

f. Region host site commitments will be reviewed on a two-year basis or as deemed necessary.

2. Rules governing competition

a. Athletes who are ineligible during the Challenge Series (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the Wisconsin Wrestling Challenge Series.

b. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster of their team.

c. Schools must adhere to WIAA meet limits and requirements for competition. Each Challenge Series event (Region and Final) will count towards the maximum for their school. The Challenge Series events (Region and Final) will count towards the maximum number of events for the individual. The Region and Final events are not in addition to the normal WIAA allotment of events. An individual and or school may not compete in the Challenge Series program if he/she/team has participated in more than 14 meets, or in more than the allowed number of multiple school meets.

d. Schools/coaches will enter their individuals via trackwrestling for their Region with a list of the names, weights and grade in school (9, 10, 11, 12) of wrestlers scheduled to enter Region competition. (Please do not enter information typing/using all caps.)

Note: Tentative line ups should be entered by midnight on the Tuesday prior to the Region tournament. If unable to determine tentative entries the coach should contact and explain circumstances to meet manager by that Tuesday. Attempts will be made to accommodate situations in the best interest of the kids.

e. These entry lists are tentative and changes may be made up to the conclusion of weigh in at the Region competition.

f. There will be no 'seeding' at Region or Final. The runner up and third place finisher at Region events will wrestle round one of Finals and meet a Region champion the second round. Substitute situations may cause this to be altered if determined necessary by the Finals manager.

Note: Wrestlers may be moved up on the bracket depending on availability of substitutions.

g. If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible substitute, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit. Filling all spots will be attempted.

h. If a wrestler fails to make weight, the opponent receives a forfeit.

i. Substitutions: A school is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the Finals manager, in the event one of its qualifiers is unable to continue in the tournament program so other wrestlers may be substituted from Region competitions. Substitutes may or may not be drawn from the same Region as a rotation will be in place. It is important that schools have given event managers complete information (phone numbers, names and email address of more than one responsible contact person) of the responsible party to be contacted if a substitute has the opportunity to compete in the Final. Notification should be given as early as possible so the substitute can prepare. There is however no deadline. Substitution can be made up to weigh-in time.

3. Region Entries:

a. Coaches should use their best discretion when considering entering individuals into the Challenge Series. This competition is intended to accommodate 'sub-varsity' level wrestlers as opposed to varsity level 'competitive' regular varsity line up wrestlers who have been contributing members of a varsity squad during any season. As a rule, the wrestlers entered should have been representing the 'sub-varsity' ('JV' or 'freshman' or 'reserve') team the majority of the season or be wrestling varsity to 'fill' a weight class need, despite their competitiveness at that level. Records will not be a consideration, but a varsity competitor with a winning record, who has not regularly represented the JV at their school, is probably not a fit for this competition.

b. Who should be entered in the Wisconsin Wrestling Challenge Series?

Some thoughts and questions coaches need to ask themselves and consider when deciding whether to enter an individual in the WWCS.

Coaches are asked to use discretion and common sense in choosing to enter individuals in this 'sub-varsity' event.

-A coach should be able to say his/her conscience is clear regarding every wrestler entered in the WWCS from their team.

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The event is considered 'sub-varsity' level.

-Ask yourself if this wrestler is a 'sub-varsity' level wrestler.

-If the wrestler has been on the varsity or belonged on the varsity this year or prior years, should that wrestler enter this event?

-A 'varsity' wrestler should not be entered in this tournament.

-This tournament should not be used by a varsity wrestler to fill in for a 'missed' varsity tournament opportunity.

-This event is meant for high school wrestlers who are not regularly varsity wrestlers.

-This event is not to be considered as an opportunity for a 'varsity' wrestler to get 'quality mat time' or make up for missed prior varsity competitions.

Is there a set number or maximum number of matches a wrestler can have and still enter the WWCS?

-There is no set number. A sub-varsity level wrestler might have 'filled in' on varsity any number of times.

If a wrestler is on a 'JV', 'freshman' or 'reserve' team and that team has been in a Varsity tournament or tournaments, is that wrestler 'sub-varsity' level?

-If the wrestler is regularly winning or advancing to the finals at any varsity events, he/she is not really to be considered 'sub-varsity' level. Wrestlers with the ability to qualify for the WIAA Sectional and or State meet and place and even win the WIAA State Individual tournament would not and should not be considered 'sub-varsity' for the purposes of the WWCS.

Entering these types of competitors would not be considered ethical for the purpose of the WWCS.

Does the WWCS (Region and Final) count as ONE event or TWO?

-It is TWO distinct EVENTS.

-The 'Region' is one event and the 'Final' is a second event. The wrestler must have two multiple school event competitions available to compete in both.

May teams enter multiple wrestlers in a weight class?

-Yes, teams may enter multiple wrestlers per weight class. There is no limit. The trackwrestling system attempts to separate 'same school' wrestlers, but no special separation is guaranteed.

c. At the Region and Final event school teams must possess and be prepared to present:

(1) Copies of 7% printouts containing the most recent data on each wrestler to be entered in the Region.

(2) Weigh-in sheets from all meets the team participated in during the two weeks prior to the Region.

d. Coaches are required to name their entries by weight class prior to the start of the weigh in, not 'during' weigh-in. Wrestlers who do not 'make weight' at their designated class may be able to 'move up' or 'down' a weight class depending on the number of entries in the adjoining weight classes. Tournament director shall have final say.

e. All weights recorded by the official on official weigh-in sheets remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not.

f. Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An onsite meet official may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition.

(In accordance with WIAA rules.)

g. Region and Final tournament hosts may release their competition pairings to the public as soon as they are prepared after the weigh in.

h. **By Tuesday immediately following the Region competition**, or as soon as it is known, **COACHES MUST NOTIFY Dan Hein – Finals Tournament Director, THE NAME, SCHOOL, AND WEIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFIED, BUT WILL NOT COMPETE IN THE FINALS** at Wausau West on January 21, 2017. Dan Hein email – matmandan@hughes.net – phone – 715-297-7498

4. Length of bouts

a. All Region and Final championship matches will be six minutes long (three two-minute rounds).

Consolation matches will be five minutes (1-2-2)

EXCEPTION: Changes may be made to match length if it is determined by the event manager that time constraints must be considered to accommodate extenuating circumstances.

5. WWCS Region Tournaments

a. Date to be determined annually with consideration of WIAA calendar.

b. Times: Except for weigh-in, coaches' meeting, and opening round, no specific time schedule need be established by tournament manager. All Regions will schedule their competition day independently taking into consideration the wide variance in such factors as number of entries, available mats, travel distance

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and time, urban-rural setting, etc. Time schedules for weigh-ins and first session will be announced.

c. Tournament Pairings

Rule book instructions and the following instructions apply.

Note: All weight classes* – will be bracketed as 32 or 16 or 8 or 4 wrestler brackets to efficiently accommodate number of entries at that individual weight class to determine the top three places (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

*Greater than 32 entries in a weight class: In the event there are greater than 32 entries in a weight class a 64 wrestler bracket will be used and wrestling will take place up to and including semi-finals. Due to daily match limits (5 per wrestler) this is the solution to be used. In the event the daily match limit (5) has been reached by any wrestler in the championship or consolation bracket no further matches will be wrestled by that individual. The two wrestlers reaching the final will qualify and a coin toss will decide the 1st and 2nd placement of the two wrestlers for Finals bracket. The wrestlers who lost the semifinal will be considered the third and fourth place finishers. A coin flip for third and fourth place will decide the third-place position qualifier to the Final. The 'fourth' place wrestler will be given consideration as an alternate to the Final if openings occur. There will be no guarantee of an opening or advancement to the Final. In 8 wrestler brackets there will be a wrestleback to third when possible. Consolation side of a 64 bracket may be used for non-qualifying matches.

In 16 wrestler brackets there will be a wrestleback to 5th if match limits have not been reached. Semifinal qualifiers will wrestle for the top four places.

In 32 wrestler brackets there will be a wrestleback to 5th, if match limits have not been reached. Semifinal qualifiers will wrestle for the top four places.

There will be no wrestleback to determine second place at Region or Final. Previous result in the Region or Final proper (that day) will stand if competitors are scheduled to meet a second time and match limit has been reached by either wrestler. If match limit is not reached by either wrestler, there will be a 'wrestleback' match to determine place.

d. Region bracket placement Information and Procedures

(1) Trackwrestling (www.trackwrestling.com) shall be used for placement of entrants at all Region tournaments. This placement will be random with consideration for separation of team members when possible. The trackwrestling system will be set up by the WWCS administrator and access will be granted to Region hosts. Regions will not set up their own trackwrestling event.

(2) Materials to have on hand: Computer, projector and screen. It is not required to have special individual mat clocks and/or computers. Tournament host should provide to all coaches a list of participants by weight, not by team, and include name of school and grade of wrestler. For example, all 106 pound wrestlers should be listed alphabetically by name with their grade level.

(3) General considerations.

(a) All coaches should attend the organizational meeting. All schools should be represented.

(b) The meeting is for coaches and meet personnel and attendance should be limited to those individuals. The meeting should not be open to spectators.

(c) To begin the official tournament coaches meeting, the head official will meet with the group of coaches and verify wrestlers who did not make weight or are not eligible for other reasons (health check etc.). If a wrestler did not make weight the coach may move that wrestler to another appropriate weight class depending on the number of entries in the adjoining weight classes. Tournament director will have final say.

e. Officials;

(1) Payment of \$200 will be made by host site school. (No mileage will be paid.) Payment will be the same at all Regions. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school.

(2) Host schools should contract officials based on the number of mats used and the number of entrants at a tournament site.

(3) One official, as determined by the host school, will act as the head official and chairman of the coaches' meeting.

f. Awards

(1) Individual; Materials will be supplied to Region events to print Awards for individuals.

g. Finances

(1) Entry Fees: 0-5 entrants \$50, 6-10 entrants \$100, 11 or more entrants \$150.

Teams will present a check covering entry fees at the Region event prior to the end of the coaches

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meeting.

(2) Host School Allowances

Host school will keep entry fees, concessions and spectator ticket receipts. Hosts will pay expenses for officials and workers and school fees. WWCA will supply trackwrestling access.

h. Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult will be determined by host school. (It is suggested the spectator fee range \$4 to \$6 for adults, \$2 for students/youth.)

6. Challenge Series Final

a. Date to be determined annually with consideration of WIAA calendar.

b. Scheduling of Competition

The time schedule for the Challenge Series Finals Competition will be announced on the WWCA website and Wisconsin Wrestling Online (www.wiwrestling.com).

c. Scoring (team).

(1) All wrestlers are eligible to score team points.

(2) Standard scoring for a bracketed tournament will be used per trackwrestling.

7. Girls Competition

WWCS Girls Division will be held at the Finals event.

There will be no specific Region girls competition, but girls may enter the Region event as well.

Entry Fee (Girls event): \$10.00 per entry (no minimum) up to \$150.00 maximum per team.

Rules regarding WWCS Finals will apply to girl event competition.

Girls qualifying via a Region event will be required to choose to enter the Final WWCS regular division or the WWCS girls division. A wrestler may compete in only one division (WWCS or WWCS Girls division) at the Final. This choice must be communicated to the Finals director on the Tuesday, or as soon as it is known, following the Region event to allow alternates to be alerted for the WWCS Final. Only one fee will be collected for girls entering both the WWCS Region and Girls Finals events.

Registration will take place via trackwrestling and should be done prior to the Tuesday preceding the Finals event. Same day entry will be allowed. Entry will be 'first come, first served'. If a bracket is 'full' (reached 24 entrants) the wrestler may choose another weight class or may not be able to enter the day of the event. Alternative bracketing may be enlisted depending on entry numbers.

Note to clarify: All female wrestlers who wish to compete in the Challenge Girls Final automatically may enter the FINAL girl's event.

Email Dan Hein (Finals Tournament Director) the Name, School, and Weight of Girls that plan to compete in the Girls Final event at Wausau West on January 21, 2017. Dan Hein email – matmandan@hughes.net – phone -715-297-7498 Girls Final Entry Fee \$10/wrestler if they did not compete in the Region event.

Girls may participate in the 'regular' Region events as well.

Girls placing in the top three at the Region must choose to enter the 'regular' or 'girls' final event. They may only enter one event at the WWCS Final and by Tuesday following the Region competition, or as soon as it is known, coaches must notify Dan Hein (Finals Tournament Director) the Name, School, and Weight of Girls who qualified, but will not compete in the Regular Finals and are choosing the Girls Final event at Wausau West on January 21, 2017. Dan Hein email – matmandan@hughes.net – phone – 715-297-7498

Girls DO NOT have to enter a Region event to qualify for the Girls Final event at Wausau West.

Region One (1)

Badger
Burlington
Catholic Central
Catholic Memorial
Cudahy/St. Francis
East Troy
Franklin
Greendale
Greenfield
Kenosha Bradford
Kenosha Christian Life

Region Two (2)

Arrowhead
Brookfield Central
Brookfield East
Campbellsport
Cedar Grove-Belgium
Cedarburg
Grafton
Germantown
Hamilton
Hartford
Homestead (Host)

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Kenosha Indian Trail
Kenosha St Josephs
Kenosha Tremper
Kettle Moraine
Martin Luther
Milw. Bradley Tech/Carmen
Milw. Hamilton
Milw. Pulaski/Arts/Juneau/Ronald Reagan
Milwaukee Bay View/Lifelong Learning
Milwaukee South
Mukwonago
Muskego
New Berlin West/Eisenhower
Oak Creek
Racine Case
Racine Horlick
Racine Park (Host)
Shoreland Lutheran
South Milwaukee
Union Grove
Waterford
Waukesha North
Waukesha South
Waukesha West
West Allis Central
West Allis Hale
Westosha Central
Whitnall
Wilmot

Region Three (3)

Appleton East
Appleton North
Appleton West
Ashwaubenon
Bay Port
Brillion
Chilton/Hilbert
De Pere
Denmark
Elkhart lake-Glenbeulah
Fond du Lac
Fox Valley Lutheran
Freedom
Green Bay Preble & East
Green bay West & SW
Kaukauna
Kewaunee
Kiel
Kimberly
Little Chute (Host)
Luxemburg-Casco
Manitowoc
Manitowoc Lutheran/Roncalli

Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Kewaskum
Lake Country Lutheran/Heritage Christian
Lomira
Marquette University School
Menomonee Falls
Milwaukee King
Milwaukee Riverside/Shorewood
Milwaukee Vincent/Brown Deer
Milwaukee Washington/
CEO Leadership Academy
Milwaukee Lutheran
Milwaukee Lutheran
Milwaukee North
Nicolet
Oostburg
Ozaukee
Pewaukee
Pius XI
Pt Washington
Random Lake
Sheboygan Falls
Sheboygan North
Sheboygan South
Slinger
St Johns NW Military Academy
Wauwatosa East/West
West Bend East
West Bend West
Whitefish Bay
Wisconsin Lutheran

Region Four (4)

Belleville/Monticello/New Glarus
Beloit Memorial
Beloit Turner
Big Foot/Williams Bay
Brodhead/Juda
Cambridge
Clinton
Darlington/Black Hawk
Deerfield
Delevan-Darien
Dodgeville
Edgerton
Elkhorn
Evansville/Albany
Fort Atkinson
Janesville Craig
Janesville Parker
Jefferson
Johnson Creek
Lake Mills
Lakeside Lutheran
Madison East
Madison Lafollette

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Menasha
Mishicot
Neenah
New Holstein
North Fond du Lac/St Mary Springs
Plymouth
Pulaski
Reedsville
Seymour
Southern Door
St Lawrence Seminary
Sturgeon Bay/Sevastopol
Two Rivers
Valders
West De Pere
Winnebago Lutheran
Wrightstown
Xavier/St Mary Central

Region Five (5)

Adams-Friendship
Almond Bancroft/Pacelli
Baraboo
Beaver Dam
Berlin
Columbus
DeForest
Dodgeland
Horicon
Hustisford
Laconia
Lodi
Lourdes Academy
Markesan
Marshall
Mauston
Mayville
Montello
Necedah
Nekoosa/Pt Edwards
New Lisbon
Oakfield
Omro
Oshkosh North
Oshkosh West
Pittsville
Portage
Poynette
Princeton
Reedsburg
Rio/Fall River/Cambria-Friesland
Ripon
Sauk Prairie (Host)
Sun Prairie
Tri-County

Madison Memorial
Madison West
Middleton (Host)
Milton
Monona Grove/McFarland
Monroe
Mt Horeb/Barneveld
Oconomowoc
Oregon
Palmyra-Eagle
Parkview
Pecatonica/Argyle
River Valley
Stoughton
Verona
Watertown
Whitewater
Wisconsin Heights

Region Six (6)

Abbottsford/Colby
Amherst
Antigo
Athens
Auburndale
Bonduel
Chequamegon
Clintonville
Coleman
Crandon
Crivitz
DC Everest
Edgar
Elcho
Florence
Gillett/Suring
Hortonville
Lakeland
Lena/St Thomas Academy
Manawa
Marathon
Marinette
Marshfield
Medford
Menomonee Indian
Merrill (Host)
Mosinee
New London
Oconto
Oconto Falls
Peshtigo
Phillips
Rhineland
Rosholt
Shawano
Shiocton

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Waterloo
Waunakee
Waupaca
Waupun
Wautoma/Wild Rose
Westfield
Weyauwega-Fremont
Wisconsin Rapids
Winneconne
Wisconsin Dells

Region Seven (7)

Aquinas
Arcadia
Belmont/Platteville
Black River Falls
Blair-Taylor
Boscobel
Brookwood
Cashton
Cochrane-Fountain City
Cuba City/Southwestern
De Soto
Fennimore
Hillsboro
Holmen
Independence/Gilmanton
Iowa Grant/ Highland
Kickapoo/La Farge
La Crosse Central
La Crosse Logan
Lancaster
Luther
Melrose-Mindoro/Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau
Mineral Point
Mondovi
Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal
North Crawford/Seneca
Onalaska
Osseo-Fairchild/Altoona/Augusta/Fall Creek
Prairie du Chien/Wauzeka-Steuben
Richland Center (Host)
River Ridge/Cassville
Riverdale
Royall
Sparta
Tomah
Viroqua
West Salem/Bangor
Westby
Weston/Ithaca
Whitehall

Spencer
Stevens Point
Stratford
Three lakes
Tomahawk
Unity
Wabeno/Laona
Wausau East
Wausau West
Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Region Eight (8)

Amery
Ashland
Baldwin-Woodville
Barron
Bayfield/Washburn
Bloomer/Colfax
Boyceville
Bruce
Cadott
Cameron
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser/Prairie Farm
Chippewa Falls
Clear Lake
Cornell/Gilmore/Lake Holcombe
Cumberland
Durand
Eau Claire Memorial
Eau Claire North (Host)
Ellsworth
Flambeau
Glenwood City
Hayward
Hudson
Ladysmith
Luck/Frederic/Grantsburg
Menomonie
New Richmond
Northwestern
Northwood/Solon Springs
Osceola
Prescott
Regis
Rice Lake
River Falls
Shell lake
Somerset
Spooner
Spring Valley/Elmwood
St Croix Central
St Croix Falls
Stanley Boyd/Owen-Withee/Thorp
Superior
Turtle Lake/Clay