



**58<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Interscholastic  
Wrestling Championships  
Friday, March 1st & Saturday, March 2nd, 2024  
Providence Career and Technical Academy  
41 Fricker St., Providence, RI 02903**

Presented by the Council of New England Secondary School Principals' Association  
19 Golden Meadow Rd., Hampstead, NH 03841  
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President: Dr. Glenn Lungarini, CAS-CIAC

**The championship will be held regardless of weather conditions.**

**TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT:**

Meet Director: Robert DiMuccio (401-456-9111) [robert.dimuccio@ppsd.org](mailto:robert.dimuccio@ppsd.org)  
Meet Coordinator: Desi Kaplan (978-866-8665) [info@kapwrestling.com](mailto:info@kapwrestling.com)

**CONTESTANTS:**

Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont 1, 2, 3 place wrestlers  
Connecticut 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 place wrestlers  
Massachusetts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 place wrestlers

**Note:** Alternates will be accepted until 8:00 pm, Thursday, February, 29th. Only wrestlers officially entered by state representatives may compete. All wrestlers must qualify by placing at their state championship.

**ENTRIES:**

- A. **State Reps Only:** Please Email, by 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, your typed entries to: [info@kapwrestling.com](mailto:info@kapwrestling.com). Please provide correct names and spelling. This is very important. If there is a problem, call Desi at 978-866-8665.
- B. It is most important that the entries be submitted no later than 2:00 PM for scheduled program development, bracket production, and t-shirts.
- C. **Please Note:** There will be **NO** New England wrestling alternates. There will be no changes or additions after the final deadline at 8:00 pm on Thursday.

D. Pigtail wrestlers will be moved to fill the bracket when necessary. The tournament coordinator has final say on the movement of wrestlers. His decision will be final with no appeal. His professional judgment will be honored.

### **ARRIVAL:**

Please do not arrive at the Providence Career and Technical Academy (PCTA) before **3:30 PM** on Friday and **8:00 AM** on Saturday. Please **DO NOT** arrive early, as you will not be allowed entry. The gym will not be available on Thursday.

### **REGISTRATION/PACKET PICK-UP:**

The facility will be open for athletes and coaches at **3:30 PM**. Teams should check in at the side entrance from Cranston St. (front of the school is on Fricker St.). Packets will contain CNESSPA pins and certificates for all competitors.

### **ENTRY FEE:**

\$20 per wrestler. NO weigh-in unless the \$20 fee is paid. There will be **no refunds** and **no purchase orders** will be accepted, check or cash only. Checks should be payable to: **CNESSPA**. All payments must be made on the **day of registration**. Receipts will be available upon request.

Only two (2) coaches from each team will be admitted without charge. **Coaches will be issued wristbands on Friday and must retain the wristband for entrance on Saturday. There will be no exceptions. Without the wristband on Saturday, you will pay the general admission fee.**

**(Note: Only team members listed on the entry submission and two coaches will be allowed through the competitor gate. \$20.00 per person can be added to the entry check for additional team members, who are not on the entry form, or additional coaches.)**

### **ADMISSION:**

**\$10 per day** for everyone at the spectator entrance. The spectator gate will open at 4:00 pm on Friday. Admission for spectators on Friday and Saturday will be through the **front entrance from Fricker St.** Gates will open at 8:00 am on Saturday. **We will only be using ONLINE TICKETS** and there will be no cash accepted at the gate.

Day 1 Ticket Link : <https://gofan.co/event/1300138?schoolId=CNESSPA>

Day 2 Ticket Link : <https://gofan.co/event/1300142?schoolId=CNESSPA>

Or see QR code flyers on the last two pages of packet.

### **PROGRAM:**

There will not be printed programs. A program will be posted online at [www.cnesspa.com](http://www.cnesspa.com) a day or two prior to the event.

### **RULES:**

National Federation Rules, 14 weight classes.

No weigh-in on Saturday.

4 lb. weight allowance on Friday (example 106 = 110).

The New England Seeding Chart is used to place all wrestlers in the bracket.

### **SCORING:**

The tournament will be double elimination to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Team scoring will start in the 32-man bracket. All bouts will be scored. Scoring: 16-12-9-7-5-3. We will wrestle to 6 places in each weight class.

### **CONSOLATIONS:**

This is a double elimination tournament. All wrestlers will have a minimum of two matches. Consolation matches will be 1-2-2 minutes until the medal round (2-2-2 minutes).

### **WRESTLING FORMAT:**

Eight mats will be used. Bouts will be assigned to mats continuously starting at the lowest weight class and working up. Every effort will be made to adhere to the tournament schedule.

### **AWARDS:**

It is the coach's responsibility to have their wrestlers present and properly dressed for the awards ceremony, which will take place throughout the championship finals. There are trophies for the top three teams plus individual awards for the top 6 place finishers in each weight class. There is also an Outstanding Wrestler trophy, and an Outstanding Finals Bout award (both wrestlers receive).

### **COACHES DRESS CODE:**

**Dress Code Guidelines: Dress, polo or collared shirt with slacks. No jeans or hats permitted while a coach is in the wrestler's corner.**

### **T-SHIRTS:**

Official New England Wrestling Championship apparel will be sold at the meet. Apparel can be pre-ordered at <https://www.grteesmsp.com/> until the Wednesday before the Meet and post-ordered beginning on Monday after the Meet.

### **TOURNAMENT TIMES:**

See Tournament Schedule Sheet (below).

**WEB SITE FOR INFORMATION AND RESULTS:** [www.cnesspa.com](http://www.cnesspa.com) and <https://arena.flowrestling.org/event/eace4fd4-5566-4f5c-8897-911dd0e11e2e>

### **VIDEO ACCESS:**

**The New England Wrestling Championship can be streamed live and/or retrieved on demand through FloSports for a fee. The link for access is: <https://flosports.link/4al6iNu>**

**Please let attending schools know where they access the live video!**

*The FloSports is the exclusive broadcast rights holder of this event. Any individual streaming or rebroadcasting is strictly prohibited and in direct violation of the CNESSPA's agreements with the FloSports. Any violation of FloSport's exclusive broadcast rights may result in legal action.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. All coolers will be stored in the cafeteria.
2. Food concessions will be available in the cafeteria. No food in gym.
3. The building and grounds are a smoke-free area. NO SMOKING ALLOWED.

4. Please secure all valuables both inside PCTA and outside with cars and buses. The CNESSPA and Providence School System are not responsible for lost or stolen items or valuables.

## WRESTLING HOTEL LIST—2024

It is very important that when calling to make a reservation that you tell the clerk you are with the “**NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP**” group. Tell them the rate listed on this page.

### **THE HILTON PROVIDENCE**

21 Atwells Avenue

Providence, RI 02903

Reduced rate parking \$10.00

<https://group.hilton.com/r4o5vt>

Rate \$149 plus taxes

Complimentary breakfast, 2 per room

Phone **401-831-3900**

Cut off date **2/27/24** Or reserve online at:

### **HILTON GARDEN INN**

1 Thurber Street

Warwick, RI 02886

Complimentary parking

Book Group Rate “New England Championship Block” or use the code **NEC24**.

Or reserve online at:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PVDGIGI&groupCode=NEC&arrivaldate=2024-03-01&departuredate=2024-03-02&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

### **FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT**

1940 Post Road

Warwick, RI 02889

Complimentary parking

Rate \$119 plus taxes-Queen/Queen,

\$119 plus taxes-King

Complimentary breakfast

Phone **401-732-0900**

Cut off date 2/27/24

Or reserve online at: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1697741512189&key=GRP>

### **HAMPTON INN and SUITES**

2100 Post Road

Warwick, RI 02886

Complimentary parking

Group Code is **WRE**. or reserve online at:

Rate \$109 plus taxes-King, \$109 plus taxes-Double

Complimentary breakfast

Phone **401-739-8888**

Cut off date **2/26/24**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=WRWHSX&groupCode=CHHWRE&arrivaldate=2024-03-01&departuredate=2024-03-03&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

## New England Wrestling Tournament 2024 Tournament Schedule

**Friday, March 1, 2024 (All times are approximate & subject to change)**

3:30 PM	Gym Opens - Registration <b>(Do NOT arrive at gym before 3:30 PM)</b> Session #1 Admission
4:00 PM to 4:45 PM	Weigh-In. Times strictly enforced. Only one weigh-in. Four scales. 4-lb weight allowance.
5:00 PM to 5:15 PM	Coaches Meeting – Auditorium
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM 7:00 PM to 8:45PM 8:45 PM to conclusion	Round 1: Round of 32 (8 Mats, 112 Bouts) Round 2: Round of 16 (8 Mats, 112 Bouts) Round 3C: Consolation Round #1

**Saturday, March 2, 2024 (All times are approximate & subject to change)**

8:00 AM	Gym Opens - Please do not come early! – Session #2 Admission
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Round 4: Quarterfinals (4 Mats, 56 Bouts) Round 4C: Consolation Round #2 (4 Mats, 56 Bouts) Round 5C: Consolation Round #3 (6 Mats, 56 Bouts)
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM	Rounds 6: Championship Semifinals (2 Mats, 28 Bouts) Round 6C: Consolation Quarterfinals (2 Mats, 28 Bouts) Round 7C: Consolation Semifinals (4 Mats, 28 Bouts)
3:30 PM	Introduction of Finalists & National Anthem
3:45 PM to 6PM	Championship Finals, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place & 5 <sup>th</sup> Place Bouts (3 mats, 42 Bouts) Medal round to commence at random weight class to be drawn and announced. Awards Ceremony (throughout the Finals).

**Awards:**

Awards will be presented throughout the championship finals. Awards for 106 presented after 113, and so on. Please have wrestlers in uniform for awards. **The Champion's coach will award the medals.** No awards will be given prior to the awards ceremony.

**Plaques:**

Top Three Places

**Coaches - Please Note:**

1. Top 3 wrestlers will receive a beautiful plaque.
2. Each plaque will have a blank nameplate.
3. Please have school engrave the student's name on the plate and place on the plaque.
4. All wrestlers receive a certificate of participation and a commemorative pin.
5. **The Champion's coach will award the medals.**

**Medals:** 4th, 5th, and 6th Place

**Other Plaques:** Team Champions, Team Runner-Up, and Team 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Outstanding Wrestler, Outstanding Finals Bout (both wrestlers)

**Photos:**

Taken at Awards Stand - Have wrestlers neatly dressed in uniform.  
Please, No Hats.

## Seeding Chart

**Note - Tournament Seeding Chart will be selected and posted on the CNESSPA website once all entries have been submitted and reviewed by Tournament Directors.**

### **Seeding the State Champs for the New England Wrestling Tournament**

The following seeding process attempts to separate State Champion wrestlers who are returning NE place winners, such that it will reduce the chances of the top wrestlers meeting in the quarters or semis (as opposed to the finals).

1. Only the 6 state champions will be considered for seeding. All others will be placed according to one of the pre-determined brackets that do an excellent job of separating wrestlers from the same state.
2. The only state champions who will be considered for seeding are those current champs who are prior-year NE place winners OR any current state champion who, during the current HS season, has beaten a current state champion from another NE state who was a prior-year NE place winner.
3. Some weight classes may wind up with 2 or 3 seeds, while others may have none (or could perhaps have even 5 or 6). Again, the goal is separation, so please don't become overly focused on whether the "top seed" is on line 1 or on the 2nd seed line...as long as 2 is on the same bracket side as #3 (and not on #1 side), and 2 & 3 would meet in semis, not quarters...
4. While a weight class may not be fully seeded 1-6, it will also be the goal such that the top 2 seeded wrestlers in any weight are not paired in the same quarterfinal bracket as any of the other state champions (essentially attempting to ensure that any state champ is placed on what would be a 1-6 seeding, whereby a 5th or 6th "seed" would not see the #1 or #2 seed in the quarters, but rather might face a 3 or 4 seed.
5. No other tournament placings will be considered for seeding purposes, including Fargo or NHSCA. Only regular season meetings during the current high school season between current state champions will be considered for purposes of jumping above a higher seeded state champ.
6. Seeding Criteria:
  - A. First criteria will be previous year's NE tourney placement. The higher the finish, the higher the seed.
  - B. Only in the case of a tie (equal finish in prior year's NE tourney at different weight classes), the first tie-breaker will be head-to-head. If still tied, the only common opponents that will be considered are the other state champs from current season. If still tied, the tiebreaker will go to the wrestler who was at the higher weight class in prior year's NE tournament.
  - C. Once any of the 6 state champs who were NE place winners from the past season are seeded according to #6 above, the opportunity for any other state champ who was NOT a previous year NE place winner to improve their seed by virtue of having beaten a seeded state champ (therefore, a prior year NE placer) during the current season (without also having lost to that wrestler, unless such loss still maintained a "2 out of 3" advantage). Such wrestler may move above the other state champ that was defeated provided they have not lost to any other seeded state champs that are currently seeded below the wrestler who was beaten. In such event, the highest said wrestler may be seeded will be above any other state champions who were NOT seeded according to aforementioned criteria.

8. Finally, at this point, direct flips may occur for any of those who are now seeded who have beaten a seeded wrestler above them, using the same process that was used in #7.

9. Once all wrestlers who MAY be seeded are now SEEDED, it is time to select a seeding chart from the existing master grid (using options A-N) that best achieves the desired separation. If more than one plan meets the desired criteria, a random draw will be conducted to choose the chart. In the event that the number of wrestlers who are seeded at any weight class exceeds the capability of an exact match within the 14 charts from the grid, the preference will be given to the one that best separates the greater number of the top seeds, starting with 1 and 2 and continuing down. For example, if 5 wrestlers are seeded, and 1 chart works for seeds 1, 2 and 3, and another works for 1, 5 and 6, the one that works for 1,2 and 3 will be chosen. Again, the key is separation on the seeding chart (and not a concern with top half or bottom half of bracket directly corresponding to #1 and #2 seeds, despite how that may confuse fans).

11. If no returning wrestlers are “seed able” based on the criteria of being a returning NE place winner from the previous season, the grid selected will be the one that corresponds with the weight class, as we will continue to move the grid backwards one weight class each season.

12. If there is a scratch of a state champ who was seeded according to the criteria above, the remaining state champs who met seeding criteria will be “bumped up”, with the 2nd place finisher who is replacing that state’s champion seeded below the other 5 state champions, without the ability to improve seed.

### **Directions to**

**Providence Career and Technical Academy  
91 Fricker Street  
Providence, RI 02903**

**From the North:** I-95 South to exit 21 (Atwells Ave); merge onto Service Road; turn right onto Westminster Street; turn left onto Fricker Street.

**From the South:** I-95 North to merge onto exit 16 (Rt. 10N) towards Cranston; take Westminster exit towards Olneyville Square; turn right onto Westminster Street; turn right onto Fricker Street

**From the East:** I-195 West towards Providence; take exit 1A for Point Street; turn left onto Point Street; take first right onto East Franklin Street; take 2nd left onto Broad Street; turn right onto Fricker Street.

**From the West:** Take US 6 East; Keep left at fork and follow signs for Broadway; turn right onto Broadway; turn right onto Knight Street; turn left onto Westminster Street; turn right onto Fricker Street.



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**DAY #1**  
**WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**MARCH 01, 2024 | 5:30 PM**





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***DAY 2***  
***WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS***  
***MARCH 2, 2024 | 8:00 AM***

