

PIAA DISTRICT III WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS FLOWRESTLING DETAILS

District III Wrestling Fans, Others:

District III has contracted with FloWrestling to provide livestreaming of the District III Wrestling Championship series.

This includes:

- All 6 section tournaments on Saturday, Feb. 20
- District III M&T Bank Class 2A Wrestling Championships from Central Dauphin East HS on Sunday, Feb. 21
- District III M&T Bank / PIAA Class 3A Southcentral Region Championships from Spring Grove Area HS on Saturday, Feb. 27.
- PIAA Class 2A Southeast Region Tournament at Central Dauphin East HS on Feb. 27

BACKGROUND

District III chose and negotiated with FloWrestling for several reasons, not the least of which was Flo's unique ability to provide the same quality coverage of multiple events simultaneously. Also, District III's boutmaster, Triple J Boutmaster LLC, uses the FloArena software to populate brackets and provide the public with real-time results in all district post-season wrestling events.

In addition, FloWrestling is the exclusive livestreaming provider for PIAA Super Region and State Championship tournaments, both individual (March 12-13) and team championships (the semifinals and finals on March 27 from Cumberland Valley HS). That will enable subscribers from District III to follow the entire post-season path of District III wrestlers without switching platforms.

Due to state Department of Health COVID-related capacity caps at indoor venues, District III has decided that spectators will NOT be permitted at its championship wrestling events. Fans may choose to subscribe to FloWrestling's service to view matches live, or may follow the action on the FloArena platform via Triple J Boutmaster's website.

LINKS FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE FLOWRESTLING LIVESTREAM ARE LOCATED ON PAGE 3 OF THIS DOCUMENT





SUBSCRIPTION AND COST

Many District III fans have raised concerns about the cost of a FloWrestling livestreaming subscription, concerns shared by District III.

FloWrestling charges subscribers an annual fee of \$150 to subscribe to its premium viewing service where the District III events will be housed. Flo's Terms of Service statement mentions monthly fees, but Flo has discontinued the practice of single-month subscriptions, unfortunately.

However, Flo subscriptions may be canceled at any time. Because renewal is automatic and happens on the first of the ensuing month, fans who subscribe now will have to pay the \$150 fee but may cancel prior to the start of the next month to receive a refund of the annual fee minus one month of service. One month is \$12.50. That will result in a refund of \$137.50. Flo representatives will respond to refund requests on the same day as cancellation - between 2 to 3 hours, traditionally - if the request is made during business hours, according to a Flo spokesman.

Here is a statement from Matt Bowlsby, FloSports Senior Director of Global Acquisition Rights, regarding that refund process:

We have people staffed Mon-Fri 8-5 CST (9 am to 6 pm EST) and then an hour before and an hour after our first and last events for the day. Given the international makeup of our events, that tends to be near 24 hours a day. Traditionally, the responses are about 2-3 hours.

But it appears that subscribers who sign up in February must cancel by Sunday, Feb. 28, if they do not wish to be charged for the March service, according to Flo's Terms of Service. (Note: District III will confirm this with Flo. We much prefer a "month" as a period a 30 to 31 uninterrupted days as opposed to the first of the month to the last date of the month.)

If fans wish to watch the PIAA Super Regions (March 6), the PIAA Individual Championships (March 12-13) and the PIAA Team Championship semifinals and finals (March 27), they should not cancel in February and continue their subscription uninterrupted.

If fans wish to continue watching FloWrestling events beyond the PIAA tournaments, they should not cancel. If they are interested in watching only the District III / PIAA events in February into March, they should cancel after the final event is viewed.





District III is greatly sympathetic to fans and parents regarding the upfront fee of \$150. This is quite expensive and possibly be beyond the reach of some fans and families. It is not what we prefer. But we like to point out possible alternatives, such as cost-sharing among friends and family and holding watch parties. One District III school has considered paying a subscription fee and displaying the wrestling on a large screen in a large room in which social distancing is possible. There are probably other ideas out there to lessen the impact of the price on a family or individual.

The price to one family (after refund) is less than if two parents paid for two tickets to a District III wrestling event at \$8 per ticket. As noted above, a District III fan can watch the entire District III / PIAA schedule for a maximum of \$25; it would cost considerably more for fans to attend those events in person. At this moment it appears a limited number of spectators will be permitted for the Class 3A West Super Region in Altoona and the PIAA Championships at Giant Center.

District III will receive no portion of the subscription fees collected by FloWrestling for its District III events.

SUBSCRIBING FOR LIVESTREAMING

FloWrestling subscription page: **DISTRICT III FLOWRESTLING LIVESTREAM LINK**

LINKING TO FLOARENA FOR BRACKETS AND REAL-TIME UPDATES (NO VIDEO)

Triple J Boutmasters District III page: DISTRICT III FLOARENA LINK

IMPORTANT TERMS (PLEASE READ)

FloWrestling's subscription Terms of Service: https://www.flosports.tv/terms-of-service/

CANCELLATION PROCESS

Your subscription can be canceled one of two ways: Via Email or through the Account Settings on the Flo website

Please email the following address stating your desire to cancel. You will be required to provide your account information. Do NOT give your payment card information in the email.

Address for Flo's cancellation email: CSR@flosports.tv

The account settings will be found on your FloWrestling accounts page. Go to the upper right corner of the page and click on the photo/avatar button. Your account information will pop up on the next page.

Go to Subscription. Follow the cancellation directions.





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