



## DISTRICT III M&T BANK TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023-2024

**ENTRIES:** The 35th Annual District III M&T Bank Team Wrestling Championships will be conducted for senior high schools in the 2A & 3A classes. Entries and seeding will be determined by the District III Power Ranking System.

All dual meet competitions against PIAA opponents wrestled up to and including **Saturday, January 27, 2024**, will be used to calculate power rankings. **Exception:** Team competitions wrestled to determine League Championships and not included in the school's maximum number of regular season contests (22) will not be included to determine the school's final power ranking.

**FINAL RANKINGS AND BRACKETS:** Unofficial rankings will be released ASAP on Saturday, January 27, 2024 primarily so Class 2A schools can plan for first round matches on Monday, Jan. 30th. District III will review the rankings Saturday night. Once confirmed, official pairings and brackets will be released ASAP on **Sunday, January 28, 2024** in pdf form on the District III website. Power ranking formula and brackets are available online at [piaad3.org](http://piaad3.org).

**QUALIFYING SCHOOLS** must satisfy the following conditions to be eligible to participate: (a) must have filed formal notification with the PIAA, District III and its affiliated league, indicating sponsorship of wrestling, (b) be placed in affiliated league's formal scheduling procedure and complete the schedule entered in the NWCA for the current season, (c) must have completed a MINIMUM of eight (8) dual matches against PIAA opponents by entry deadline. An exhaustive attempt must be made to reschedule all weather or administratively postponed events by the deadline.

**REPORTING RESULTS FOR POWER RANKING:** Every District III school, winners and losers, must report ALL dual match results to the District III Power ranking site. Information for reporting results will be distributed through the athletic director of each school. Questions may be directed to District III webmaster Steve Navaroli at [stevenavarolid3@gmail.com](mailto:stevenavarolid3@gmail.com)

**PARTICIPATION NOT MANDATORY:** Competing in the District III Team Championship Tournament is voluntary. A school that chooses not to participate may indicate its intention to withdraw from competition by having its athletic director or principal send notice in writing to the District III Wrestling Co-Chairman (Mike Craig [mcraig@cvschools.org](mailto:mcraig@cvschools.org)) no later than **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**.

**WITHDRAWAL BY PARTICIPATION DEADLINE (SELECTION & SEEDING):** A school that withdraws from competition by the deadline will forfeit its rank to the school(s) below them. The number of teams designated to qualify for the championships will be unchanged. Class 3A will be comprised of 16 qualifiers, Class 2A of 12.

**WITHDRAWAL AFTER PARTICIPATION DEADLINE OF JANUARY 24, 2024:** A school that withdraws from the championships after the deadline shall maintain its ranking and its bracketed opponent shall receive a forfeit win.

Ex: The number 6<sup>th</sup> ranked team withdraws from the tournament; the 11<sup>th</sup> ranked team shall receive a forfeit in the first round. There will be no substitutions or movement of teams after the deadline to withdraw. If the withdrawing team's final ranking does not qualify them for the championships the number of qualifying teams in each classification remains unchanged.





## 2023-2024 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETING:

### CLASS 2A

Class 2A preliminaries will be single matches held on **Monday, January 29, 2024**, at the #5, #6, #7, & #8 seeded teams. The winning teams will advance to the quarterfinals on Wednesday, February 2; the losing teams are eliminated.

Class 2A quarterfinals will be held on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**, at the #1 and #2 seeded teams on two mats. The semifinals and first round consolations will follow at those sites.

Class 2A consolation semifinals will be conducted on **Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024** at Cumberland Valley High School at 10:30 a.m., followed by the third-place and championship matches at 3:30 p.m. at Cumberland Valley.

### CLASS 3A

Class 3A preliminaries will be held on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024** at the #1, #2, #3, & #4 seeded teams on two mats. Quarterfinals will follow on one mat.

Class 3A semifinals, 1<sup>st</sup> round wrestle backs and 2<sup>nd</sup> round wrestle backs will be held on **Thursday, February 1, 2024**, on FOUR MATS at Spring Grove Area High School.

Class 3A third-place and championship matches will be conducted at Cumberland Valley High School at 1p.m. on **Saturday, February 3, 2024**.

See posted 2A and 3A Team Brackets for confirmed match times at [www.piaad3.org](http://www.piaad3.org)

**HOST SITE AVAILABILITY:** Qualifying schools that are in position to host matches should make every effort to ensure gym availability for the designated date of that round, even if it requires the rescheduling of a home event. Should the host school be unable to host a home match, that designated host school may choose an alternate site with approval of the District III Wrestling Chairmen.

**HOST SCHOOL** should use its own game personnel as is customary for all home matches. Please use your own tickets for matches Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 30th through Feb. 2nd. Packets of information will be emailed to the host schools by the chairmen.

The following personnel and equipment should be provided: security, announcer, ticket seller(s), ticket taker(s), official timer(s), trainer/medical personnel officials' locker room, team locker rooms, certified weigh-in scale, and warm-up area.

**OFFICIAL SCORING:** Each participating school must provide a scorekeeper. The higher seeded team shall be the home team and its book shall be considered the official book.

**WEIGH-INS:** The assigned PIAA match officials will conduct weigh-ins for all tournament matches one hour prior to the scheduled start time. A weigh-in form (NWCA) must be completed and given to the official before weigh-in begins.





**CHEERLEADERS:** Varsity cheerleaders in uniform and their coach(s) will be admitted free of charge. Cheerleaders may cheer at all dual meets but MAY NOT infringe upon the viewing rights of paying spectators. The game manager will designate an area where cheerleaders may perform.

**BANNERS & NOISE MAKERS:** Banners, signs, sirens, whistles, band instruments and artificial noisemakers are prohibited. Fixed signs that display good sportsmanship are allowed with approval from meet management.

**MEDALS:** 25 medals will be presented to each of the championship and runner-up teams in each class (3A and 2A). A team championship trophy will also be presented. ***Rosters for medal presentations must be given to the site announcer prior to the finals with the 25 names.***

**PROGRAMS:** Dave Reeder, District III program chairman, will request a team photo and roster from all schools that could possibly qualify for the championship in mid-January. Please be prepared to send both electronically ([d3.dreeder@gmail.com](mailto:d3.dreeder@gmail.com)) no later than Friday, January 19, 2024. The two-day window between the qualifying date and opening round matches make it critical to abide by these deadlines. This year's program will be on-line at no cost to spectators and participants.

**VIDEOTAPING** will not be permitted from the floor except by the participating teams from an area near the team bench (game manager must approve). Videotaping that interferes with spectator viewing will not be permitted by teams or fans.

**LIVESTREAMING:** The District III Committee permits livestreaming with conditions for all District III M&T Bank Championship events at all levels. Please see the **2023-2024 Media Rights Fees** for the appropriate fee(s). The use of online livestreaming services such as Periscope, Facebook Live, and Instagram is prohibited unless the appropriate rights fee is submitted to District III no less than 30 minutes prior to the start of any match.

**ADMISSION POLICY:** Thirty (30) wrestlers, coaches, managers and trainers, will be admitted without tickets. Each participating school may submit a list of six (6) complimentary admissions (on form provided) for each round. Complimentary admissions are to be used by administrators and those persons they deem appropriate. Inter-League Passes will not be honored. **Only District III Passes** and accredited media will be accepted for complimentary admission.

**TICKETS:** Sub-Championship rounds on Jan. 29 through February 1: all tickets are **\$6**. Class 2A consolation and championship match and Class 3A championship and third-place match on Feb. 3 at Cumberland Valley: all tickets are **\$10**. One admission is good for all day. All District III tickets are sold ONLINE ONLY.

**OFFICIALS:** The District III Wrestling Chairman and his designee will assign all officials. Each match will be officiated by a head and an assistant referee. The two will alternate responsibilities with each succeeding bout. Officials will be paid \$95.

**TIES:** Rule 9, Section 2, Article 2 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book will be applied to determine the team winner if both teams have identical scores. In the event criteria are required to break a tie,





only the match officials, scorekeepers and District III personnel will be involved in the criteria determination process. **All others – including coaches – must keep a respectable distance from the score table.**

**PIAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS:** PIAA State Team Tournament Qualifiers by class: The top four teams in Class 3A will qualify for the 2023-2024 PIAA Class 3A Team Wrestling Championships. The top three Class 2A teams will qualify for the 2023-2024 PIAA Class 2A Team Wrestling Championships.

The dates of the PIAA Team Championships are **February 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2024.**

**Monday, Feb. 5:** District III Class 2A third-place team will visit the District IV Class 2A runner-up.  
(Preliminary round) District III Class 3A third will host the District VII Class 3A fourth.  
District III Class 3A fourth will visit the District I Class 3A runner-up.  
(Winners in those matches will advance to the PIAA second round at Giant Center on Thursday, Feb. 8)

**Thursday, Feb. 8:** The District III Class 2A champion and runner-up plus the Class 3A champion and runner-up will proceed directly to Giant Center for second round matches.

See the PIAA website at [www.piaa.org/wrestling](http://www.piaa.org/wrestling) for details.

**ALTERNATE ADVANCEMENT PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** If a qualifying team withdraws or is forced to withdraw from competition its replacement shall be determined as follows: In Class 3A, the second-round wrestle back loser with highest power ranking entering the District III Championships will be designated the Class 3A fifth-place team. In Class 2A, the fourth-place team will serve as the alternate qualifier. The alternate will replace the lowest place finisher and all other place finishers shall advance to the next highest place finish.

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A PRELIMINARIES (Monday, January 29, 2024):**

**5:00 PM** Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)  
**5:15 PM** Referees visit teams  
**5:35-5:43 PM** Lower seeded team warms up on the mat  
**5:43-5:51 PM** Higher seeded team warms up on the mat  
**5:51-6:00 PM** Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants  
**6:00 PM** **Start of preliminary match on one mat**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A PRELIMINARIES AND QUARTERFINALS**

**(Tuesday, January 30, 2024):**

**5:00 PM** Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)  
**5:15 PM** Referees visit teams  
**5:35-5:43 PM** Lower seeded team warms up on the mat  
**5:43-5:51 PM** Higher seeded team warms up on the mat  
**5:51-6:00 PM** Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants  
**6:00 PM** **Start of preliminary round matches on two mats**  
**7:00 PM** **Quarterfinals (one mat) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round.**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS, SEMIFINALS & 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND WRESTLEBACKS**

**(Wednesday, January 31, 2024):**

**5:00 PM** Random draw and weigh in all teams (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)  
**5:15 PM** Referees visit teams  
**5:35-5:43 PM** Lower seeded team warms up on the mat  
**5:43-5:51 PM** Higher seeded team warms up on the mat  
**5:51-6:00 PM** Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants





6:00 PM Start of quarterfinal matches on two mats  
7:00 PM Semifinals and first round wrestlebacks (two mats) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round.

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS AND WRESTLEBACKS  
(Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Spring Grove Area HS):**

4:00 PM Random draw and weigh in (4 scales shoulder to shoulder)  
4:15 PM Referees visit teams  
4:35-4:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on mat  
4:43-4:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on mat  
4:51-5:00 PM Coin toss followed by National Anthem  
5:00 PM **Semifinal matches & first round wrestle back (four mats)**  
6:30 PM **Second round wrestle back (2 mats) or 15 minutes following the conclusion of the last match in the previous round**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A WRESTLEBACK MATCHES AT CUMBERLAND VALLEY HS  
(Saturday, February 3, 2024):**

9:30 AM Random draw and weigh in consolation semifinalists (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)  
9:45 AM Referees visit teams  
10:05-10:13 AM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat  
10:13-10:21 AM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat  
10:21-10:30 AM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem  
10:30 AM **Start of Class 2A consolation semifinal round matches on two mats**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 3A THIRD-PLACE AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT  
CUMBERLAND VALLEY HS (Saturday, February 3, 2024):**

Noon Random draw and weigh in finalists (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)  
12:15 PM Referees visit teams  
12:35-12:43 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat  
12:43-12:51 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat  
12:51-1:00 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants  
1:00 PM **Start of Class 3A Third Place and Championship matches on two mats**

**PRE-MATCH AGENDA FOR CLASS 2A THIRD-PLACE AND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT  
CUMBERLAND VALLEY HS (Saturday, February 3, 2024):**

2:30 PM Weigh in *finalists* (2 scales shoulder to shoulder)  
2:45 PM Referees visit teams (*finalists*)  
3:05-3:13 PM Lower seeded team warms up on the mat  
3:13-3:21 PM Higher seeded team warms up on the mat  
3:21-3:30 PM Coin toss followed by the National Anthem and introduction of the participants  
3:30 PM **Start of Class 2A Third Place and Championship matches on two mats**

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