

2009 New England Youth Wrestling Championship Hudson High School, 69 Brigham Street, Hudson, MA 01749 Sunday, March 8, 2009

The 3rd annual Youth New England Wrestling Championship will take place on **Sunday, March 8, 2009 at Hudson High School** in Hudson MA. Representatives from all six New England states have agreed to participate in this event. The top three (3) wrestlers in 32 weight classes from each state will automatically qualify to represent their state in the Youth New Englands. Wrestlers are required to finish in the top six places of their state qualifying tournament and compete in the weight class at which they wrestled in the state qualifier. The Youth New England Wrestling Championship is sanctioned by USA Wrestling. **All wrestlers** must have a USA Wrestling card to participate. Cards are available online at www.themat.com. Entry fee is \$30 per wrestler; all wrestlers are guaranteed a minimum of two matches. Spectator admission fee will be \$5 per person. Concessions and wrestling gear will be available on site. A professional photographer will be available with action and award photos.

Individual state tournaments will be held as qualifying tournaments. Out-of-state wrestlers are not permitted to participate in a State Qualifier for another New England State. State Qualifier dates and locations will be publicized and organized by each respective State Director. All **rosters must be submitted by Wednesday, March 4**th **deadline**, with qualifying alternates permitted to fill open spots through the State Director. Each state will submit a roster of coaches along with its roster of wrestlers (minimum of four coaches per state). All coaches must be registered with USA Wrestling. Allow one week for coach's registration, including a background check. Each state is authorized to assess an additional \$5 fee per wrestler to fund its coaching staff registration with USA Wrestling. Only USA Wrestling coaches will be allowed in the competition area. USA certified coaches will be admitted free with a USA Wrestling card.

Set Weights:

Novice Division - 1997 / 1998 birth years: 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 130, 145, 170

Middle School Division - 1994 / 1995 / 1996 birth years: 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 190, 210, 260

Wrestling:

Brackets will be formed in 32 set weight classes using a pre-determined seeding chart. This is a double elimination tournament, except where pigtails are needed for brackets with greater than 16 wrestlers. Period lengths: Championship bouts 1.5-1.5-1.5; Consolation bouts 1-1-1. Championship matches will be wrestled to determine place finishers for 1st, 3rd, and 5th place. Wrestling will start at 8 AM snarth.nc/sharp on Sunday March 8, 2009. All weigh-ins will take place on Saturday, March 7th at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 265 Lakeside Avenue, Marlborough, MA 01752 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Finals are scheduled to start at 4:00 PM, preceded by a Deluxe Wrestling Camp Raffle where several free trips to wrestling camps throughout the country will be drawn for those who enter the camp raffle. Raffle entry fee will be \$10 per ticket payable to WrestleSmart, Inc.

Pre-Registration:

Pre-Registration will take place through state representatives, upon qualification at the respective state-qualifying tournaments. State representatives will collect entry fees and compile information for all qualifying wrestlers for their respective states. A State Pre-Registration Form must be completed by each state tournament director and emailed to apolansky@charter.net. All qualifying wrestlers MUST be pre-registered no later than March 4, 2009. Entry fees should be paid in the form of one single check from each state, payable to WrestleSmart, Inc., to be forwarded to Aaron Polansky, 197 Flint Road, Charlton, MA 01507.

Registration & Weigh-ins:

Registration and weigh-ins will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 5-8 PM at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 265 Lakeside Avenue, Marlborough, MA 01752. There will be a second registration / weigh-in location at Hillhouse High School in New Haven CT — the site of the High School New England Wrestling Championship. The Hillhouse weigh-in / registration (from 5-7 PM) is being offered as an accommodation to wrestling families that have middle school and high school wrestlers competing at both events. All wrestlers must have qualified at a set weight in a state qualifying tournament in order to weigh in. Wrestlers must produce age certification (a birth certificate) and a USA Wrestling Card in order to weigh in. Wrestlers who have not provided USA card numbers through their state directors will be required to purchase a USA Wrestling card prior to weigh-in.

<u>Awards</u>:

Individual tournament champions will receive an embroidered New England Champion sweatshirt. Top three place finishers will receive plaques. Finishers placing 4th, 5th, and 6th will receive engraved commemorative medals. Team trophies will be awarded to top three states.

Official Tournament Hotel (mention New England Youth Wrestling Tournament block for special rate)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 265 Lakeside Avenue Marlborough, MA 01752 Hotel Front Desk: 1(508) 481-3000

\$85.00 (+ tax) per night

Restaurant Lounge Pool

Indoor Fitness Room

Questions: Contact Aaron Polansky at apolansky@charter.net.