



2010 New England Youth Wrestling Championships

Lowell High School, 50 Father Morissette Blvd, Lowell, MA 01852
Sunday, March 7, 2010

The 4th annual Youth New England Wrestling Championships will take place on **Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Lowell High School** in Lowell 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 3rd 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). 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 - 1998 / 1999 birth years: 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 130, 145, and 170

Middle School Division - 1995 / 1996 / 1997 birth years: 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 190, 210, and 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 pigtailed 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. The tournament will be run on full mats, in two flights, with the Novice division starting at 8 AM sharp on Sunday March 7, 2010. The Middle School division will start wrestling at 11 AM.

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 Mike Stuer at thestuers@verizon.net. **All qualifying wrestlers MUST be pre-registered no later than March 3, 2010.** Entry fees should be paid in the form of one single check from each state, payable to the *Youth New Englands*, to be forwarded to Mike Stuer, 15 Gay St, North Chelmsford MA 01863.

Registration & Weigh-ins:

Registration and weigh-ins will be held on **Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 3-6 PM in the "Little Theatre" at Lowell High School, 50 Father Morissette Blvd, Lowell MA 01852.** 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 4-6 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 and age certification through their state directors will be required to purchase a USA Wrestling card and present a birth certificate prior to weigh-in.

Awards:

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 awards will be given to the top three states.

Official Tournament Hotels

(Make reservations by Wednesday March 3, 2010 and mention "Youth New Englands" for special group rates)

Courtyard by Marriott

30 Industrial Ave Lowell MA
978-458-7575

\$75 per night with full breakfast buffet

(\$79 per night for Double Queen)

Fireside Lounge, Internet, Nearby Restaurants

Radisson Hotel & Suites

10 Independence Dr Chelmsford MA
978-256-0800

\$79 per night with continental breakfast

(\$94 per night for Suite)

Pool, Internet, Restaurant, Lounge, Fitness Center

Visit www.merrimackvalley.org for information on local attractions: "There's a lot to like about Lowell"

Questions: Contact Mike Stuer at thestuers@verizon.net.