

Regional Tournament Guidelines

USAWCT Kids State Championship Qualifier Guidelines have been developed by a committee of interested local club directors and USAWCT State board members. This guideline contains the following topics. PLEASE review the WHOLE guideline and raise any questions or issues BEFORE the Qualifying Tournaments so that they can be resolved for everyone's benefit.

Notice:

Head gear and mouth guards for wrestlers with braces-will be required for all age groups at the Kids State Championship on February 26th and for the Intermediate, Novice and Middle School Qualifiers on February 19th .

Guideline Topics:

1. Assigned Club Qualifier Locations
2. Eligibility
3. Seeding Procedure
4. Bracketing
5. Weigh-ins & Weight Classes
6. Weather Contingency (ONLY IN EFFECT IF QUALIFIERS ARE CANCELLED)

1) Assigned Club Qualifier Locations

Location break down is done by USAWCT Sanctioned Clubs into four (4) locations.

Location I: Avon (Farmington Valley), Bethel, Bristol, Brookfield, CT Green Knights, **Danbury**, New Fairfield, New Hartford (Steel Hill), Newtown (Over the Top), NorthWest, Plainville, Ridgefield, Southbury (Pomperaug), Thomaston, Woodbury

Location II: Berlin, Cheshire, Enfield (NorthEast Elite), Glastonbury, Kensington (In Your Zone), Meriden, **Newington**, Simsbury (FishEye), Somers, Southington, Competitive Edge(Southington), South Windsor, Stafford, Suffield (Warriors), Wethersfield

Location III: Derby, Easton, Fairfield PAL, Greenwich (All-American), Guilford, Madison, **Milford**, Monroe, New Canaan, New Milford, Norwalk, Orange (CT Speed School), Redding, Stamford, Trumbull, Westport, Wilton

Location IV: Brooklyn, Canterbury, Clinton, **Colchester**, Coventry, East Lyme, Griswold, Hebron, Killingly, KT Kidz, Lebanon, Ledyard, MarcAurele , Mayo Quanchi, Montville, New London (Whaling City), Pawcatuck, Plainfield, Stonington, N. Stonington, Waterford, Windham (Silverback)

Locations highlighted in **BLUE are the sites of each Qualifying Tournament on February 19, 2012. **

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Location break down & rules

1. Each Club/town will be placed in one of the Four (4) locations.
2. Each Club will compete in the location of which it is assigned.
Wrestlers who do not live in the town where their club is located will compete with their club in the assigned Location.
Example- Wrestler lives in Wallingford (Location 1) but practices with Wethersfield club (Location 2) they will be allowed to qualify with their practice club in Location 2
3. Clubs covering many towns which cross into different locations will wrestle in the location which their club name is assigned.
4. Any conflicts can be clarified by Sarah Jadach, State Chairperson.

2) Tournament eligibility

1. Open to Connecticut residents only.
2. Intermediate, Novice and Middle school division.
3. Must have a USA competitor card.

3) Location seeding procedures

Seeding meeting, arranged by tournament director, will be held at tournament location or as agreed with tournament director, prior to Tournament.

1. Season records of all in state regular tournaments count.
Dual meet matches do not count.
Beginners Tournaments do not count.
2. Out of State Winning Percentage is considered
3. All wrestlers must be seeded. (Note: Any weight class with five (5) or less is contested in a round robin format, so there is no need for seeding.) Three way ties will be broken in the following order
Pins, Techs, major decisions or point differential.
4. Winning percentages will determine seeding.
Highest percentage will be seeded #1; second highest will be seeded #2 and so on. NOTE: some coaches' consideration is needed in order to ensure that people do not get carried away with this, because the coaches know who is good. It is the coach's responsibility to keep their team's individuals records for seeding.

In case of a tie follow tie-breaking procedure.

Follow this procedure from top to bottom until the tie is broken.

1. Number of 1st place finishes in, in state tournaments only.
2. Number of 2nd place finishes in, in state tournaments.
3. Number of 3rd place finishes in, in state tournaments.
4. Head to head.
5. Coin flip.

4) Tournament bracketing

1. All divisions will be double elimination
2. Five (5) wrestlers or less will be a Round Robin format.
3. Seventeen wrestlers or more entered into one weight class will be wrestled in a bracket of 32.
The rat tail round will be single elimination till the round of 16. It will be a small tournament so big brackets probably won't happen.

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5) Weigh-ins

- 1.) Wrestler/coach must select a weight he/she can make. Each wrestler will be allowed two consecutive attempts to make weight and may not leave the weigh-in area. Wrestlers must weigh-in wearing a competition singlet. If an Athlete does not make weight he will be moved to the next weight class for the qualifier.
- 2.) Choose a weight class carefully, because the wrestler must make the same weight class for the CT Kids State Championship Tournament.

The following are the weight classes for 2012 USAWCT Kids State Championship Tournament.

<u>Weight Class</u>		
<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Novice</u>	<u>Middle School</u>
50	60	70
55	65	77
60	70	84
65	75	91
70	80	98
75	85	105
80	90	112
87	95	120
95	100	128
103	105	136
112	112	144
120	120	152
120+ (20lb max difference)	130	160
	140	175
	140+ (25lb max difference)	190
		210
		265

Top four finishers for each weight class in the four qualifiers will advance to the **USAWCT Kids State Championship 2/26/12.**

The Top Four Finishers from the **USAWCT Kids State Championship Tournament** in the **Intermediate, Novice and Middle School** Division for each of the above listed weight classes will be eligible to advance to the USA Wrestling Kids' New England Classic Tournament, which will be held at Coventry High School, located in Coventry Rhode Island on March 11, 2012, under the Middle School, Novice and Intermediate Division. **Each top four place winner will be required to complete a registration form and pay \$20.00** (of the \$30.00 total entry fee) either with cash or a check made payable to USAWCT, prior to leaving the USAWCT Kids State Championship Tournament held on February 26th, 2012 at Hill House High School. This year the entire entry fee for the USA Kids' New England Classic tournament is \$30.00 per wrestler, however, USAWCT will pay the balance of \$10.00 for each Connecticut wrestler that places and registers as detailed above.

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USAWCT Kids State Championship Brackets 2012

<u>1) Location I-1</u>	<u>1) Location IV-1</u>	<u>1) Location III-1</u>	<u>1) Location II-1</u>
<u>16) Location IV-4</u>	<u>16) Location III-4</u>	<u>16) Location II-4</u>	<u>16) Location I-4</u>
<u>9) Location II-3</u>	<u>9) Location I-3</u>	<u>9) Location IV-3</u>	<u>9) Location III-3</u>
<u>8) Location III-2</u>	<u>8) Location II-2</u>	<u>8) Location I-2</u>	<u>8) Location IV-2</u>
<u>5) Location II-2</u>	<u>5) Location I-2</u>	<u>5) Location IV-2</u>	<u>5) Location III-2</u>
<u>12) Location III-3</u>	<u>12) Location II-3</u>	<u>12) Location I-3</u>	<u>12) Location IV-3</u>
<u>13) Location I-4</u>	<u>13) Location IV-4</u>	<u>13) Location III-4</u>	<u>13) Location II-4</u>
<u>4) Location IV-1</u>	<u>4) Location III-1</u>	<u>4) Location II-1</u>	<u>4) Location I-1</u>

<u>3) Location II-1</u>	<u>3) Location I-1</u>	<u>3) Location IV-1</u>	<u>3) Location III-1</u>
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**Interm 50,70
95,120+**
**Novice - 60 / 80 /
100 / 130**
**MS - 70 / 98 / 128
160 / 265**

**Interm 55,75
103**
**Novice - 65 / 85
105 / 140**
**MS - 77 / 105 /
136**
175

**Interm 60,80
112**
**Novice - 70 / 90
112 / 140+**
**MS - 84 / 112 /
144**
190

**Interm 65,87
120**
**Novice - 75 / 95
120**
**MS - 91 / 120 /
152**
210

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USAWCT has modified the brackets so that the 1 seed (for each location) rotates, this will enable us to allow alternates to move in the brackets from other Locations. In addition, USAWCT has developed rules for allowing alternates into the Kids State Championship Tournament, which are detailed below:

Rules to allow alternate wrestlers from other Locations into the Kids State Championship tournament:

- Alternates will be pulled from the 5th and 6th place finishers from their respective qualifiers. They must check-in at the State Championships meeting all the expectations of the qualified wrestlers (QW) (i.e. make weight, pass skin check, pay if entered into the tournament, etc.).
- If there are scratches in a weight class. We will backfill by location first with that location's 5th place finisher, then we will draw from a hat the names of other location's 5th place finishers until all 5th place finishers are exhausted. If the vacancy remains open we will fill the vacancy with that locations 6th place alternate, then we will draw from a hat the names of other location's 6th place alternate until all 6th place finishers are exhausted. If no alternate can fill this vacancy it will remain empty.
- An example if the 2nd place qualifier from Location I is a scratch, the 3rd and 4th place finishers from Location I will move forward in their respective seeds for their Location in the bracket, then the alternate 5th place finisher from Location I, will have the opportunity to fill the 4th spot for Location I. If the 5th place alternate from Location I is not a qualified wrestler (QW), we will draw from a hat from the (5th place finishing alternates from Locations 2, 3, & 4), then if necessary the 6th place alternate from Location I. If the 6th place alternate from Location I is not a qualified Wrestler (QW), we will draw from a hat from the (6th place finishing alternates from Locations 2, 3, & 4).

Once this process is completed we will adjust the brackets accordingly by the assigned seeds per region listed above.

Our final adjustment will be to correct out of balance brackets, therefore a bracket will be considered out of balance when the top or bottom portion has two more wrestlers than the other side of the bracket and the bracket has 12 or less wrestlers. In the event this occurs the lowest seed of the larger portion will be moved to the other side of the bracket in a similar seed, all effort will be made to avoid having a first round match with members from their location. If there are tow wrestlers with the same seed, a drawing out of the hat will occur to determine which wrestler moves. This is designed to prevent a bracket from having a wrestler advancing to the semi finals in one side of the bracket, when the other side of the bracket has round of 16 matches.

Example: The top of the bracket has 6 wrestlers (two 1 seeds, Two 2 seeds, one 3 seed & one 4 seed), bottom bracket has four wrestlers (two 1 seeds, two 2 seeds). In this case the 4 seed will move to the bottom bracket. This assumes that all seeds from the Qualifiers are advanced

After this initial adjustment is completed, if needed, the bracket will be adjusted by the tournament director, moving wrestlers up in seeding to first ensure a proportionate bracket with equal amounts of wrestlers on each side of the bracket. If practical the bracket will be adjusted again to ensure that wrestlers from the same Location, should they advance, will not meet on the winner's side of the bracket until the Semi-Final round. Any weight class with five (5) or less is contested in a round robin format, so there is no need for seeding.) Three way ties will be broken in the following order Pins, Techs, major decisions or point differential.

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6) Weather Contingency

These weather contingency rules were developed by the Tournament Committee and agreed to unanimously. The agreed to contingency plan is described below.

In the event of poor weather on or around February 19, 2012, we will post a Notice on our website USAWCT.org, by 5 PM Saturday February 18, 2012, if the four qualifiers will be cancelled.

In the event that the qualifiers are cancelled the following will take effect.

All Wrestlers that had been properly pre-registered online with their qualifying location, will be eligible to wrestle in the State Championship on February 26th, 2012. The entry fee of \$20.00 will be collected prior to weight-ins, if you do not make the weight you registered for at your Qualifier, then your money will be refunded and the wrestler will be disqualified from the USAWCT Kids State Championship Tournament.

The Tournament Committee will seed the top eight wrestlers in each age group (**Intermediate, Novice and Middle School only**) and weight class. The remaining wrestlers will be randomly placed into the brackets, however, we will try our best to separate members from the same club.

Any age group and weight class with more than sixteen wrestlers will wrestle a round of 32 with single elimination **for the round of 32 only**. Once a wrestler reaches the round of sixteen they will be entitled to double elimination, up and until the finals. Consolation Rounds will be run on 2/3 mats. We will not wrestle for true second place for the Intermediate, Novice and Middle School Divisions regardless.

State Championships Weather Contingency

In the event of poor weather on or around February 26, 2012, we will post a Notice on our website USAWCT.org, by 5 PM Saturday February 25, 2012, if the State Championships will be postponed. The State Championships will then be held on Sunday March 4th.