

Must Place Top 4 at one of the 4 Qualifying Locations on Feb 19th to be Eligible
Connecticut Kids State Championship Sunday February 26th, 2017
Rules & Application for Intermediate, Novice & Middle School Divisions
from Connecticut Qualifying Tournament

The Kids State Championship will be held at **Hillhouse High School Field-house, 480 Sherman Parkway, New Haven, CT 06511** to be operated by USAWCT on Sunday February 26th, 2017. By placing top four in one of the 4 Qualifying locations you are eligible to compete In the USAWCT Kids State championship. You must submit the registration form with payment before you leave your respective Qualifier Location. Wrestlers will not be registered for the State Championships if they did not register or pay on the day of the Qualifiers. A USAWCT State Club Director will be on site at the Qualifiers to collect the applications. If any of the TOP FOUR (4) place winners do not complete and pay before leaving the Qualifier, then the fifth place winner will be awarded the fourth place spot. The other place winners will move up. Example: the 3rd place wrestler does not complete this form and does not pay. The fourth place finisher moves to 3rd and the fifth place finisher will be the fourth seed from this District.

Weigh-ins Times have changed from prior years

Weigh-ins for the USAWCT State Championship Tournament will be held at HillHouse HS Field-house
Times by Division

Middle School Division 7:30 to 8:00 am Start Wrestling approx 8:30 am

Novice Division 8:30 to 9:00 am ...Start Wrestling approx 9:30 am

Intermediate Division 10:00 to 10:30 am .. Start Wrestling approx 11:00 am

All wrestlers must be present at the beginning of weigh-ins and each wrestler must make scratch weight for the weight they qualified for, NO WEIGHT ALLOWANCE. 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. A WRESTLER THAT MISSES WEIGHT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE KIDS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

Trophies will be given to the top four finishers in each Division and weight class.
Full mats will be used for the USAWCT KIDS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

This tournament will NOT have true wrestle back for 2nd.

During weigh-ins, all competitors will be inspected for communicable skin disease. Wrestlers with communicable skin disease will not be allowed to compete unless they have a current Skin Condition Form signed by a doctor saying they are under treatment, are not contagious as of a specified date and are cleared to wrestle. Tournament Chief Medical Officer reserves the right to refuse entry to questionable cases.

No Food/Coolers/ Drinks allowed in Fieldhouse

- \$5.00 Admission fee for spectators • Emergency Medical Personnel will be on-site.
- Breakfast, lunch and snacks available on-site in designated areas
- Wrestling equipment will be available for purchase • **Spectators must stay in the stands**
- For more information: Check our web site USAWCT.org *Wrestlers may be video taped

*No refunds of pre registration fees

There are predetermined weights for Intermediate, Novice and Middle School.

Intermediate- 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 87, 95, 103, 112, 120, 140

Novice- 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 130, 140, 165, 190

Middle School- 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 190, 210, 265

Check Scales will be available from 6:45 am to 10:00am

USAWCT Kids State Championship Brackets 2017

1) Location I-1
 16) Location IV-4
 9) Location II-3
 8) Location III-2
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**Interm 50,70,
 95,140**
**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 / 165**
**MS - 84 / 112 / 144
 190**

**Interm 65,87
 120**
**Novice - 75 / 95
 120 / 190**
**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 location's 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 two 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.

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, 2017, we will post a Notice on our website USAWCT.org, by 5 PM Saturday February 18, 2017, 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, 2017. The entry fee of \$25.00 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, 2017 we will post a Notice on our website USAWCT.org, by 5 PM Saturday February 25, 2017, if the State Championships will be postponed. The State Championships will then be held on Sunday March 5th, 2017.