

61th Annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships

3rd Annual Girls' New England Championship Saturday, March 7th & Sunday, March 8th, 2026 Providence Career and Technical Academy 41 Fricker St., Providence, RI 02903

Presented by the Council of New England Secondary School Principals' Association 19 Golden Meadow Rd., Hampstead, NH 03841

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The championship will be held regardless of weather conditions.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT:

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Meet Coordinator: Desi Kaplan info@kapwrestling.com

ONLINE ENTRY FEE / REGISTRATION PAYMENT

- 1) All entry/registration fees must be paid **ONLINE** prior to the meet. There are no refunds.
- 2) Entry fee is \$20 per wrestler /plus processing fee.
- 3) Only two (2) coaches from each team will be admitted without charge. Every coach above the initial 2 will be charged a fee of \$20.00 per coach plus processing fee, up to a max of 5 coaches per school.
- 4) Deadline for entry/registration fee payment is 8:00 pm on Thursday March 5th 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 5) Only wrestler who are on their State Official entry form submitted to KAP wrestling will be entered into the meet.

Please use the following link https://bit.ly/26hsnewenglandsreg to complete the entry/registration payment process.

Note: The Wrestler **CAN NOT** weigh-in unless the fee is paid online.

Coaches, please note the following:

- 1. At Packet Pick Up, *all registered coaches and participating wrestlers must arrive at the same time on Saturday morning.* Due to the sheer volume and time constants, the event staff can no longer process them separately or hold credentials for coaches as in the past. Please be sure that you, your athletes & coaches plan accordingly.
- 2. Coaches will be issued wristbands on Saturday and must retain the wristband for entrance on Sunday. There will be no exceptions. Without the wristband on Sunday, you will pay the general admission fee at the main gate.

<u>PACKET PICK-UP:</u> The facility will be open for athletes and coaches at <u>9:00 AM.</u> ONLY registered Coaches & participating Wrestlers will check in at the side entrance from Cranston St. (front of the school is on Fricker St.). Packets will contain CNESSPA pins, certificates and day two ticket for entry for all registered competitors.

All others, including non-participating wrestlers, non-registered coaches, managers etc. <u>MUST</u> purchase an e-ticket and enter through the main gate.

CONTESTANTS:

Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont 1, 2, 3 place wrestlers Connecticut 1, 2, 3, 4, <u>5</u> place wrestlers Massachusetts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, <u>7</u> place wrestlers

14 Weight Classes: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285

Girls Tournament:

New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont 1& 2 place wrestlers Connecticut & Maine 1, 2 & 3 place wrestlers Massachusetts 1, 2, 3, & 4 place wrestlers

12 Weight Classes: 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235

Note: Alternates will be accepted until 8:00 pm, Thursday, March,5th. Only wrestlers officially entered by state representatives may compete. <u>All wrestlers must qualify by placing at their state</u> <u>championship.</u>

ENTRIES:

- A. **State Reps Only**: Please Email, by 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 1st, your typed entries to: info@kapwrestling.com. Please provide correct names and spelling. This is very important. If there is a problem, call Desi at 978-866-8665.
- B. It is most important that the entries be submitted no later than 2:00 PM for scheduled program development, bracket production, and t-shirts.
- C. **Please Note**: In the event of scratches made after the 8pm deadline on Thursday, March 5th 2026, or wrestlers failing to make weight, **ALTERNATES** will **NOT** be accepted or added at the event on Saturday. There will be **NO** changes or additions after the final deadline at 8:00 pm on **Thursday March** 5th 2026
- D. Pigtail wrestlers will be moved to fill the bracket when necessary. The tournament coordinator has final say on the movement of wrestlers. His decision will be final with no appeal. His professional judgment will be honored.

ARRIVAL:

Please do not arrive at the Providence Career and Technical Academy (PCTA) before (8:45Am) on Saturday March 8th and 7:45 AM on Sunday. Please DO NOT arrive early, as you will not be allowed entry. The gym will not be available on Friday.

ADMISSION:

\$10 per day for everyone at the spectator entrance. The spectator gate will open at 9:30 am on Saturday. Admission for spectators on Saturday and Sunday will be through the **front entrance from Fricker St**. Gates will open at 8:15 am on Sunday. **We will only be using ONLINE TICKETS** and there will be no cash accepted at the gate.

Day 1 Ticket Link: https://gofan.co/event/5406407?schoolId=CNESSPA

Day 2 Ticket Link: https://gofan.co/event/5406410?schoolId=CNESSPA

Or see QR code flyers on the last two pages of packet.

PROGRAM:

A program will be posted online at www.cnesspa.com a day or two prior to the event.

RULES:

National Federation Rules, 14 weight classes, Girls 12 weight classes

- **Weigh-ins will take place on **Both Saturday & Sunday**.
- 4 lbs. weight allowance on Saturday (example 106 = 110).
- 1 lb. weight allowance on Sunday (example 106 = 111).

The New England Seeding Chart is used to place all wrestlers in the bracket.

SCORING:

The tournament will be double elimination to 3rd place. Team scoring will start in the 32-man bracket. All bouts will be scored. Scoring: 16-12-9-7-5-3. We will wrestle to 6 places in each weight class.

CONSOLATIONS:

This is a double elimination tournament. All wrestlers will have a minimum of two matches. Consolation matches will be 1-2-2 minutes until the medal round (2-2-2 minutes).

WRESTLING FORMAT:

Ten mats will be used. Bouts will be assigned to mats continuously starting at the lowest weight class and working up. Every effort will be made to adhere to the tournament schedule.

AWARDS:

It is the coach's responsibility to have their wrestlers present and properly dressed for the awards ceremony, which will take place <u>throughout</u> the championship finals. There are trophies for the top three teams plus individual awards for the top 6 place finishers in each weight class. There is also an Outstanding Wrestler trophy, and an Outstanding Finals Bout award (both wrestlers receive).

COACHES DRESS CODE:

Dress Code Guidelines: Dress, polo or collared shirt with slacks. No jeans or hats permitted while a coach is in the wrestler's corner.

T-SHIRTS:

Official New England Wrestling Championship apparel will be sold at the meet. Apparel can be pre-ordered at https://www.grrteesmsp.com/ until the Wednesday before the Meet and post-ordered beginning on Monday after the Meet.

TOURNAMENT TIMES:

See Tournament Schedule Sheet (below).

WEB SITE FOR INFORMATION AND RESULTS: www.cnesspa.com and

Boys link: https://bit.ly/26hsneboysbrackets Girls link: https://bit.ly/26hsnegirlsbrackets

VIDEO ACCESS:

The New England Wrestling Championship can be streamed live and/or retrieved on demand through FloSports for a fee. The link for access is: https://flosports.link/4imblY4

Please let attending schools know where they access the live video!

The FloSports is the exclusive broadcast rights holder of this event. Any individual streaming or rebroadcasting is strictly prohibited and in direct violation of the CNESSPA's agreements with the FloSports. Any violation of FloSport's exclusive broadcast rights may result in legal action.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1. All coolers will be stored in the cafeteria.
- 2. Food concessions will be available in the cafeteria. No food in gym.
- 3. The building and grounds are a smoke-free area. NO SMOKING ALLOWED.
- 4. Please secure all valuables both inside PCTA and outside with cars and buses. The CNESSPA and Providence School System are not responsible for lost or stolen items or valuables.

WRESTLING HOTEL LIST—2026

It is very important that when calling to make a reservation that you tell the clerk you are with the "**NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP**" group. Tell them the rate listed on this page.

THE HILTON PROVIDENCE Rate \$160.00 plus taxes

21 Atwells Avenue Parking \$10.00 per car per night

Providence, RI 02903 Phone **401-831-3900**Reduced rate parking \$10.00 Cutoff date **3/03/26**

Or reserve online at: https://group.hilton.com/zs3juh

HILTON GARDEN INN Rate \$109.00 plus taxes

1 Thurber Street Parking Fee \$12.00 per night per car

Warwick, RI 02886 Phone **401-734-9600**Complimentary parking Cutoff date **3/03/26**

Book Group Rate reserve online at:

BookingLink: https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PVDGIGI&groupCode=90F&arrivaldate=2026-03-06&departuredate=2026-03-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

Rate \$125.00 plus taxes-Queen/Queen, **FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT**

> \$125.00 plus taxes-King Complimentary breakfast

1940 Post Road Phone 401-732-0900 Warwick, RI 02889 Cutoff date 3/03/26 Complimentary parking

Reserve online at: https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1765134600920&key=GRP&app=resvlink

HAMPTON INN and SUITES Rate \$159 plus taxes-King, \$159 plus taxes-Double

2100 Post Road Complimentary breakfast Warwick, RI 02886 Phone 401-739-8888 Complimentary parking Cutoff date 3/01/26

Booking Link:

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=WRWHSHX&groupCode=CHHNEW&arrivaldate=2026-03-06&departuredate=2026-03-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

New England Wrestling Tournament 2026 Tournament Schedule

Saturday, March 7, 2026 (All times are approximate & subject to change)

9:00 AM	Gym Opens - Registration (Do NOT arrive at gym before 8:45 AM)
	Session #1 Admission
9:30 AM to 10:15 AM	Weigh-In (Day 1) Times strictly enforced.
	Multiple scales. 4-lb weight allowance. (ie 106 is 110)
10:30 AM to 10:45 AM	Coaches Meeting – Auditorium
11:00 AM	Welcome & National Anthem
11:15 AM to 12:45 PM	Round 1: Round of 32 (7 Mats, 112 Bouts) mats # 4-10
	Round 1: Girl's Round of 16 (3 Mats, 96 Bouts) mats #1-3
12:45 PM to 2:15 PM	Round 2: Round of 16 (7 Mats, 112 Bouts) mats #4-10
1:15 PM to 4:00 PM	Round 2: Girl's Quarter Finals (2 Mats, 48 Bouts) mats #1-2
	Round 3: Girl's Consolation Round #1 round of 8 (1Mat, 24-36 Bouts) mat #3
2:15 PM to 4:00 PM	Round 3: Consolation Round # 1 round of 16 (7 Mats,100 Bouts) mats # 4-10
4:00pm to Approx: 6pm	Round 4: Quarterfinals (4 Mats, 56 Bouts) mats #4-7
	Round 4A: Consolation Round #1 round of 8 (3 Mats, 56 Bouts) mats #8-10
	Round 4: Girl's Consolation Round #2 round of 8 (3Mats, 48 Bouts) mats #1-3

Sunday, March 8, 2026 (All times are approximate & subject to change)

8:15 AM	Gym Opens - Please do not come early! – Session #2 Admission			
9:00 AM <i>BE ON TIME</i>	Day 2 Weigh-Ins with 1-lb allowance (ie 106 is 111) (by weight class-BE ON			
	TIME)			
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Round 5: Consolation Round #2 round of 8 (6 Mats, 56 Bouts) mats #1&2 & 7-10			
	Round 5: Girl's Championship Semifinals (2Mats, 24 Bouts) mats #5-6			
	Round 5A: Girl's Consolation Quarterfinals (2 Mats 24 Bouts) mats #3-4			
11:30 AM to 1:15 PM	Rounds 6: Championship Semifinals (2 Mats, 28 Bouts) mats # 5-6			
	Round 6B: Consolation Quarterfinals (2 Mats, 28 Bouts) mats #7-8			
	Round 6: Girl's Consolation Semifinals (2 Mats, 24 Bouts) mats #3-4			
1:15 PM to 2:00 PM	Round 7: Consolation Semifinals (3 Mats, 28 Bouts) mats #7-9			
1:00 PM	Round 7: Girl's 3 rd and 5 th place bouts (4 Mats, 24 Bouts) mats # 3-6			
2:00PM	Hall of Fame Ceremony			
2:15 PM to 3PM	Round 8: 3 rd and 5 th place bouts (4 Mats, 24 Bouts) mats # 3-6			
3:00 PM to 5PM	Introduction of Finalists & National Anthem			
	Final Round: (1 Mat, 14 Bouts) mat #6			
	Final Round: Girl's (1 Mat, 12 Bouts) mat #5			

Awards:

Awards will be presented throughout the championship finals. Awards for 106 presented after 113, and so on. Please have wrestlers in uniform for awards. **The Champion's coach will award the medals.** No awards will be given prior to the awards ceremony.

Plaques:

Top Three Places

Coaches - Please Note:

- 1. Top 3 wrestlers will receive a beautiful plaque.
- 2. Each plaque will have a blank nameplate.
- 3. Please have school engrave the student's name on the plate and place on the plaque.

- 4. All wrestlers receive a certificate of participation and a commemorative pin.
- 5. The Champion's coach will award the medals.

Medals: 4th, 5th, and 6th Place

Other Plaques: Team Champions, Team Runner-Up, and Team 3rd Place

Outstanding Wrestler, Outstanding Finals Bout (both wrestlers)

Photos:

Taken at Awards Stand - Have wrestlers neatly dressed in uniform. Please, No Hats.

Seeding Chart

Note - Tournament Seeding Chart will be selected and posted on the CNESSPA website once all entries have been submitted and reviewed by Tournament Directors.

2026 New England Wrestling Tournament Seeding Process for State Champions

This process attempts to seed the 6 state champions 1-6, with the corresponding grid assignments designed to separate the qualifiers from each state, particularly the top 3 from each state. The seed meeting will be conducted at 8pm on the Sunday prior to the New England meet, allowing reps time to gather data. Once a preliminary file is received from Kap Wrestling, we will create a shared google sheet where each state rep will list losses for their champions, as well as identifying any wins during the current season over any wrestlers who placed in the preceding NE tournament.

- 1. Only the 6 state champions will be considered for seeding. All others will be placed according to a bracket that places each other wrestler from that same state based on the 1-6 seeding of their state's individual champion. There is NO SEEDING of any wrestler who is NOT one of the 6 state champions. No "out of season" tournament placings or out of season head to head wins will be considered for seeding purposes, including Fargo or NHSCA. Only matches during the current high school season will be considered for purposes of seeding.
- 2. Preliminary Seeding: First criteria will be <u>previous year's</u> NE tournament placement. The higher the finish, the higher the seed. If two wrestlers are tied based on NE placement, the tie-breaker is as follows:
 - A) Head to Head
 - B) Any wins over higher returning NE place winner during current season (ie if 2 are 5th placers from previous NE and are "tied" for 4th seed, and wrestler A has beaten the current 2nd seed who was a returning NE 2nd place finisher, while wrestler B has beaten the current 3rd seed who was a 6th place finisher, then A receives higher seed)
 - C) Common opponents during current season
 - D) Coin toss

If more than 2 wrestlers are tied based on NE placement, the tie-breaker is as follows:

- A) Any wins over higher returning NE place winner during current season (ie if 2 are 4th placers from NE and are "tied" for 3rd seed, and wrestler A has beaten the current 2nd seed who was a returning NE 2nd place finisher)
- B) Common opponents during current season.
- C) Coin toss

- 3. Second criteria is for any of the remaining 6 state champions who were NOT returning New England place winners but who have beaten a returning NE place winner at any time during the current season.
 - If 2 wrestlers have beaten a returning NE place winner, the tie-breaker is as follows:
 - A. Head to Head
 - B. The higher returning NE place winner who was beaten earns that wrestler a higher seed.
 - C. Common opponents
 - D. Coin toss
 - If 3 or more wrestlers have beaten a returning NE place winner, the tie-breaker is as follows:
 - A. The higher returning NE place winner who was beaten earns a higher seed.
 - B. Common opponents
 - C. Random draw
- 4. Third criteria is for any remaining state champs who are not yet seeded but have a common opponent tie-breaker that would then place that wrestler ahead of any remaining unseeded state champions.
- 5. Fourth criteria is for any remaining state champs who are not yet seeded but have a head to head win in the current season against any other state champ who was now seeded based on any of the preceding criteria. This would place such wrestler ahead of any remaining state champs, but not (at this time in the process) ahead of said wrestler beaten, and is applicable even if the wrestlers met multiple times and only 1 win was earned.
- 6. At this point, any of the remaining state champions will be seeded up to the 6th seed by virtue of a random draw. Preliminary seeding is now complete.
- 7. Phase 2: At this point, flips may occur for any of those who are now seeded who have beaten a seeded wrestler above them during the current season (without also having lost to that wrestler, unless such loss still maintained a "2 out of 3" advantage). Such wrestler may move directly above the other state champ that was defeated provided they have not lost to any other seeded state champs that are currently seeded below the wrestler who was beaten. In such event, the highest said wrestler may be seeded will be above any other state champions who were NOT seeded according to aforementioned criteria 1-4. This process will start from the top and work down (ie if in initial seedings, #3MA has beaten #1CT and #5RI has beaten #2VT, the first move is to make #3MA the new #1, moving #1CT down to #2 and bumping #2VT down to #3...at which time the #5RI can move up ahead of #3VT...as opposed to "bottom to top" which would have moved #5RI up to seed 2 prior to the higher adjustments).
- 8. In addition, if at this point, a common opponent creates an advantage for any of the seeded 6 state champions, that wrestler may move directly ahead of the wrestler with whom they shared a common opponent with different outcomes. As above, the process starts at the top and works down.
- 9. At this time, the remaining seeds 7-24 boys and 7-16 girls will be placed in accordance with the grid pattern detailed below.
- 10. If there is a scratch of a state champ who was seeded according to the criteria above, the remaining state champs will be "bumped up", with the 2nd place finisher who is replacing that state's champion seeded below the other 5 state champions, without the ability to improve seed. In the event of multiple scratches of state champs at the same weight class, a coin toss will be used to determine seeds 5 and 6.

Boy's

State Champ Seed	State 2nd Place Seed	State 3rd Place Seed	Seeds 19-24 from MA/CT placed to avoid same state R32				
1	7	14	19	MA4	unless MA is #1	if so, use CT4	then make MA4 seed 20
2	8	16	20	СТ4	unless CT is #3	If so, use MA5	then make CT4 seed 21
3	9	13	21	MA5	unless MA is #6	if so, use CT5	then make MA5 seed 23
4	10	15	22	MA6	unless MA is #5	if so, use CT5	then make MA6 seed 23
5	11	18	23	CT5	unless CT is #4	if so, use MA6	then make CT5 seed 22
6	12	17	24	MA7	unless MA is #3	if so, use CT5	then make MA7 seed 23

<u>Girl's</u>

State Champ Seed	State 2nd Place Seed	State 3rd Place Seed				
1	7	14	MA 3	unless MA is #3	if so, use CT3	then make MA3 seed 16
2	8	10	6 CT 3	unless CT is #1	if so, use MA3	then make CT3 seed 14
3	9	1;	ME 3	unless ME is #4	if so, use MA4	then make ME3 seed 15
4	10	1:	MA 5 4	unless MA is #2	if so, use ME3	then make MA4 seed
5	11					
6	12					

Directions to

Providence Career and Technical Academy 91 Fricker Street Providence, RI 02903

From the North: I-95 South to exit 21 (Atwells Ave); merge onto Service Road; turn right onto Westminster Street; turn left onto Fricker Street.

From the South: I-95 North to merge onto exit 16 (Rt. 10N) towards Cranston; take Westminster exit towards Olneyville Square; turn right onto Westminster Street; turn right onto Fricker Street

From the East: I-195 West towards Providence; take exit 1A for Point Street; turn left onto Point Street; take first right onto East Franklin Street; take 2nd left onto Broad Street; turn right onto Fricker Street.

From the West: Take US 6 East; Keep left at fork and follow signs for Broadway; turn right onto Broadway; turn right onto Knight Street; turn left onto Westminster Street; turn right onto Fricker Street.



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DAY #1

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 07, 2026 | 11:00AM



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DAY 2

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 8, 2026 | 10:00 AM