

2017 Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling Youth State Championships



A) **A Note to Wrestlers:**

Congratulations on qualifying for the 55th annual Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling (P JW) State Championships. Area XII is excited to be your host and we hope you enjoy this experience. Best of luck as you compete for a coveted P JW State Medal.

B) **A Note to Wrestling Families:**

Congratulations on your wrestler qualifying for the 2017 P JW Youth State Championships. Volunteers from Area XII have been busy planning all aspects of the tournament for months. We hope you have a positive experience. There will be ongoing updates about the tournament on the P JW website at www.pajw.org, on our Facebook page, "2017 P JW Youth States at Mohegan Sun Arena" and on Twitter. If you have any suggestions about how to improve the tournament for next year, please message them to our Facebook page or email them to tatraver3@gmail.com.

C) **Tournament Venue:**

The 2017 and 2018 P JW Youth State Championships will be held at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The arena is located at 255 Highland Park Boulevard in Wilkes-Barre Township, PA 18702. The dates for this year's tournament are Friday, March 24, 2017 and Saturday, March 25, 2017.

D) **General Admission Costs:**

\$25 Adult both days

\$15 Adult one day

\$15 Student both days

\$10 Student one day

*Tickets may be purchased at the Arena Box office from 10 AM-9 PM on Thursday, March 23, and throughout the tournament.

E) **Parking:**

Parking is abundant at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Use the East Gate to access the general parking lot. There is no charge for parking as it has been included in the admission ticket price.

F) **Weigh-ins:**

- Weigh-ins will be held at the Wyoming Valley Mall located at 29 Wyoming Valley Mall Drive in Wilkes-Barre, PA.
- Weigh-ins will run from 4-8 PM on Thursday, March 23, ONLY. There will be no weigh-ins on Friday or Saturday. There is NO weight allowance.
- Weigh-ins will be held in an empty store near the food court.
- Local chapters of wrestling officials will be doing hair, skin, nail and equipment checks at weigh-ins.
- A doctor will be on site for the last hour of weigh-ins to address any skin issues.
- The determinations of the officials, weigh masters and physician are final.
- Wrestlers will be given a welcome packet at weigh-ins. The packet will include a coach's band, souvenir, tournament schedule and promotions.
- If a second coach's band is needed, see your Area Chairman in the Club Pub at the 100 level of the arena. ONLY coaches should be on the arena floor.
- In the event that a wrestler has a pre-existing skin issue, a fully completed PJW Skin Form, signed by a qualified physician, must be presented to the officials conducting skin checks at weigh-ins for review. If the skin form is incomplete, inaccurate, or out of date, the decision of the on-site physician during the last hour of weigh-ins is final.

G) **Apparel and Programs:**

Apparel may be preordered online through a link on the PJW website and our Facebook page. Apparel and programs may also be purchased at the Arena from 12-9 PM on Thursday, March 23, and throughout the tournament.

H) **Locker Facilities:**

There are lockers and showers on the floor level of the arena near the staging area. The locker rooms will be closely monitored by event security to prevent misconduct. Personal items should not be left in the locker room area. Area XII, PJW and the Mohegan Sun Arena will not be responsible for damaged, lost or stolen items.

I) **Concessions:**

The Mohegan Sun Arena will be the exclusive operator of concessions throughout the tournament. Outside food and drinks are not permitted. We have worked with the arena to offer a variety of foods and beverages for wrestlers and their families. Please refer to www.mohegansunarena.com for dining options.

J) **General Information:**

- Medals will be awarded to the top 8 place winners.
- Wrestling will begin promptly at 9 AM on each day of the event.
- We will begin calling wrestlers to staging at about 8:45 AM each morning.
- All rounds will begin with the 8 and Under division.
- Only wrestlers and their coaches should be in the warm up / staging area.
- Wrestlers should not report to the warm up / staging area until called via the public address system.
- Access to the warm up area, staging area and arena floor is restricted to wrestlers and coaches with issued wrist bands.
- All coaches must purchase an admission ticket. The coach's band only grants access to the warm up/ staging area and the arena floor, not the venue itself.
- There are no more than two properly banded coaches allowed per corner and they must sit in the chairs provided.
- No hats shall be worn on the arena floor.
- Audio recording, video recording and photography are not permitted on the arena floor. Action Shots is the exclusive photographer of the event. Photographs and videos may be taken in the awards area during the presentation of medals.
- Mohegan Sun Arena security will remove any noise makers, laser pointers, weapons or other contraband from the arena. Bags of patrons will be screened at the entrance for security purposes.
- PJW and PIAA rules will be strictly enforced.
- Wrestlers, coaches, parents and spectators are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and conduct at the venue. This is a youth event.
- Wrestlers should be at the venue and ready to report to staging at least a half hour before their scheduled round in the event that we are running ahead of schedule.
- Wrestlers and coaches should exit the arena floor at the conclusion of each match. The winning wrestler will sign the bout sheet and take it to the head table near the arena floor exit.

K) **Schedule:**

There will be ten rounds of wrestling over 3 sessions:

Session I: Friday, March 24, 2017. Wrestling starts at 9 AM. Doors open at 8.

Round	Round Description	Estimated Time
1	Pigtail (Round of 32)	9 AM-Noon
2	Preliminary (Round of 16)	Noon-2:15 PM
3	Round #1 Consolations	2:15-3:30 PM
4	Championship Quarterfinals	3:30-4:45 PM
5	Round #2 Consolations	4:45- 7:00 PM

Session II: Saturday, March 25, 2017. Wrestling starts at 9 AM. Doors open at 8.

Round	Round Description	Estimated Time
6	Round #3 Consolations	9 AM-10AM
7	Round #4 Consolations	10 AM-11 AM
8	Semifinals and Round #5 Consolations	11:00 AM-12:15 PM
9	Round #6 Consolations	12:15 PM-1 PM
	Break to Set Up for Placement Matches and Awards	1-4 PM

Session III: Saturday, March 25, 2017. Ceremony starts at 4 PM. Doors open at 3.

Round	Round Description	Estimated Time
	Parade of Area Medalists and Champions	4 PM-5 PM
10	Finals	5 PM-7 PM

L) **Hotel Listings:**

Hotel listings can be found at www.pajw.org under the “Youth Tournament Info” tab, on our Facebook page , “2017 PJW Youth States at Mohegan Sun Arena” and on the next page. There have been a few maps included on the following pages for your reference as well.

