

NORTHEAST AAA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PACKET
DISTRICTS II, IV, XI, XII
February 27 – February 28th, 2026

1. **REVIEW PACKET** -

- information sheets
- seeding and pairing information

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT RESULTS -

- Certification of Contestants Form
- Seeding Information Sheet – Champions only
- Only District Champions will be seeded

EMAIL to Matt Spengler on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the conclusion of the tournament or by 8:00 a.m. Sunday, February 22, 2026.

EMAIL – spenglerm@slsd.org

**Also upload results as per PIAA instructions through Escape Sports.
Include alternates at every weight.**

2. **PROGRAM INFORMATION** -

- list of all teams and head coaches (updated coaches list)

3. **REGISTRATION** -

- Friday, February 27, 2026
- Liberty High School
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm
- Head Coach must register team and sign sportsmanship statement.

4. **INJURIES** -

Call Matt Spengler immediately at 484-239-8652 (cell).

P.I.A.A.
AAA
NORTHEAST REGIONAL WRESTLING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Qualifying Coaches, Athletic Directors – Districts 2, 4, 11, 12
FROM: Matt Spengler: Director, NE Regional AAA Wrestling
SUBJECT: NORTHEAST REGIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION – 2026

SITE: Liberty High School
DATE: Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28, 2026

TIME SCHEDULE		
FRIDAY-	Registration	3:30-3:45 pm
	Skin Checks and Weigh-ins	4:00 pm
	Coaches Meeting	4:30 pm
	Wrestling Begins	5:00 pm (4 mats)
	Preliminaries	(4 mats)
	Quarterfinals	Approximately 6:45pm (4 mats)
	1 st Round Consolation	Approximately 8:00pm. (4 mats)
SATURDAY-	Skin Checks	8:15 am
	Weigh-In	8:30 am. (+1 lb. allowance)
	2 nd Round Consolations	9:30 am. (4 mats)
	Semi-Finals	11:00 am. (2 mats)
	Consolations – 3 rd Round	11:00 am. (2 mats)
	Consolations – 4 th Round	12:30 pm. (4 mats)
	Coaches Meeting	3:30 pm
	Parade of Champions	3:50 pm
	Consolation / Championship Finals	4:00 pm. (3 mats, 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th)

*Weigh-In: (Note: Scales will be available at 3:15 pm on Friday. DO NOT ARRIVE TO LHS BEFORE 2:45PM! Scales open at 8:00 am Saturday to check weights.)

As per P.I.A.A. regulations, all weigh-ins will be by weight class. All team members who are being weighed in must be present when weigh-in period begins.

ADVANCEMENT: Into Regionals - District II (3); District IV (3); District XI (5); District XII (5) = 16
Into States - Five (5) from Regional Tournament

AWARDS: A trophy will be awarded to the team champion of the Regional Tournament. Medals will be awarded to the first five (5) place winners. 6th Place finisher is the first alternate in to the PIAA Championships.

PAIRINGS: Sunday, February 22, 12:00pm at Southern Lehigh Athletic Office

TICKET SALES: All tickets will be sold online through Hometown Ticketing on the PIAA website.

SERIES TICKETS (Sessions I,II,III)

All spectators = \$24.00

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS (Sessions I, II, or III)

All spectators: \$8 pre-sale or \$10 at the gate

MEDIA ADMISSION: Show your official press identification.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Call Matt Spengler: 484-239-8652
cc: Starnes, Strube, Stockdill

REGISTRATION:

1. All wrestlers will have their hand stamped at weigh-ins.
2. Each school will receive passes for coaches, trainer, managers, school administrators on the following scale:
 - 4 or more contestants = 5 passes
 - 3 contestants = 4 passes
 - 2 or less contestants = 3 passesYou will receive these passes at registration. No other passes will be accepted.
3. Coaches, pass holders, and contestants will enter the gymnasium entrance located in the front of the gymnasium.
4. Parking -- Coaches and contestants will enter the gymnasium entrance located in the back of the gymnasium.

STATE TOURNAMENT: State information will be distributed and explained at coaches' meeting.

STATE TICKETS: Except for two (2) complimentary tickets for each school which qualifies one or more wrestlers for the State Tournament -- **State tickets are not available at the Northeast Regional Tournament.**

SECURITY: **Have wrestlers bring locks with them.** P.I.A.A., District XI, or Bethlehem Area School District will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Jay Starnes (District II)	570-262-4431
Email	starneja@wallenpaupack.org
Hal Stockdill (District IV)	570-447-4415
Email	stochal@sulcosd.k12.pa.us
Fred Harris (District XI)	610-691-7200
Email	fharris@basdschools.org
Barry Strube (District XII)	215-400-7900
Email	bstrube@philasd.org

CONTESTANTS' and COACHES DECORUM: **THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED !!**

All contestants must be dressed in school-issued uniforms and/or school-issued warm-ups while on the arena floor and during awards presentations and photographs. Hats, sunglasses, cutoffs, altered clothing, or clothing displaying inappropriate advertisements, jewelry, and other cosmetic paraphernalia are prohibited while on the arena floor.

NOTE: PIAA will not reimburse schools for lodging, meals, or transportation expenses

AAA
NORTHEAST REGIONAL
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

District II	-	11 schools	-	3 qualifiers
District IV	-	5 schools	-	3 qualifiers
District XI	-	23 schools	-	5 qualifiers
District XII	-	21 schools	-	5 qualifiers
61 schools		16 qualifiers		

SEEDING PROCEDURES/FORMAT

1. The four District champions will be seeded on points based on the combination of:
 - A. **Winning Percentage** -- i.e., the number of victories divided by the total number of matches wrestled. A wrestler must have wrestled a minimum of 12 matches. **Eight points will be deducted for each match less than 12.** Winning percentage will be based on the record that a wrestler has at the end of the regular season (**do not use District Team or Individual Tournament results**).
 - B. **Prestige Points** -- i.e., a wrestler will be awarded points for his highest place finish in the previous year's State Tournament. The points awarded will be consistent in all three Districts.
 - C. Medical Forfeits – Medical forfeits are not allowed in PIAA wrestling. This includes matches wrestled out of PIAA jurisdiction. Matches not wrestled under forfeit conditions are either wins or losses.
2. The four District champions will be placed in the sixteen-man bracket on lines 1, 8, 9, and 16 respectfully by seeding points.
3. The first and fourth place finishers from each Districts 11 and 12 will be placed in the same half bracket. The second and third place finishers from all Districts will be placed in the half bracket opposite the District champion. The District runner-ups will be placed in the half bracket opposite the District champions. Samples of all brackets are attached.
4. The top four place finishers from any District cannot meet until the semi-final round.
5. Complete wrestle backs will be conducted to 6th place to determine the 1st alternate to the PIAA tournament.