

**NORTHEAST AAA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PACKET**  
**DISTRICTS II, IV, XI, XII**  
February 27 – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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@sbsd.org](mailto:spenglerm@sbsd.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 Memorial Gym  
Skin Checks and Weigh-ins .....4:00 pm  
Coaches Meeting .....4:30 pm ..... Faculty Dining Room  
Wrestling Begins..... 5:00 pm ..... (4 mats)  
Preliminaries..... (4 mats)  
Quarterfinals..... Approximately 6:45pm (4 mats)  
1<sup>st</sup> Round Consolation..... Approximately 8:00pm. (4 mats)

**SATURDAY-** Skin Checks .....8:15 am  
Weigh-In ..... 8:30 am..... (+1 lb. allowance)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Round Consolations ..... 9:30 am..... (4 mats)  
Semi-Finals ..... 11:00 am..... (2 mats)  
Consolations – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round..... 11:00 am..... (2 mats)  
Consolations – 4<sup>th</sup> Round..... 12:30 pm ..... (4 mats)  
Coaches Meeting ..... 3:30 pm ..... Faculty Dining Room  
Parade of Champions.....3:50 pm  
Consolation / Championship Finals .....4:00 pm ..... (3 mats, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)

\***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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Cash tickets will also be available at the door.

**INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS** (Sessions I, II, or III)

\$9 pre-sale (deadline 11:55pm the day before the session, Hometown Ticketing via the PIAA website)

\$10 (Cash-exact change at the gate or online on Hometown Ticketing via the PIAA website)

**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 passes  
 You 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](mailto:starneja@wallenpaupack.org)  
 Hal Stockdill (District IV) ..... 570-447-4415  
 Email ..... [stochal@sulcosd.k12.pa.us](mailto:stochal@sulcosd.k12.pa.us)  
 Fred Harris (District XI) ..... 610-691-7200  
 Email ..... [fharris@basdschools.org](mailto:fharris@basdschools.org)  
 Barry Strube (District XII) ..... 215-400-7900  
 Email ..... [bstrube@philasd.org](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> place to determine the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate to the PIAA tournament.