

As you are aware, the Executive Committee of the UHSAA at their April meeting authorized a Dual State Championship Tournament for wrestling in the 4A and 5A classifications. The purpose of this message is to deal with some of the details of those tournaments.

The Dual State Championship Tournament does not replace the individually bracketed tournament; it is in addition to the individually bracketed tournament that has been held over the years.

Dates of Tournament

- The first round and quarter-finals will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2016**.
- The semi-finals and finals will be held on **Thursday, January 28 2016**.

Tournament Sites

- The first round and quarter-finals will be held at the site of the first place team from each region. In the unlikely event that a first place team is unable to host, the second place team in the same quarter bracket as the first place team that is unable to host will have the opportunity to host.
- The semi-finals and finals will be held at a site secured by the UHSAA.

Qualification, Bracketing and Format

- The top four teams (based on region dual meet record) will qualify for the tournament. Regions are responsible for establishing necessary tie breaking procedures for qualification and seeding in the tournament. These are to be agreed upon and published to the region schools prior to the first region dual held in that region. (An example of a possible tie breaker is attached)
- Teams shall be placed in the tournament bracket according to the formula for winter sports for the classification. (see attached brackets)
- The tournament is a single elimination format.

Tournament Procedure

- Teams paired in the tournament bracket shall compete in a dual meet per NFHS wrestling rules including the tie breaking procedure. The team that prevails in the dual meet shall advance in the bracket.
- Weigh-in and entries in the tournament shall be governed by NFHS wrestling rules. Particular attention should be given to Rule 11 dealing with team advancement tournaments.

General Information

- The Dual State Championship Tournament is a post-season event; therefore matches wrestled by an individual in the Dual State Championship Tournament do not count against the regular season contest limit.
- UHSAA State Championship trophies will be awarded to the first and second place schools. The tournament is a team event and no individual awards will be presented.