USAW-NJ 2027 Scholastic Events & Rules

2027 - REQUIRED CREDENTIALS FOR COACHES

- At the QUALIFIER tournaments, floor-pass wristbands are provided to any Wrestling Leader member of USA Wrestling (USAW) who shows proof of current membership, photo ID, and pays a $5 entrance fee.
- At the STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS tournament, **only USAW Bronze-certified or higher level coaches will receive floor passes**. Bronze-certification is available via a national online training program administered by the USAW national organization. There will be no entrance fee for coaches at the STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS; only proof of USAW memberships, certification level and photo ID are required.

2027 – DIVISIONS AND WEIGHT CLASSES

Divisions	Birth Years	Weight Classes	Match Pd Times (Mins)
Boys, Tot	2020 – 2021	37-41-45-49-53-57-61-65-70-80	1 – 1 – 1
Boys, Bantam	2018 – 2019	45-50-55-60-65-70-75-80-85-95-110-130	1 – 1 – 1
Boys, Novice	2016 – 2017	50-55-60-65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100-110-125-145-170	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½
Boys, Junior	2014 – 2015	60-65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100-105-112-120-128-136-144-160-185-220	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½
Boys, Intermediate	2012 – 2013	75-80-85-91-98-105-112-120-128-136-144-152-160-175-190-215-275	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½
Boys, HS Cadet	2010 - 2012	91-98-106-113-120-126-132-138-145-152-160-170-182-195-220-285	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½
Girls, Tot	2020 – 2021	41-45-50-55-60-70-80	1 – 1 – 1
Girls, Bantam	2018 – 2019	45-50-55-60-65-70-75-80-90-100-110	1 – 1 – 1
Girls, Novice	2016 – 2017	50-55-60-65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100-110-120-130-145	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½
Girls, Junior	2014 – 2015	60-65-70-75-80-85-90-95-101-105-110-119-127-136-145-185	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½
Girls, Intermediate	2012 – 2013	75-80-85-91-98-106-112-117-122-127-132-144-152-164-180-200	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½
Girls, HS Cadet	2010 - 2012	94-100-107-114-120-126-132-138-145-152-165-185-235	1 – 1 ½ - 1 ½

2027 - HOW TO REGISTER

- Current USAW card is required at registration. Card must be presented at weigh-ins for all USAW events. For a current USAW car, visit www.usawmembership.com, or follow the MEMBERSHIP links available while registering for a Qualifier.
- Register using one of the Qualifier links on the USAW-NJ website (usawnj.org/scholastic), or on arena.flowrestling.org.
- Registration fee is $63 per Qualifier, up through Wednesday before the Qualifier. **Late Registration fee is $73**.
- There is NO REGISTRATION FEE required to wrestle at the Kids State Championships. **EXCEPTION:** HS CADETS pay a fee of $63 for the State Championships, since they did not have to wrestle in / register for a Qualifier.

2027 - QUALIFICATION FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS; see Tournament Rules page for more details

- BOYS: Top 3 place winners in each Qualifier bracket automatically advance to the State Championships.
- GIRLS: ALL girls who registered & weighed in at a Qualifier may compete at the State Championships. Top 3 from any Qualifier will receive state seeding criteria.
- Wrestlers who Qualify **MAY NOT** change weight classes for the State Championships.

2027 - STATE FINALS WEIGH-INS: ON-SITE ONLY, NO SATELLITE WEIGH-INS!

- **FRIDAY, March 12: BOYS Tot / Bantam / Novice:** Doors Open to Wrestlers @ 6:00 AM, Weigh ins from 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM
- **SATURDAY, March 13: BOYS Junior / Intermediate / Cadet:** Doors Open to Wrestlers @ 6:00 AM, Weigh ins from 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM
- **SUNDAY, March 14: GIRLS ALL Age Groups:** Doors Open to Wrestlers @ 6:00 AM, Weigh ins from 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM

2027 - STATE FINALS TOURNAMENT: MARCH 12 – 14, 2027

Seeding Criteria: usawnj.org/scholastic/seeds

- **FRIDAY, March 12: BOYS Tot / Bantam / Novice:** Doors Open to Public at 6:30 AM, Wrestling begins at 9:00 AM.
- **SATURDAY, March 13: BOYS Junior / Intermediate / Cadets:** Doors Open to Public at 6:30 AM, Wrestling begins at 9:00 AM.
- **SUNDAY, March 14: ALL GIRLS age groups:** Doors Open to Public at 6:30 AM, Wrestling begins at 9:00 AM.

CURE ARENA INSURANCE

2027 Venue for USAW-NJ Scholastic States

Tournament Director: Alex Ruchaevsky, ARuchaevsky@USAWNJ.net

Weigh-ins and Competition, Friday – Sunday, March 12 – 14, 2027

81 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08611 **Directions...** **Ver: 1.2**

Tournament Venue Location, Date & Details	#	Weigh-Ins Location, Date & Details
Old Bridge HS, 4209 County Rd 516, Matawan, 07747 Sunday, January 10, 2027; Max: 600 **Director:** Janos Sagi, OldBridgeUSAWQualifier@gmail.com **Boys and Girls**	1	**Old Bridge HS, Door #8** Directions… Saturday, January 9, 7:00 – 9:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 12:00 PM – Novices/Juniors
Randolph HS, 511 Millbrook Ave, Randolph, 07869 Sunday, January 17, 2027; Max: 500 **Director:** Mike Zeidman, MJZeidman@msn.com **Boys and Girls**	2	**Randolph HS, Fieldhouse Gym** Directions… Saturday, January 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 11:30 AM – Novices/Juniors
Toms River East HS, 1225 Raider Way, Toms River, 08753 Sunday, January 24, 2027; Max: 500 **Director:** Jason Prior, TRWCNJ@gmail.com **Boys and Girls**	3	**Toms River East HS** Directions… Saturday, January 23, 3:00 – 5:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 11:30 AM – Novices/Juniors
North Hunterdon HS, 1445 State Rt 31S, Annandale 08801 Sunday, January 31, 2027; Max: 300/session (600) **Director:** Mike Raley, NorthLions.Wrestling@gmail.com **Boys and Girls**	4	**North Hunterdon HS** Directions… Saturday, January 30, 6:00 – 8:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 11:30 AM – Novices/Juniors
Lakeland Regional HS, 205 Conklintown Rd, Wanaque 07465 Sunday, February 7, 2027; Max: 250/session (500) **Director:** Mike Mund, LakelandJrWrestling@gmail.com **Boys Only, No Girls** **Ph: 973-287-9741**	5	**St Francis of Assisi School, 868 Ringwood Ave, Haskell, NJ,** Saturday, February 6, various times: Directions… **Split Weigh-Ins:** 8-9 AM Bantams / Novices; 9-10 AM Tots/Intermediates; 10-11 AM Juniors; **Split Event Starts (3):** 8:00 AM – Intermediates 11:00 AM – Bantams/Juniors; 2:00 PM – Tots/Novices
Howell HS, 405 Squankum-Yellowbrook Rd, Farmingdale, 07727 Sunday, February 14, 2027; Max: 550 **Director:** Joe Goodman, CoachJoe@outlook.com **Boys Only, No Girls**	6	**Howell HS** Directions… Saturday, February 20, 1:00 – 3:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 11:30 AM – Novices/Juniors
Sea Isle City Community Center, 4500 Central Ave, Sea Isle City, 08243 Sunday, February 21, 2027; Max: (600) Director: Joe Cunningham, UpperTwpHornets@gmail.com **Boys and Girls**	7	**Sea Isle City Community Center** Directions… Saturday, February 13, 1:00 – 3:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 11:30 AM – Novices/Juniors
Washington Twp HS, 529 Hurffville - Crosskeys Rd #2831, Sewell, 08080 Sunday, February 28, 2027; Max: 700 **Director:** Mike Horn, michaeljr3583@hotmail.com **Boys and Girls**	8	**Washington Twp HS** Directions… Saturday, February 27, 6:00 – 8:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 11:30 AM – Novices/Juniors
Fair Lawn HS, 14-00 Berdan Ave, Fair Lawn, 07410 Sunday, March 7, 2027; Max: 600 Director: Rick Puerto, FairLawnWC@gmail.com **Boys and Girls**	9	**Thomas Jefferson Middle School** Directions… **Address:** 35-01 Morlot Ave #2, Fair Lawn 07410 Saturday, March 6, 5:00 – 8:00 PM **Split Event Starts:** 8:00 AM – Tots/Bantams/Intermediates 11:30 AM – Novices/Juniors

Scholastic Chair: Alex Ruchaevsky, ARuchaevsky@USAWNJ.net

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Eligibility, Registrations & Qualifying

1) Any New Jersey (NJ) resident, or any wrestler who goes to school in NJ and is released by his home state's USA Wrestling (USAW) governing body, may participate in USAW-NJ Qualifier & State Championship tournaments.
2) All wrestlers must have a current (2026-27) USAW membership to register & compete in any USAW-NJ Qualifier or the State Championship tournament.
3) Wrestlers may only compete in the one appropriate division for their age & gender. HS wrestlers may only compete in the HS Cadet division **and** must not have advanced beyond their school's NJSIAA District event.
4) Advancing wrestlers include Males who placed Top 3 in their Qualifier and Females who registered & weighed in at a Qualifier.
5) Wrestlers may enter as many Qualifiers as they wish. Once a wrestler qualifies for the State tournament, they CAN NOT wrestle at another Qualifier. Violations will result in automatic disqualification from the State tournament. **EXCEPTION**: any wrestler injured in a Qualifier who did not make it to a medal round **may** be allowed to complete in a future Qualifier ONLY with a note from a licensed medical professional within 72 hours of the injury. The USAW-NJ Scholastic Chair must approve.
6) Each wrestler must designate their Club/Town/Team name (only one may be selected) during Qualifier registration. This will be used to separate wrestlers from 1st round matches if possible. There will be no change of this team's name once the Qualifier begins. It is the parent/coach's responsibility to ensure the proper team's name is designated.

Weigh-Ins

7) Weigh-in dates and times for all Qualifiers are on the flyer and our website, USAWNJ.org. Weigh-ins for the State tournament are held on-site the morning of any division/age group's matches.
8) Wrestlers must present a valid USAW membership card at all weigh-ins. There will be NO weight-allowances.
9) Wrestlers must weigh in wearing a one-piece singlet or a compression shirt with shorts approved for wrestling.
10) Wrestlers may change weight classes at the scale for Qualifier weigh-ins **ONLY**.
11) Wrestlers may not change weight classes after qualifying for the State tournament. No growth or uniform allowances are offered. Wrestlers, parents and coaches should consider this when selecting a weight class. **EXCEPTION**: if a wrestler is the only competitor at the State tournament, they may move up one weight class with the permission of the USAW-NJ Scholastic Chair (**Rule #23).**
12) The Qualifier are single-elimination events. Wrestlers losing their semifinal bouts will compete for 3rd. Only the Top 3 in a weight class advance to the State Championships tournament.

Health and Safety Requirements

13) Parents are responsible for examining their wrestlers for skin lesions to prevent the spread of communicable skin conditions. Wrestlers with lesions must have the approved skin lesion report (available at USAWNJ.org) completed and signed by a licensed physician within 7 days of the event and must bring this form to the weigh-ins **and** to the event. **No other form is acceptable**. Referees and tournament officials reserve the right to disqualify any wrestler who in their judgment does not have the proper documentation showing medical clearance.
14) All wrestlers must compete wearing headgear. Wrestlers with dental braces must wear protective mouth pieces. Any special equipment (e.g., knee, elbow or shoulder supports) must be inspected and approved by a tournament official prior to competing. Hair covers, if worn, must be attached to the headgear. Fingernails must be properly trimmed.
15) Failure to comply with any of the foregoing health and safety requirements will result in a penalty to the wrestler, and, if not corrected immediately, could result in disqualification with no refund of entry fees.

Coaches Credentials

16) **Qualifier Credentials:** Coaches 18 years or older with a valid USAW Leader membership card and a photo ID may purchase a $5 coach pass to access the mat area. This is true for QUALIFIER EVENTS ONLY (**Rule #17**). Only
17) coaches with this pass are allowed on the floor/wrestling mat area at any tournament.

18) **State Championship credentials:** Coaches MUST have Wrestling Leader membership AND a Bronze-level or higher Certification to gain access to the floor/wrestling area. No fee will be charged for credentials.
19) To obtain a USAW Wrestling Leader membership, go to USAWMembership.com to apply. USAW national membership regulations require a background check for all members over the age of 18. This check may take one week or more to complete, so coaches are advised to apply **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**!!

Injuries and Forfeits

20) If a wrestler is injured and cannot complete their match, they cannot participate in later rounds without written clearance from a licensed medical practitioner.
21) If a wrestler does not appear on a mat when called, the following procedure applies: (a) the absent wrestler will lose the match by forfeit; and (b) if the next round hasn't started yet, the tournament manager and/or a USAW-NJ Governing Body representative will decide if the match may be re-wrestled, or if the forfeit will stand; and (c) if the next round has started, the forfeit will stand.

State Championships Tournament

22) The USAW-NJ State Championships tournament features all divisions in a single 3-day weekend at one location. Each division will be wrestled in a single day.
23) Seeding questions and requests must be referred to the Head Table no later than **8:00 AM** on Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the same day of any division's matches. Absolutely no changes will be considered after this deadline.
24) Any wrestler who attempts to compete in the State Championship event at a different weight class than they qualified for will be disqualified from the event.
25) If a wrestler is the only one to qualify in a weight class for the State Championship event and the next higher weight class does not have 27 bracketed wrestlers, the wrestler may move up to the higher weight class with permission of the USAW-NJ Scholastic Chair. If the wrestler is already in the highest weight class for the division, but the next higher division does not have 27 bracketed wrestlers in the appropriate weight class, then the wrestler may move to the correct weight class in the next division, if that bracket is not full, with permission from the USAW-NJ Scholastic Chair.
26) The State Championship event is a double-elimination event. The Top eight (8) wrestlers in each weight class will be awarded a medal. Finalists will also receive special Finalist singlets. Champions will receive an over-sized bracket for the weight-class. Medals will be presented at a place-winner podium ceremony where photos will be taken by professional photographers whenever possible. These photos will be made available for purchase.

Violations of the Rules

27) Any person who weighs-in, competes, qualifies and/or coaches in violation of these rules may be prohibited from wrestling or coaching in any USAW-NJ Scholastic tournament for up to one full year, starting from the date the violation was discovered.

Event Spectator Admission Pricing

28) Admission for all **Qualifiers** is set at $10 for adults and $5 for children.
29) Admission for the **State Championships** is: One Day: $20 + facility ticket fees for Adults and $15 + ticket fees for Children / Seniors, per day; Three Days: $50 + facility ticket fees for Adults and $35 + ticket fees for Children / Seniors for the full weekend. Anyone interested in renting a CURE Arena suite should call the following number: **609-656-3224**

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