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YOUTH NEW ENGLAND WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

NO. ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL, 430 OSGOOD STREET, NO. ANDOVER MA
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 10-11, 2018

The 2018 Youth New England Wrestling Championships will take place **Saturday & Sunday, March 10-11, 2018 at North Andover (MA) High School**. Entry fee is **\$40 per wrestler** (\$5 rebate with USA, NUWAY, or AAU membership card); all wrestlers are guaranteed a minimum of two matches. Spectator admission fee is \$5 per day (free admission for coaches with a current USA, NUWAY, or AAU membership card). Food, apparel, and wrestling gear will be available. Wrestlers will be able to purchase a very cool tournament t-shirt (from **Competitive Edge**).

Age & Weight Eligibility: Intermediate (9/1/07–8/31/09 birth dates) – 52, 56, 60, 64, 68, 72, 77, 82, 88, 96, 108, 125 & 155; **Novice** (9/1/05 – 8/31/07 birth dates) – 63, 69, 73, 77, 81, 86, 91, 97, 103, 111, 123, 138, 165 & 195; **Middle School** (9/1/02–8/31/05 birth dates) – 74, 81, 88, 94, 100, 106, 112, 118, 124, 130, 136, 143, 154, 169, 188, 215 & 260. All wrestlers **MUST** weigh in **at or below the New England weight for which they register**. Wrestlers may compete at their state weight class or another weight class, up or down, from their state weight. All wrestlers **MUST** be born within the birth ranges for each age division. Wrestlers will certify their age during online registration. The tournament directors will not collect birth certificates. An age-challenge procedure is available for a **\$25 fee**. If challenged, a wrestler will be required to produce proof-of-age. A wrestler who is determined to be ineligible due to age requirements will forfeit any award or placement in the tournament. The tournament directors may not be able to resolve these challenges before or during the tournament. If not, they will be resolved afterwards, with awards/placements adjusted accordingly.

State Qualification: State tournament dates and locations will be publicized and organized by each respective state. Wrestlers may qualify for the Youth New England through the individual state tournaments for the **state in which they reside**. In-state residency includes full-time boarding school students. States allotted a minimum number of automatic slots in each weight class: CT & MA (5); NH & RI (4); VT & ME (3). **Using the 5-4-3 allotments, state place finishers automatically QUALIFY for the Youth New England, regardless of the weight classes in which they compete at their state tournaments.** State tournament place finishes will be used as a guide to seeding that state's wrestlers. Although participation in a state-qualifying tournament is optional, it is strongly encouraged. Those that do NOT automatically qualify through their state tournaments may petition for a limited number of "wild card" slots. For those that do NOT automatically qualify through placement in a state-qualifying tournament, an additional **\$5 administrative fee** will be charged during online registration when the petition is accepted.

High School Status: This is a youth wrestling tournament; high school students are not eligible (**no 9th graders**). Middle school wrestlers who compete for their local high school teams are only eligible if they do NOT compete in their high school state tournament or Prep New England.

On-line Pre-Registration will take place through the Youth New England Wrestling website (**YNEW.org**). Upon qualification at a state tournament, wrestlers will be eligible to pre-register for that state's automatic slots (**5-4-3 allotment**). If a wrestler does not automatically qualify through a state tournament, a limited number of wild card slots will be available with an additional registration fee assessed (see above). **ALL wrestlers MUST pre-register on-line by 11 PM on Monday March 5th**. More registration information available at **YNEW.org**.

Weigh-ins will be held on Saturday March 10, 2018 at No. Andover High School. There are three weigh-in sessions on Saturday: **Morning 7–8 AM (Intermediate ONLY); Afternoon 12–1 PM (Novice ONLY); and Evening 4–5 PM (Middle School ONLY)**. Intermediate wrestlers **MUST** weigh in during morning session (7–8 AM). Novice wrestlers **MUST** weigh in during afternoon session (12-1 PM). Middle School wrestlers **MUST** weigh in during evening session (4–5 PM).

Intermediate Wrestling Starts at 8:30 AM on Saturday... Novice Wrestling Starts at 1:30 PM on Saturday... Middle School Wrestling Starts at 8 AM on Sunday. Double elimination with the following period lengths: championship bouts (1.5-1.5-1.5); consolation bouts (1-1-1). Championship and consolation matches wrestled to determine six place finishers. Tournament run on full mats for two days: **Intermediate (Saturday 8:30 AM – 2 PM); Novice (Saturday 1:30 – 8 PM) & Middle School (Sunday 8 AM – 4 PM)** Note: *clocks ahead on Sunday*

Awards: Individual champions will receive an embroidered New England Champion hooded sweatshirt. Top three place finishers will receive attractive plaques. Finishers placing 4th, 5th, and 6th will receive commemorative medals. Team awards will be awarded in two competition levels – school and club divisions. Outstanding wrestlers will be awarded in three age divisions – Intermediate, Novice, and Middle School.

Recommended Tournament Hotels

~ Make reservations by **March 1, 2018** and mention "Youth New England" for special group rates ~

~ Limited Room Availability... Book Early and Confirm Rates, Amenities, and Restrictions with Individual Hotels ~

Residence Inn Boston-Andover

500 Minuteman Road Andover MA

978-683-0382

One & Two Room Suites – Sleeps Four

\$104/night (full breakfast)

Springhill Suites Boston-Andover

550 Minuteman Road Andover MA

978-688-8200 – Reserve by Feb 23

King or Double-Bed Suites – Sleeps Three or Five

\$89/\$99 night (with breakfast)

Holiday Inn Express Andover-Lawrence

224 Winthrop Avenue Lawrence MA

978-975-4050

Double-Bed Rooms – Sleeps Four

\$89/night (with breakfast)

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