

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships**  
**February 29th and March 1st, 2008 - Friday and Saturday**  
**Lowell High School, Lowell, MA**

**CONTESTANTS:**

Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont 1, 2, 3 place wrestlers  
Connecticut 1, 2, 3, 4 place wrestlers  
Massachusetts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 place wrestlers

**Note:** No alternates from any state will be allowed to compete in the tournament. Only wrestlers officially entered by the deadline date (Sunday, Feb 24th, 12 PM) may compete.

**ENTRIES:** (Tournament Coordinator: Craig Blanchard)

- A. **State Reps Only:** Please Fax or Email , by Sunday, Feb 24th, your typed entries to Fax 401-738-8699, or email to [craig.blanchard@riil.org](mailto:craig.blanchard@riil.org). Please provide correct names and spelling. This is very important. If there is a problem, call Craig at 401-738-1310. **(State Reps Only)**
- B. It is most important that the entries be submitted no later than 12 PM for scheduled program printing and bracket production. The following state representatives must send in their entries:
- CT-Dennis Siegmann, 860-584-7731  
MA-Manny Costa, 978-777-9866  
NH-Barry Chooljian, 603-329-5922  
RI-Craig Blanchard, 401-738-1310  
VT-Mike Baker, 802-434-2084  
ME-Larry Labrie, 207-622-0217
- C. **Please Note:** There will be no New England wrestling alternates. Please do not bring alternates to the tournament or list them on your entry sheet.
- D. There will be no appeal with regard to official entries. The list that is submitted is final. There will be no changes or additions once the official list is submitted.
- E. Pigtail wrestlers will be moved to fill the bracket when necessary. The tournament coordinator has final say on the movement of wrestlers. His decision will be final with no appeal. His professional judgment will be honored.

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

Mr. Haig Varadian (Cranston, RI), former Executive Director of the New England Council, served as wrestling chairman for forty-three (43) years. Mr. Varadian passed away this year. The 2008 tournament is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Varadian.

**SEEDING AND RELATED INFO (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY):**

1. Brockton High School (MA) Coach Jim Maher designed the seeding chart. This chart has been used since 1999. Mr. William Wassell (MA) made minor changes in 2003.
2. There are 196 first round bouts. This includes the pigtail round. Please have your wrestlers ready.
3. Each weight class has a 22-man bracket. Each weight class will have 6 pigtail bouts. Pigtail bouts, and any consolation pigtails, should they exist, are non-scoring.

**ARRIVAL:**

Please do not arrive at the gym prior to 3:00 PM on Friday and 9 AM on Saturday. Please do not come early, as you will not be allowed entry. The gym will not be available on Thursday.

**ENTRY FEE:**

Entry fee: \$15 per wrestler. Pay \$15 to registration clerk and receive official weigh-in card.  
NO weigh-in unless \$15 fee is paid. Make checks payable to: **NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL**  
NO REFUNDS — Receipts available upon request.

Each registered wrestler will receive a beautiful New England Tournament pin and an attractive certificate of participation.

**PASSES:**

Only qualified wrestlers and their coaches (maximum of 2) will be admitted without charge.

**RULES:**

National Federation Rules, 14 weight classes.  
No weigh-in on Saturday.  
4 lb. weight allowance on Friday (example 103 = 107).  
The New England Seeding Chart is used to place all wrestlers in the bracket.

**SCORING:**

Team scoring will start in the 16-man bracket. Scoring will be for the first 6 places.  
Scoring: 16-12-9-7-5-3. We will wrestle for 6 places in each weight class.

**CONSOLATIONS:**

See Rule Book. Wrestlers who lose to a semifinalist are eligible for consolations. This includes pigtail wrestlers. Scoring and awards are for 6 places.

**WRESTLING FORMAT:**

Seven mats will be used to start on Friday night. Weight classes are assigned to specific mats. The following assignments will be used. Adjustments will be made on Saturday based on time schedule.

<u>Mat #1</u>	<u>Mat #2</u>	<u>Mat #3</u>	<u>Mat #4</u>	<u>Mat #5</u>	<u>Mat #6</u>	<u>Mat #7</u>
103	119	130	140	152	171	215
112	125	135	145	160	189	275

**AWARDS:**

It is the coach's responsibility to have their wrestlers present and properly dressed for the awards ceremony, which will take place after the championship finals. There are trophies for the top three teams plus individual awards for the top 6 place finishers in each weight class. There is also an Outstanding Wrestler trophy, and an Outstanding Finals Bout award (both wrestlers receive). No awards will be given early.

**ADMISSION:**

Adults and Students: \$7.00 per session. There are three separate sessions: Friday PM, Saturday AM, and Saturday PM. A single day tournament pass is available for \$10.00 on Saturday, which provides entry for both Saturday sessions. Under school age is free with parent tournament or gate pass.

Please make all checks payable to: **New England Council**

**TOURNAMENT TIMES:**

See Tournament Schedule Sheet.

**NEW ENGLAND WRESTLING RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Tournament Chairman: William Savage  
Tournament Director: T.B.A.  
Site Director: Tim O'Keefe  
Tournament Coordinator: Craig Blanchard  
Protest Committee: New England Council Wrestling Committee

**TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:**

**Tournament Director**

T.B.A.

**Tournament Coordinator**

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**NEW ENGLAND WRESTLING INFORMATION:**

Mr. William Savage (Keene, NH) is the Executive Director of the New England Council. Please give Mr. Savage for your full support.

Mr. Craig Blanchard (Warwick, RI) has been tournament clerk in RI for twenty-seven years and has clerked eleven New England tournaments.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Food concessions will be available. No food in gym.
2. T-Shirts will be available for sale at the tournament.
3. The building is a smoke-free area. **NO SMOKING ALLOWED.**
4. Locker room will be under constant adult supervision. Do not leave valuables in locker room.
5. All wrestlers must be free of any skin disorder. If questionable, please bring doctor's approval statement.

## **2008 Lowell Area Hotel Information**

Important: When schools and parents are making reservations they should inform the hotel they are with the New England Wrestling Championships.

Doubletree Riverfront Hotel (Headquarters Hotel)

Fifty Warren St. Lowell, MA

Phone 978-654-5618

Rate: \$89.00

Fairfield Inn

1695 Andover St. Tewksbury, MA

Phone 978-640-0700

Rate: \$69.00

Best Western

187 Chelmsford St.

Chelmsford, MA

Phone 978-256-7511

\$67.00

**New England Wrestling Tournament  
2008 Tournament Schedule  
Lowell High School, Lowell, MA**

**Friday, January 29, 2008 (7 Mats)**

3:00 PM	Gym Opens - Registration (Do NOT arrive at gym before 3:00 PM)
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Weigh-In. Times strictly enforced. Only one weigh-in. MA officials will conduct. Four scales. 4-lb weight allowance.
4:30 PM to 4:45 PM	Coaches Meeting – Auditorium
5:00 PM to 8:30 PM (approx)	Round 1: Pigtails and Preliminary Rounds (7 Mats, 196 Bouts)
8:30 PM to 10:30 PM (approx)	Round 2: Championship Quarterfinals (7 Mats, 56 Bouts)

**Saturday, March 1, 2008 (6 Mats, No Weigh-In)**

9:00 AM	Gym Opens - Please do not come early!
10:00 AM to 11:30 PM	Round 3: Consolation Preliminaries (6 Mats, 56 Bouts)
<i>Break</i>	<i>If Necessary</i>
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Round 4: Championship Semifinals (2 Mats, 28 Bouts) Round 5: Consolation Quarterfinals (2 Mats, 28 Bouts) Round 6: Consolation Semifinals (6 Mats, 28 Bouts)
<i>Break</i>	<i>Gym Must Be Cleared</i>
4:00 PM	Hall of Fame Luncheon (if applicable)
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Round 7: Consolation Finals for 5th and 6th Place (4 Mats, 14 Bouts) Round 8: Consolation Finals for 3rd and 4th Place (4 Mats, 14 Bouts)
7:30 PM	Finals Ceremony Begins Hall of Fame Presentations (if applicable) Round 9: Championship Finals (1 Mat, 14 Bouts) Awards Ceremony (after conclusion of last final)

**Awards:**

Presented during the championship finals. Awards for 103 presented after 112, and so on. Please have wrestlers in uniform for awards. No awards will be given prior to the awards ceremony.

**Plaques:**

Top Three Places

**Coaches - Please Note:**

1. Top 3 wrestlers will receive a beautiful plaque.
2. Each plaque will have a blank nameplate.
3. Please have school engrave student's name on plate and place on plaque.
4. All wrestlers receive a certificate of participation and a commemorative pin.
5. Champions coach will award medals.

**Medals:** 4th, 5th, and 6th Place

**Other Plaques:** Team Champions, Team Runner-Up, and Team 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up  
Outstanding Wrestler, Outstanding Finals Bout (both wrestlers)

**Photos:**

Taken at Awards Stand - Have wrestlers neatly dressed in uniform.  
Please No Hats.

## **Directions to Lowell High School, Lowell, Massachusetts**

### **From I-495 and Route 3**

Follow signs for the Lowell Connector. Exit off of the Lowell Connector at Thorndike Street. Merge in with traffic and stay in the right lane. You will go under two overpasses and across railroad tracks. (The road will change names to Dutton Street and later Arcand Avenue, but you will remain going straight. Lowell City Hall (tall, gray stone, clock tower) will be on your left.)

Continue straight to the next light at the intersection of Father Morissette Boulevard and Arcand Drive. The post office, with the arena behind it, will be in front of you. Continue straight through the intersection, with the post office on your left and the Ayotte Parking Garage on your right. Park at the Ayotte Garage, or as directed by security

**New England High School Wrestling Championships**  
**2008 Tournament Seeding Chart**

	<b>135</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>130</b>
	<b>189</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>171</b>
		<b>215</b>	<b>275</b>			
<b>1</b>	MA1	ME1	VT1	CT1	RI1	NH1
<b>2A</b>	RI3	RI3	NH2	MA6	ME3	MA4
<b>2B</b>	NH2	CT4	CT4	VT2	MA4	VT2
<b>3</b>	MA4	NH2	ME2	ME2	VT2	RI2
<b>4</b>	CT2	MA2	MA2	MA2	CT2	CT2
<b>5</b>	ME1	VT1	CT1	RI1	NH1	MA1
<b>6A</b>	CT3	MA3	MA3	MA3	CT3	CT3
<b>6B</b>	NH3	NH3	ME3	ME3	MA5	RI3
<b>7A</b>	MA5	MA6	MA6	VT3	VT3	VT3
<b>7B</b>	RI2	RI2	NH3	CT4	ME2	MA5
<b>8</b>	VT1	CT1	RI1	NH1	MA1	ME1
<b>9</b>	CT1	RI1	NH1	MA1	ME1	VT1
<b>10A</b>	MA6	ME2	MA5	NH3	CT4	NH3
<b>10B</b>	VT3	VT3	RI3	RI3	RI2	MA6
<b>11A</b>	ME2	MA5	VT3	MA5	NH3	ME3
<b>11B</b>	MA3	CT3	CT3	CT3	MA3	MA3
<b>12</b>	RI1	NH1	MA1	ME1	VT1	CT1
<b>13</b>	MA2	CT2	CT2	CT2	MA2	MA2
<b>14</b>	VT2	MA4	RI2	RI2	NH2	NH2
<b>15A</b>	ME3	VT2	VT2	MA4	RI3	CT4
<b>15B</b>	CT4	ME3	MA4	NH2	MA6	ME2
<b>16</b>	NH1	MA1	ME1	VT1	CT1	RI1

Weight Allowance: 4 lbs. (i.e., 103 = 107, 152 = 156)