### Wrestling



# 2021 POSTSEASON WRESTLING CHANGES

In support of providing a safe postseason the KSHSAA Executive Board has passed the following changes to the 2021 postseason wrestling format. The changes were made to conduct smaller tournament events and to create fewer potential COVID-19 exposures and more regionally based tournaments, just as the guidance has been established for the regular season. In addition, the KSHSAA continues to encourage and expect social distancing and the wearing of masks, as stated in Board Policy. Furthermore, these changes have led to the postseason qualifying tournaments starting earlier then what has been posted in the wrestling manual. In addition, girl's wrestling has now been split into two divisions for the 2021 season. These two divisions are called Division I (6A and 5A combined) and Division II (4A, 3A, 2A and 1A combined).

## **2021 POSTSEASON FORMAT**

**DISTRICTS:** First qualifying event for Girl's Division I, Girl's Division II, Boy's Class 4A and Boy's Class 3-2-1A

- There will be 8 sites developed for each division and classification. Each tournament will be numbered 1-8. (Example: District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 7, District 8)
- 2. This tournament will be held in one day.
- 3. Girl's Division I and II will be held on Friday, February 5, 2021.
- 4. Boy's Class 4A and 3-2-1A will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021.
- 5. The top 4 finishers in each weight class will qualify for the next qualifying tournament, which will be called regionals and each qualifying wrestler will receive a medal.
- 6. Each bracket will be seeded according to the criteria listed in the wrestling manual.

**<u>REGIONALS</u>**: This is the first qualifying tournament for Boy's Class 6A and 5A. This is the second qualifying tournament for the other divisions and classifications.

- 1. There will be 4 sites developed for each division and classification. Each tournament will be numbered 1-4. (Example: Regional 1, Regional 2, Regional 3, Regional 4)
- 2. The tournament will be held in one day.
- 3. Boy's classifications will be held on Friday, February 12, 2021.
- 4. Girl's divisions will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021.
- 5. The top 4 finishers in each weight class will qualify for the next qualifying tournament, which will be called sub-state and each qualifying wrestler will receive a medal.
- 6. The tournament is an 8-person bracket
- 7. The Boy's class 6A and 5A tournaments will be seeded. The other brackets are set from the district qualifying.
- 8. Girls Division I and II, Boy's Class 4A and 3-2-1A will have the following matchups from districts:
  - a. Regional 1 = District 1 and 2 qualifiers
  - b. Regional 2 = District 3 and 4 qualifiers
  - c. Regional 3 = District 5 and 6 qualifiers
  - d. Regional 4 = District 7 and 8 qualifiers

**SUB-STATE:** This is the second qualifying tournament for Boy's Class 6A and 5A and the third qualifying tournament for Girl's Division I, Girl's Division II, Boys Class 4A and Boy's Class 3-2-1A.

- 1. There will be 2 sites developed for each division and classification. Each tournament will be numbered 1-2. (Example: Sub-State 1 and Sub-State 2)
- 2. The tournament will be held in one day.
- 3. Girl's Division I and II tournaments will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021.
- 4. All Boy's Classification tournaments will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021.
- 5. The top 4 finishers in each weight class will qualify for the STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT.
- 6. The tournament is an 8-person bracket.
- 7. The brackets are set from the regional qualifying.
- 8. Each sub-state tournament will have the following matchups from regionals.
  - a. Sub-State I = Regional 1 and 2 qualifiers
  - b. Sub-State 2 = Regional 3 and 4 qualifiers

#### **STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT:**

- 1. The tournament will be held on a one-day format.
- 2. Each tournament is an 8-person bracket.
- 3. The brackets are set from the sub-state qualifying.
- 4. The top three teams will earn state trophies.
- No warm-ups or practices will be permitted at the state tournament site the day before the tournament.
- 6. The tournament schedule will be posted soon.

#### STATE TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATIONS

Girl's Division I	Thursday, February 25	Hartman Arena, Park City
Boy's Class 5A	Friday, February 26	Hartman Arena, Park City
Girl's Division II	Friday, February 26	Tony's Pizza Events Center, Salina
Boy's Class 6A	Saturday, February 27	Hartman Arena, Park City
Boy's Class 4A	Saturday, February 27	Tony's Pizza Events Center, Salina
Boy's Class 3-2-1A	Saturday, February 27	Fort Hays State University