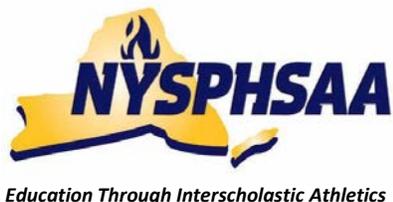


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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

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**TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR FIRST EVER
NYS PHSAA WRESTLING DUAL MEET TOURNAMENT
SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College on January 27, 2018**

LATHAM, NY – The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has announced tickets are now on sale for the first ever High School Wrestling Dual Meet State Tournament at the SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse on January 27, 2018.

The Association has also released its official competition schedule for the tournament and is as follows (more tournament information can be found at www.nysphsaa.org):

8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies
9 am	First Round (8 mats)
10:30 am	Second Round (8 mats)
Noon	Third Round (8 mats)
2:30 pm	Semifinals (4 mats)
6 pm	Finals (2 mats)

*First through fourth place team awards presented following last finals match

THIS YEAR'S DUAL MEET TOURNAMENT is the first official wrestling team championship event in New York State. Over the last two years the NYS PHSAA Wrestling State Committee researched and developed the concept, then in October 2016 the NYS PHSAA Executive Committee approved the event.

“This is an exciting time for our Association and the wrestling community as we embark on our first wrestling team event thanks to all the research, planning and execution from the NYS PHSAA Wrestling State Committee,” said Robert Zayas, NYS PHSAA Executive Director. “We are especially grateful for the work of Marty Sherman (NYS PHSAA State Chair) and Brad Hamer (Tournament Director) as well as Section III and Onondaga Community College for hosting the Dual Meet Championships. Fans are going to see the best teams from around the state battle for the first NYS PHSAA championship in a full SRC Arena all day on January 27th.”

TWENTY-FOUR TEAMS will participate in the event which includes 12 from Division I and 12 from Division II. Where applicable, each Section will have a representative in each division. If a Section does not have a Division I or II representative, the state committee will use a formula to determine at-large entries. It is anticipated four at-large teams will be awarded to fill the brackets this year with teams being determined on Sunday, January

21st. All 24 teams will participate in pool play matches starting at 9 am on the 27th. Each division will have four pools of three teams each with the pool champions advancing to the semifinals starting at 2:30 pm. The finals, which start at 6 pm, will be broadcast live on myspectrumsports.com.

ALTOGETHER, APPROXIMATELY 600 WRESTLERS will participate in this year's dual meet event. After a formal bid, it was voted to accept SRC Arena as the host site for the event from 2018 through 2020. For the last 55 years, NYSPHSAA has hosted only an individual wrestling state tournament with 480 wrestling from around the state competing over two days. That event has taken place the last weekend of February and for the last 11 of 13 years has been hosted at the Times Union Center in Albany.

ADVANCE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE at gofan.co/nysphsaa. Tickets are \$12 for the entire day of the tournament with re-entry permitted. Tickets will also be on sale at SRC Arena on the day of the event.

TO REQUEST A MEDIA CREDENTIAL, bonafide media should contact Director of Communications, Chris Watson, at cwatson@nysphsaa.org.

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES, including naming rights, are still available and all inquiries can be directed to Chris Joyce at cjoyce@nysphsaa.org.

More information on the event can be found on www.nysphsaa.org.

About NYSPHSAA (Twitter: @NYSPHSAA | Facebook: NYSPHSAA | YouTube: NYSPHSAASports):

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. is a non-profit, voluntary, educational service organization composed of public, parochial, and private schools dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for the students of its member schools. The organization conducts 32 championship events and governs the rules and regulations of high school athletics in New York State. Membership is open to secondary schools providing interschool athletic activities for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

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