

INFORMATION FOR COLORADO GIRLS WRESTLING IN THE 2018-2019 PILOT SEASON

For the next two years, girls wrestling in Colorado is being piloted in the first steps necessary for it to become a sanctioned sport. Because the CHSAA Board of Directors has recognized girls wrestling a separate sport, some of the rules that restricted the formation of teams from combined schools no longer apply.

Girls competing in wrestling must be a member of a team, which can either be a school team that includes boys or can be a totally separate team that only includes girls. Girls practices may be held separately from boys practices, or they can be a combined team practice. How a team organizes their practices will be controlled locally. Girls can choose to be a member of the boys team, which is sanctioned and has an official postseason, or they can choose to be a member of the girls team, which is recognized but not sanctioned and does not have an official postseason. Girls have until January 1, 2019 to declare which team (and subsequently, which postseason) they wish to compete in.

As a pilot program, school districts can elect to have one or more girls wrestling teams. If a school does not offer a girls wrestling team and a female wrestler wishes to participate in a girls-only season, then state statute for participation will be in effect. To wit, girls attending a school without a girls wrestling program can participate in another school's girls wrestling program if that program is within the student's district of residence or district of attendance. If there is no school that offers girls wrestling that meets that criteria, then the athlete may participate at the school with such a program that is closest to the student's residence or school of attendance.

For the third consecutive year, we will have some tournaments which are girls-only events. These events are not considered varsity events, as they will not follow NFHS weight classes and, as such, will not count towards a varsity record nor be considered for seeding if the at the regional tournament if a female wrestler should choose to participate in the boys postseason. The reason for this is that the boys programs are sanctioned, but the girls-only season is in a pilot year and not yet officially sanctioned, though it is officially recognized.

Girls must follow all NFHS and CHSAA wrestling rules to be eligible to compete, with the exception of weight classes and team point totals. Girls wrestling in these tournaments must not exceed 28 individual points as counted per the standards in the CHSAA wrestling bylaws. Check with tournament hosts to verify the point value of their tournaments. *Team points* for these tournaments are waived and will not be counted against the CHSAA *team limit* of 28 points.

Weight Classes:	100 lbs	105 lbs	111 lbs	118 lbs	127 lbs
	136 lbs	147 lbs	161 lbs	185 lbs	215 lbs

Wrestlers must be certified prior to competition via OPC in trackwrestling.com. The weight certified will be an NFHS-approved weight class. For girls-only tournaments, weight classes will be as shown above. *Weight descent plans must be followed!* If your athlete will compete against boys the following week, please make sure that your descent plan will keep you on track for the NFHS standard weight classes.

Girls-only tournaments currently scheduled are **listed in pink** on the **2018-2019 Tournament Dates** link on the Wrestling page of CHSAANow.com and can be found [here](#).

MORE INFORMATION ON THE 2018-2019 GIRLS WRESTLING PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENTER FEMALE WRESTLERS IN TRACKWRESTLING, WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND WILL BE SENT TO COACHES AT A LATER DATE. PLEASE ASK YOUR AD FOR MORE INFORMATION.