



## **News Release**

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## Section One to Host Annual Wrestling Championships at the Westchester County Center

**HARRISON, N.Y.** — The Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has voted to host the annual Section One Wrestling Championships at the Westchester County Center in White Plains on February 10 and 11, 2024.

This will mark the first time in the event's history that the Wrestling Championships will be held at the County Center, which has been home to basketball championship games since 1933.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to expand upon our partnership with Westchester County Parks & Recreation," said Todd Santabarbara, the Executive Director of Section One. "This is an exciting opportunity for Section 1 wrestlers. Being able to bring our wrestling championships to the County Center is just another example of our commitment to enhancing the championship experience. Providing studentathletes, coaches and school communities with high-quality championship experiences continues to be a major priority for our organization."

The County Center will host both the Division I and Division II Championship tournaments. Early rounds of the Division I tournament are scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 10. The Division II tournament will follow, in full, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and continuing through the championship rounds that night.

The Division I tournament will conclude with semifinal, championship finals and consolation matches that are scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 11.

The arena will also serve as the host of Championship Week for boys and girls basketball. The action will take place over nine days and include semifinals and finals in all six classifications from February 24-March 3, 2024.



"Section 1 Wrestling has a long history of producing some of the state's top grapplers," Westchester County Executive George Latimer said. "As Westchester's historic home for interscholastic athletics, the County Center is the perfect location to showcase this year's premier wrestling talent. Strengthening ties with Section 1 Athletics has been important to my Administration during my tenure as County Executive and we are excited to continue our work together."

"I am extremely excited for Section 1 wrestlers to have the opportunity to compete in this historic venue," said Jamie Block, Section 1 Wrestling's Co-Chairperson. "I really just want the kids to walk in and go, 'Wow!"

Below is a complete schedule of events for this year's Section 1 Wrestling Championships at the Westchester County Center:

## **DIVISION I**

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Weigh-ins: 7:30 a.m. Wrestling begins: 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Weigh-ins: 9 a.m. Semifinals: 10:15 a.m. Consolation-Semifinals: 11 a.m. Parade of Champions: 11:50 a.m. Championship Finals\*: 12 p.m. Awards: 2 p.m.

## **DIVISION II**

<u>Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup></u> Weigh-ins: 1 p.m. Wrestling begins: 2:30 p.m. Semifinal matches, consolation matches, parade of champions, championship finals\*, and awards will begin as mats are available.

\*Includes first, third and fifth-place matches.

The Center for Interscholastic Athletics, a division of Southern Westchester BOCES, serves 77 high schools in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties, providing support with the organization and management of athletic programs. Section One is part of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc., a non-profit organization that provides equitable and safe competition for the students of public, private and parochial member schools.