

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR MN STATE TOURNAMENTS (FOLKSTYLE AND FREESTYLE)

Open Tournaments will be a qualifier tournament for the MN State Folkstyle and MN State Freestyle tournament. The MN State Greco tournament does not have a qualifier tournament; any athlete can compete in the MN State Greco tournament.

Only Minnesota residents are eligible to compete in the MN State tournament, however any athlete that holds a current USA membership card is eligible to compete at the Open tournaments.

Brackets of 4 or less competitors:

The top 2 wrestlers qualify.

Brackets of 5 or more competitors:

The top 4 wrestlers qualify.

All entries to the State tournaments will need to pre-register. There will be no walk-on registrations allowed.

Schoolboy and Cadet age groups do **not** have to qualify for the MN State **FOLKSTYLE** tournament only. They **still have to pre-register**. All age groups (PeeWee through Cadet) must qualify for the MN State Freestyle tournament.

An athlete will be required to identify the weight class they want to compete at the State tournament at the time they pre-register. They will be allowed to move up one weight class but will not be allowed to move down a weight class.

******IMPORTANT NOTICE******

If a wrestler qualifies based on the performance indicated above, the next wrestler in line will qualify. This information will be posted on the MN USA website approximately one week after the second tournament of the season.

Example: If the first week, a wrestler places first in a four man bracket at a folkstyle tournament, he/she would qualify for the State Folkstyle tournament.

If the next week, the same wrestler places first or second in a four man bracket at a folkstyle tournament, the athlete that finished third in this bracket will be qualified for the State Folkstyle tournament.

In order to know whether an athlete qualified who didn't meet the above criteria, please check the MN USA Wrestling website often. There will be a link to a list of qualified wrestlers. The list will be updated as soon as the tournament provides the information to the State office.

Once an athlete qualifies for the State tournament, they can pre-register for the state tournament.

We encourage athletes to compete at as many tournaments as possible, even if they have qualified. This will give the athlete more experience and give other athletes good competition at tournaments.

If you have any questions regarding the qualifying process, please do not hesitate to contact the State office at 612-822-2298.