

CIF SOUTHERN SECTION | BOYS MASTERS WRESTLING



PLAYOFF BULLETIN



2025 - 2026

TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION
BOYS WRESTLING COACHES

FROM: JOE HOGGATT, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
WRESTLING ADMINISTRATOR



RE: **2025-2026 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION WRESTLING MASTERS MEET**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026
SONORA HIGH SCHOOL – 401 South Palm Street, La Habra 90631

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

Alan Clinton will serve as Tournament Manager. He will be in complete charge of this activity and will make all rulings pertaining to the conduct of the tournament.

RULES

National Federation Rules will govern the conduct of this tournament except where modified by the CIF-SS Blue Book. We will wrestle straight through to conclusion.

The top 10 place winners from the 2025-26 CIF Southern Section Masters Meet will qualify for the 2026 CIF State Wrestling Championships. The top 5 finishers from blue and gold divisions will represent the CIFSS at the State Championships.

DATES AND TIMES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Teams Check-In (Mandatory) Outside of Gym 2	7:00 a.m.
Coaches Meeting (Gym 2)	7:20 a.m.
Groom Check (Gym 2)	7:30 a.m.
Weigh-In (Gym 2) No Coaches on gym floor	8:00 a.m.
Close and Clear Gym 2	8:15 a.m.
Open Gyms (1 and 2) – General Admission	9:00 a.m.
Alternate selections announced and final brackets posted	9:15 a.m.
Mat Area Cleared and Cleaned	9:45 a.m.
National Anthem	9:55 a.m.
Wrestling begins	10:00 a.m.

Specific weight classes will be assigned to specific gyms for all matches.

1 st Round Matches begin Blue & Gold Divisions	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Quarterfinal Championship Round/ 1 st Consolation Round (B&G)	12:00 Noon – 2:30 p.m.
Semifinal Championship Round/ 2 nd Round Matches (B&G)	2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Consolation 3 rd Round Matches	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Consolation 4 th Round Matches/Championship Match (B&G)	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
3 rd /4 th place matches and 5 th /6 th place matches (B&G)	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Awards will be distributed in GYM 1 immediately following the conclusion of each weight classes final competition.

THERE WILL BE NO HOSPITALITY FOR COACHES AT MASTERS MEET

WEIGH-IN AND GROOMING CHECK

Each coach is expected to be present in the stands to identify his wrestlers during weigh-in if there is a question. Grooming will be checked prior to weigh-ins. There will be an onsite ATC to make all skin condition decisions, they may overrule the diagnosis of the physician signing the "Physicians Release Form". (Rule 4-2-4) *Weigh-ins will be conducted in GYM 2 on the wrestling mats. **All wrestlers must be present in the weigh-in area at the beginning of weigh-ins (weigh-in area is on the wrestling mats).** All weigh-ins will begin with the 106 lb. class and proceed up to the 285 lb. class. When all wrestlers for a weight class have had an opportunity to weigh-in, that weight class is closed. The 2-pound growth allowance is in effect.

It is the responsibility of the head coach to verify that his wrestlers are properly groomed and equipped to wrestle. Before they arrive at the tournament, they should examine their wrestlers and their equipment to make sure of the following things:

1. Their nails are clipped short and smooth
2. Facial hair to meet NFHS requirements.
3. They bring a mouthpiece to protect both their top and bottom teeth if they have braces
4. Their head gear should be unaltered from original manufacturer design
5. Their laces are properly secured.
6. If there are any questionable skin conditions, they should start treatment and bring the correct form signed by a doctor. ...Final decision on skin questions will be made by designated Tournament ATC/Meet Director.

PAIRINGS

The Masters Tournament Director will attempt to seed the 12 wrestlers in the CIFSS into each of the two 16 person brackets. For example, 1,4,5,8,9, and 12 into the Blue Bracket and 2,3,6,7,10, and 11 into the Gold bracket. Using Michel Cho's rankings as a starting point, seeding will be based on computer generated rankings, using the most current available at the time the brackets are drawn. The Tournament Director will have the ability to modify as necessary and as is reasonable. Unseeded wrestlers will fill in the rest of the bracket as drawn in by computer. It is certainly possible that in one weight class a school has an athlete in the Blue Bracket, and in another weight class an athlete in the Gold Bracket. Each bracket, Blue and Gold, will be a 16-person double elimination bracket. Any byes in the first round, if necessary, will be determined by random draw. Please do not contact the CIFSS office for the draw. It will be posted on the CIF website as earlier as is prudent.

ENTRY

There will be no team entry fee charged for the Masters Meet. An eligibility list for all participants should be on file with the CIF-SS office.

COACHES

During the tournament competition, a maximum of two team coaches will be permitted to sit in the restricted area (**Coaches credential will be required**). No other people are allowed in the restricted area. Only one coach may approach the scoring table.

AWARDS/ PHOTOS

Medals will be awarded to Places #1 - #5 Blue and #1-#5 Gold. Team trophies for 1st & 2nd place.

All awards will be distributed in GYM 1 awards area immediately following the conclusion of each weight classes final competition.

ALTERNATES

The 6th place finisher from each divisional weight class may weigh-in as an alternate (no other alternates other than the 6th place finisher are allowed). After weigh-ins, the Tournament Committee will advance any alternate into the tournament where his divisional weight class is not filled due to wrestlers failing to make

weight, skin conditions, no-show, etc. Each wrestler will move up in the bracket as necessary. The Tournament Committee will then randomly select two alternates per weight class to advance into the tournament (place into bye spots) to make it a true 16-man bracket. As an alternate, your chances of getting into the tournament are a low of 33% or, if you are fortunate, 100%. All alternates must pass groom check and make weight. All alternates will be allowed into the tournament free (groom check mark on hand is admittance). The Tournament Committee will announce the alternates who make it into the tournament at 9:15 a.m. and release the brackets at that time.

A random selection of alternates is done before the tournament to facilitate bracketing and to let individuals/schools know that they are an alternate that will be in the tournament. If they do not show, the regular alternate procedures will continue...random selection changes each year.

2026 Random Selection:

Sites

1. Central Division – Westminster High School
2. Coastal Division – Fountain Valley High School
3. Eastern Division – Canyon Springs High School
4. Inland Division – Great Oak High School
5. Northern Division – Moorpark High School
6. Southern Division – Glenn High School

Random Alternate Weights

1. 113, 132, 150, 175
2. 106, 120, 138, 165, 215
3. 126, 138, 157, 175, Hyw
4. 126, 150, 157, 190, Hyw
5. 106, 120, 132, 144, 190
6. 113, 144, 165, 215

Weights	106	113	120	126	132	138
Divisions	2,5	1,6	2,5	3,4	1,5	2,3
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Weights	144	150	157	165	175	190
Division	5,6	1,4	3,4	2,6	1,3	4,5
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Weights	215	285				
Divisions	2,6	3,4				

ADMISSION

Through the CIF Southern Section's partnership with GoFan, ALL PLAYOFF TICKETS will be available online for digital purchase and presented electronically at the event gate for validation and entry. Tickets will be sold until venue capacity is reached.

Friday – February 20, 2026 TICKET PRICES

Adults \$16.00

Students \$8.00 (With valid student I.D.)

Children \$8.00 (Ages 3 – 13)



<https://gofan.co/event/5790068?schoolId=CA19048>

CIF-SS Courtesy Cards will NOT be honored at this event.

Principals and Athletic Directors from participating schools, who are listed in the 25-26 CIF Southern Section Directory will be admitted free of charge at the pass gate with identification.

PARTICIPANT & COACH ADMISSION:

Participants and coaches will be admitted free of charge with wristbands according to the following criteria:

1-2 wrestlers = 2 coaches' wristbands

7-9 wrestlers = 4 coaches' wristbands

3-6 wrestlers = 3 coaches' wristbands

10+ wrestlers = 5 coaches' wristbands

All others will pay the regular admission price. Wristbands are not used to gain mat access.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms will not be provided. Valuables should NOT be left in the gymnasium, and teams should make

arrangements for their protection.

MEDIA/ PHOTOGRAPHERS

Only media with proper 2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Media Credential will be provided a photo area next to the wrestling floor. **No photographers are allowed on the wrestling floor during the competition.**

SPECTATOR PARKING

All spectator parking on Friday will take place on S Palm Street. **No RV's or large vehicles allowed in school parking lots.**

TEAM VEHICLE PARKING

All teams will park in the school's student lot designated for Teams (see map).

CIF STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This 2025-26 CIF State Championships will be a 40-student draw per weight, double elimination. The CIF Southern Section will have TEN entries. Therefore, the top TEN (10) qualifiers from the Masters Meet will be entered in the State Tournament. The CIF State Wrestling Championships will be held at DIGNITY HEALTH ARENA, BAKERSFIELD, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026. The State Tournament Manager is Alan Paradise. Information on details of the State Tournament can be found on the CIF State website, www.cifstate.org.

2026 MASTERS MEET HELD AT SONORA HIGH SCHOOL

"IMPORTANT INFORMATION" ON THE CONDUCT

The following information **must be read by all coaches** to ensure that the Masters Meet is a vital success again this year:

1. The grooming check will begin at 7:30 a.m. sharp and last until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning in GYM 2. A wrestler will have his left wrist marked with a felt tip pin to indicate that he has passed the grooming check. The grooming check will be conducted by the officials. A designated Doctor will be in attendance to make all final decisions and may override personal doctor's clearance. Coaches are not allowed in the weigh-in area (mat area). Wrestlers are to be groomed and then sit on the mat in front of their designated weight classes. Wrestlers may check the scales that are being used for the official weigh-ins. There will be fourteen (14) scales 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 159, 165, 175, 190, 215 and Hwt. If a wrestler does not make weight, he may step on each available scale one time. Alpha sheets are not necessary at weigh-ins. Wrestlers will line up by divisional placements on Saturday.
2. A coaches meeting will be held at 7:20 a.m. in GYM 2 to discuss the procedures for the tournament
3. Weigh-ins will begin "immediately" at 8:00 a.m. in GYM 2 (considered the weigh-in area). Wrestlers will have their left hands marked by a CIF-SS stamp when they make weight.
4. The tournament will be run by K&D Productions. Coaches will need to verify results at the end of bouts.
5. No one is allowed under the stands.
6. No food/drink or coolers will be allowed into the gyms.
7. You **must** have a **COACH CREDENTIAL** to gain admittance to the wrestling area. No one is allowed in the middle of the mats. You can bring your wrestlers to the mats from staging and sit in provided chairs.
8. **TWO COACHES MAT SIDE ONLY.** If more than two people are at mat side (or in the arena wrestling area without a wrestler on deck or wrestling), that offending individual will receive a "warning" from the Security Staff/Committee. A second warning will result in a meeting with the Tournament Director and possible removal of that individual by the Tournament Director/Committee from the complex for the remainder of the Masters' competition. If that individual continues to protest or be present that will be considered a CIF-SS ejection and will be subject to CIF-SS Bylaw 125 relative to "Accountability." That individual will be precluded from coaching at the State Tournament.
9. There will be an ATC in both GYM 1 and GYM 2.
10. Snack bar will be available outside.
11. No "camp style set up" inside the gym...Must be set up outside in the tennis court area.
12. Please stay out of the referee's area.
13. Keep your athletes and fans off unused parts of the campus.
14. Restrooms are available in both GYM 1 and GYM 2.

15. There are no locker rooms or showers.
16. Brackets will be posted by Trackwrestling.
17. CIF T-shirts and other championship merchandise will be sold.
18. Medals will be given for all TEN places. Be sure your wrestlers are present for medal presentations and properly attired. (No hats). **All awards will be distributed in GYM 1 awards area immediately following the conclusion of each weight classes final competition.**
19. 18 officials will work the 12 mats of the Masters Championship.
20. If you want to forfeit a match once you have gained a State qualifying spot the coach must tell the Trackwrestling staff you are forfeiting your match. You do not have to report to mat side.
21. Credentials for the State Wrestling Meet will be issued in Bakersfield.
22. A reminder that only your wrestlers and the coaches as designated in the formula on page 3 will be allowed in free to the tournament with a wristband...all others (stats, other wrestlers, pseudo photographers, etc.) must pay at the door.
23. There will be a Tournament Match Committee consisting of the Head Official, Assistant Head Official and a Tournament Director to address misapplication of the rules...**NO JUDGMENT CALLS**. Protocol to be used: each coach individually will present their version of the call in question. The match official will individually present his interpretation of his call to the committee. The committee will meet independently and make a decision. That decision will be given to the match official and the two coaches by the Tournament Director.....no further decision will be allowed.
24. A reminder that smoking and consumption of alcohol is not allowed on any portion of the campus or in the parking lots.
25. Everyone needs to respect the Sonora High School Campus and clean up after themselves.
26. **A REMINDER TO ALL COACHES THAT ANY CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN A “FLAGRANT MISCONDUCT” CALL BY AN OFFICIAL WILL MEAN EJECTION FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND SCHOOL AREA AND THAT COACH NOT BEING ABLE TO COACH AT THE NEXT “EVENT” WHICH IS THE STATE TOURNAMENT.**



Masters Meet



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

FEBRUARY 20 - 21, 2026
AT SONORA HIGH SCHOOL

TEAMS

- School Vans **ONLY** may park in the school parking lot
- Designated **team camp area** on the tennis courts **ONLY**
- Team check-in begins at 7:00am

SPECTATORS

- Spectator entrance opens at 9:30am
- Spectator Parking available on Palm Street/ **NO RV Parking**
 - **Saturday Parking** available in school lot. **Fee \$20 cash**
- **NO** gas/fire grills, stoves, heaters on the school campus
- **NO** outside food or drink allowed in the gym

REMINDER

We are all guests of Sonora High School.
Please be respectful of the campus and keep it clean!

MASTERS MEET WRESTLING

Boys: Fri. 2/20, Girls: Sat. 2/21

SONORA HIGH SCHOOL



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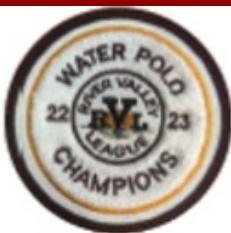


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