

## 2026 CIAC Divisional Class Wrestling Tournaments--February 20 & 21, 2026

LL – Trumbull High School

L – Wilton High School

M – Guilford High School

S – Killingly High School



*This year's state tournaments are dedicated to Steve Merlino, long-time chair of the CIAC Wrestling committee, who has retired from that position of leadership. A recent inductee into the New England Wrestling Hall of Fame, Steve has been active in CT wrestling for many years, founding programs at Lyman Memorial and Coventry, and being extensively involved with area wrestlers through his action with the Windham Wrestling Club (now Silverbacks) since 1988. As CIAC chair, he has worked hard to implement our Girls Championship, as well as being an advocate of both safety for wrestlers and the overall growth of the sport. If you see him in New Haven at the head table or when he is handing out medals, be sure to thank him and shake his hand. However, being the proud Italian that he is, be prepared for a big hug.*

**\*\*See below for the specific schedules for each tournament venue\*\*** Please note that shown below are the suggested guidelines for the CIAC Divisional Tournaments. However, due to variations in venue sizes, number of entrants, number of mats and site start time availability, each division is afforded some latitude in determining the time schedule that works best for that site. Please consult your individual host regarding details, as they should be able to post more accurate start times, semi-final times and championship final times, with the concurrent medal rounds reflecting the vote of the wrestling committee. In addition, all times are tentative and may be adjusted due to inclement weather. As such, there are time schedules posted below for each venue, with Friday schedules varying but Saturday quite consistent for semi-finals and medal matches between sites.

### General Tournament Information

1. Admission passes will be issued for all wrestlers and alternates (up to a max of 28 total, all of whom are paid registrants per CIAC website registration) who arrive with the team for registration. Each team will be issued up to a maximum of 4 coaching passes and 2 manager passes if arriving with the team at registration.
2. The top six placewinners from the divisional meets qualify for the State Open. The 4 divisional state champions will be seeded according to state seeding placement points and state seeding criteria. Each weight class will then be bracketed based upon the placement of the top 4 champion seeds. All coaches of divisional champions are requested to email Dave Nowakowski at [nowakowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nowakowski@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-705-2629 by 12pm on Monday, February 23 if their divisional champion wrestler has defeated any of the other 3 divisional state champions.
3. IF YOUR WRESTLER IS AN EARLY SCRATCH FOR THE OPEN, PLEASE CONTACT Dave Nowakowski at (860) 705-2629 or at [nowakowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nowakowski@sbcglobal.net)
4. All four divisional championships are incorporating the use of "Flo Wrestling" software to run the tournaments, allowing for real-time scoring to be viewed on-line at [flowrestling.com](http://flowrestling.com) via "FloArena", as well as live video on all mats at each venue via Flo Wrestling and the NFHS Network.
5. Tickets must be purchased on-line via CIAC at <https://gofan.co/app/school/CIAC>

## **Class S-Killingly High School**

### **Friday, February 20, 2026**

**\*\*Earliest bus arrival times: Class S 12:45PM**

1PM	Registration & Weight Check (some venues may need to adjust—see above)	
1:15PM	Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time!! Nails and skin will be checked--have current & proper state physician's form for any skin condition	
<b>**If bus running late, have coach call Dave Nowakowski at 860-705-2629**</b>		
2PM	Scratch Meeting	
2PM	Spectator Entrance Opens	
3:00PM	Round of 32--Single elimination round	Estimate approx 80 bouts
4:30PM--est	Round of 16	112 bouts
6:15PM--est	Championship Quarterfinals &	56 bouts
6:15PM--est	First Round Consi	56 bouts*
8:45PM	Estimated finish time*	

### **Saturday, February 21, 2026**

9AM	School opens (weight checks until 9:45am)	
9:45AM**	Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time	
10:30AM	Second Round Consolations	56 bouts
12:00PM	Championship Semifinals	28 bouts
12:00PM	Consolation Quarterfinals	28 bouts
1:30PM	Consolation Semifinals	28 bouts
2:45PM	Introductions of Finalists & National Anthem	
3PM	2026 Class Finals	14 bouts
	(hold start of 1st/3rd/5th bouts for each weight until all 3 are completed)	1 mat
3PM	Third Place & Fifth Place Finals	28 bouts
5PM (est)	Presentation of Awards (must be present to receive medal)	2 mats

*Please note that the start times for some rounds are estimates based on the number of matches. For purposes of fans and media, the championship semis should not start prior to 12PM, and the finals should not start before 3PM, unless announced well prior to all in attendance & media, or modified due to weather conditions.*

*If your wrestler is not present when his weight class is called for weigh-ins, he will be disqualified. Please be on time. If your team is experiencing an emergency delay due to traffic, coach must call your respective meet director. All team members must arrive together with their respective team. The decision of the meet committee will be final.*

## Class M—Guilford High School

### Friday, February 20, 2026

\*\*Earliest bus arrival times: Class M 2:45PM\*\*

2:50PM Registration & Weight Check (some venues may need to adjust—see above)

\*\*if running late, have coach contact Bob Swan at [rswan@east-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:rswan@east-haven.k12.ct.us)

3:00PM Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time!! Nails and skin will be checked--have current & proper state physician's form for any skin condition

3:30PM Spectator Entrance Opens

3:45PM Scratch Meeting

4:30PM Round of 32—Single elimination round Estimate approx 80 bouts 5 mats

5:30PM--est Round of 16 112 bouts 5 mats

6:45PM--est Championship Quarterfinals & 56 bouts 3 mats

6:45PM--est First Round Consi 56 bouts\* 2 mats

9PM Estimated finish time\*

### Saturday, February 21, 2026

9AM School opens (weight checks until 9:45am)

9:45AM\*\* Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time

10:30AM Second Round Consolations 56 bouts 4 mats

12:00PM Championship Semifinals 28 bouts 2 mats

12:00PM Consolation Quarterfinals 28 bouts 2 mats

1:30PM Consolation Semifinals 28 bouts 3-4 mats

2:45PM Introductions of Finalists & National Anthem

3PM 2026 Class Finals 14 bouts 1 mat

(hold start of 1st/3rd/5th bouts for each weight until all 3 are completed)

3PM Third Place & Fifth Place Finals 28 bouts 2 mats

5PM (est) Presentation of Awards (must be present to receive medal)

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*If your wrestler is not present when his weight class is called for weigh-ins, he will be disqualified. Please be on time. If your team is experiencing an emergency delay due to traffic, coach must call your respective meet director. All team members must arrive together with their respective team. The decision of the meet committee will be final.*

## Class L – Wilton High School

### Friday, February 20, 2026

\*\*Earliest bus arrival times: Class L 12PM\*\*

12:45PM      Registration & Weight Check (some venues may need to adjust—see above)

\*\*if bus running late, have coach call Robert Rushton at 203-803-8679

1PM      Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time!! Nails and skin will be checked--have current & proper state physician's form for any skin condition

1:30PM      Spectator Entrance Opens

1:45PM      Scratch Meeting

2:30PM      Round of 32—Single elimination round      Estimate approx 80 bouts      6 mats

4:00PM--est      Round of 16      112 bouts      6 mats

5:30PM--est      Championship Quarterfinals &      56 bouts      4 mats

5:30PM--est      First Round Consi      56 bouts      2 mats

7:15PM      Second Round Consolations      56 bouts      4 mats

8:30PM      Estimated finish time

### Saturday, February 21, 2026

10:00AM      School opens (weight checks until 10:55am)

11:00AM      Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time

12:00PM      Championship Semifinals      28 bouts      2 mats

12:00PM      Consolation Quarterfinals      28 bouts      2 mats

1:30PM      Consolation Semifinals      28 bouts      3-4 mats

2:45PM      Introductions of Finalists & National Anthem

3PM      2026 Class Finals      14 bouts      1 mat

(hold start of 1st/3rd/5th bouts for each weight until all 3 are completed)

3PM      Third Place & Fifth Place Finals      28 bouts      2 mats

5PM (est)      Presentation of Awards (must be present to receive medal)

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*If your wrestler is not present when his weight class is called for weigh-ins, he will be disqualified. Please be on time. If your team is experiencing an emergency delay due to traffic, coach must call your respective meet director. All team members must arrive together with their respective team. The decision of the meet committee will be final.*

## Class LL—Trumbull High School

### Friday, February 20, 2026

\*\*Earliest bus arrival times: Class LL 2:45PM\*\*

3:00PM      Registration & Weight Check Through Door 21 \*\*if bus running late, have coach call Mike King at 203-610-2084

3:15PM      Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time!! Nails and skin will be checked--have current & proper state physician's form for any skin condition

3:45PM      Spectator Entrance Opens

4:00PM      Scratch Meeting

4:45PM      Round of 32—Single elimination round      Estimate approx 80 bouts      6 mats

6:00PM--est   Round of 16      112 bouts      6 mats

7:30PM--est   Championship Quarterfinals &      56 bouts      4 mats

7:30PM--est   First Round Consi      56 bouts      2 mats

9:15PM      Estimated finish time

### Saturday, February 21, 2026

9AM      School opens (weight checks until 9:45am)

9:45AM\*\*   Weigh-Ins by weight class—be on time

10:30AM      Second Round Consolations\*      56 bouts      4 mats

12:00PM      Championship Semifinals      28 bouts      2 mats

12:00PM      Consolation Quarterfinals      28 bouts      2 mats

1:30PM      Consolation Semifinals      28 bouts      3-4 mats

2:45PM      Introductions of Finalists & National Anthem

3PM      2026 Class Finals      14 bouts      1 mat

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