



The current format for sending wrestlers to the New York State Wrestling Tournament is fundamentally unfair. New York is the only state in the country that sends one entry per section regardless of the number of schools competing.

The NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) refuses to reform the state tournament in a way that would give all the state's wrestlers at least a similar opportunity to qualify for the state tournament.

Legislation that would require a proportionally based multiple-entry system for the New York State Wrestling Tournament recently passed the New York State Assembly. Should this bill become law, the current practice of restricting a section to one entry regardless of the number of schools competing would end. No longer would a section with just two schools hold a dual meet to determine state qualifiers while another section with fifty schools holds two tournaments over two weekends to send a single entry to the same state tournament.

The bill, known as the Fairness In Competition Act (S.2064-A), has been sent to the State Senate where it is sponsored by Senator Tom Libous.

The state legislature is scheduled to adjourn for the year June 23 so time is very short. Please contact your state senator and ask him to support the Fairness In Competition Act.

You can find contact information for your senate representative by going to the NYS Wrestling Coaches Association web site: <http://www.sectioniiiwrestling.com/NYSWCA/>

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