

OPEN TOURNAMENTS

Hello Wrestling Parents and Guardians,

The Marlington Youth Wrestling Staff wanted to send out an informative letter regarding open tournaments.

Open tournaments mean that anyone with any level of experience/years can compete. Open tournaments typically have two levels - Novice and Open. Novice - means that wrestlers must be in the First, Second, or Third year of wrestling. Open - means that wrestlers have been wrestling for awhile and can compete with experienced wrestlers. Wrestlers are split into four divisions: (6 & under), (7 and 8), (9 and 10), (11 and 12) years of age and will be required to weigh in before the tournament starts so they can wrestle kids close to their weight.

There are a couple of websites that post open tournaments and allow for you to register and pay ahead of time. You are always welcome to talk to one of the coaches to gain more insight as to whether or not an open tournament is right for your wrestler. Below are the sites that are often used to find tournaments in Ohio.

The Ohio Athletic Committee Tournament Site (OAC)

<https://register.ohioathletics.com/tournaments>

The Ohio Youth Tournaments Site

<http://ohiotournaments.com/>

***It is important to note that open tournaments often run very quickly. This often means that there could be several Marlington wrestlers wrestling at the same time or we may have a limited number of coaches at the tournament. If that is the case, you as a parent may need to coach your wrestler. Please become familiar with the basic rules of wrestling, which has been posted on our website under the Coaches Corner and below in case you have to do so.

 The RULES OF WRESTLING explained for beginners and parents

The Ohio Athletic Committee (OAC) does have a State Tournament at the end of the year in March which many of our wrestlers will try to qualify for. In order to qualify for this tournament you need to place in the top four (4) at a District Tournament. Please talk to one of the coaches if you would like to consider this option as it is very competitive and for more experienced wrestlers.

Thank you and GO DUKES!