

### Subject: 2026 WWA JV State Series – Host Site Communication

Dear Coaches and Athletic Directors,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Wrestling Association, I want to extend our sincere thanks for your continued support and commitment to helping grow the sport of wrestling in Wisconsin. Your willingness to host a WWA JV Regional Tournament is a vital part of creating meaningful competitive opportunities for our sub-varsity athletes.

As you may know, the WWA JV State Series—formerly known as the WWCA Challenge Series—has undergone some important changes for the 2026 season. Our mission remains the same: to ensure that wrestling programs across the state find value and opportunity in participating in this event.

Please review the key updates below:

# WWA JV State Championships Dates

- **WWA JV Regionals:** Saturday, January 10, 2026 (12 host sites)
- WWA JV State Finals: Saturday, January 24, 2026 @ Wausau West High School

# What's New for 2026?

### 1. Expanded Regional Sites (12 total)

We've expanded from 8 to 12 regional sites. This allows for fewer teams per site, faster tournament execution, and reduced travel distances for many schools.

## 2. New Region Assignments and Contracts

Please review the 2026 Region Assignments here:

Fragion Assignments Spreadsheet

Contracts for participating schools should be distributed soon. Keep in mind:

- Assignments are final (similar to WIAA structure).
- We could have omitted a school or missed a co-op split. Please bring any mistakes to our attention

#### 3. State Qualifiers Format

The top **three wrestlers** from each of the 12 regional sites will qualify for the JV State Finals (36 total athletes).

• We will not replace scratches unless bracket sizes fall below 24 competitors.

# Next Steps for Host Sites

- Begin sending contracts to schools assigned to your site.
- Suggested rates: **\$150 per team** or **\$30 per individual** (for teams with fewer than 5 wrestlers).
- If you notice an error in your school list or receive a question regarding assignments, please contact us directly for assistance.

We understand that platforms like RSchool can be time-consuming when inputting multiple schools. We truly appreciate the extra effort you're making to ensure this event runs smoothly.

We'll follow up closer to the event with a pre-written communication template that you can customize and send to participating schools. Our goal is to make this process as easy as possible while keeping the quality of the event high.

# 📌 Event Webpage

For all ongoing updates, please refer to:

**WWA JV State Series Webpage** 



Thank you again for playing a key role in making this event possible. We're excited to continue working with you to elevate wrestling in Wisconsin and provide sub-varsity athletes with a championship experience.

With appreciation,

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**P.S.** Please note: the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association (WWCA) has officially rebranded as the **Wisconsin Wrestling Association (WWA)**. This event has also been renamed accordingly as the **WWA JV State Series**, which now includes the **WWA JV Regionals** and **WWA JV State Finals**.