2024 TYRANT NATIONALS TOURNAMENT PREVIEW



The time has come for Tyrant Nationals! Top wrestlers from all over are ready to square off and lay it on the line. High-level matchups, talented wrestlers of all ages. One day tournament, morning weigh-in, and then we scrap to determine the top dog. High School on Saturday. Elem. & Middle School on Sunday.

21 States are represented by the competitors including:
PA, NJ, MD, NY, VA, DE, WV, IL, OH, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN, MA, RI, CT, MI, TX, CA, AL.

Several Nationally Ranked wrestlers are set to compete. The Middle School division also has a lot of up-and-coming hammers wrestling on Sunday. Many of them to no surprise from PA and the surrounding region that breeds these elite wrestlers.

Compared to last year where just the HS boys competed under college rules (3pt takedown etc.), now all folkstyle divisions will compete under the new national federation rule set.

Returning Tyrant Nationals Champions in the High School Division include:

- 126 Mason Whitney (113 lb. 2023 Champion, PIAA State 7th place)
- 190 Connor Smalley (190 lb. 2023 Champion)
- Girls 120 Nevaeh Colon (120 lb. 2023 Champion)

Couple other wrestlers to keep an eye on are:

- Colin Martin at 138 (3x VA state champ, 3rd beast of east 2023, 6th ironman, 7th powerade, 2x nhsca AA)
- Eddie Radecki at 144 (4x DIAA State Champion going for his 5th title)

Numerous place winners from last year will be competing.

- Malachi Stratton is a returning finalist and the 2 seed at 120.
 He's a 3x DE State Champ.
- Ethan Valdisera out of MD placed 3rd last year and is seeded at #2 at 113

Couple of freshman names to watch out for include the Benyo brothers at 106, Gabe and Jake who have been in plenty of big time matches and will be ready for the challenge. Graydon Martin at 113 is a stud freshman as well with numerous national

accomplishments. Tommy Schechterly won MS Tyrant Nationals last year. He'll be at 157 and is also a Super 32 AA and Jr. Powerade Champ.

For the HS Girls division, several wrestlers with accomplishments on the state and national level are competing. States represented include:

PA, MD, VA, DE, NJ, NC, FL. In addition there are few girls wrestlers from MA and AL in the Elementary/ MS division.

The MS Boys division is loaded with up-and-coming talent.
Champions and All-Americans from Tulsa, Super 32, NHSCA.
State Champs, and multi time placewinners. One weight class that is going to be a gauntlet is MS 85. The top 4 seeds in Nelson Villafane, Cody Bakhsh, Dominic Schuman, and Leo Murillo are all hammers nationally ranked with awards from all the top tournaments. They've battled each other a bunch of times, so we'll just have to see who's day it will be!

The 2024 Tyrant Nationals kicks off Saturday morning at 9:30am with the High School Boys & High School Girls division.

The champion at each Boys & Girls HS weight class will be going home with a \$500 NIL deal, gold medal, and Tyrant Nationals bracket. Awards to the top 8 in HS. Elementary & Middle School Champions will receive a gladiator shield along with a gold medal and bracket. Awards to the top 6 in ES & MS.

We're excited to see how it all plays out and who wants that top spot on the podium the most. Time to find out. Let's go.



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