

TYRANT NATIONALS TOURNAMENT PREVIEW



The time has come for the long-awaited Tyrant Nationals! Year one of the tournament has yielded a great turnout of wrestlers from all over the country. 25 States are represented by the competitors including:

PA, NJ, MD, VA, WV, NY, IL, MI, OH, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN, MA, DE, RI, CT, IN, TX, CO, WI, MO, KY, NH.

Across all divisions 30 Nationally Ranked wrestlers are set to compete. In the High School Boys division, at least 12 HS State Champs and 22 former MS State Champs will step on the mats. 45+ HS State placers, 6 National Prep AA, and 25+ All-Americans with accomplishments from Fargo, Super 32, or NHSCA.

It'll be interesting to see how it all plays out in the HS boys division with the college rules format. How will the wrestlers adjust? 3 pt takedowns, riding time, neutral danger, 4 pt nearfall, etc.

Headlining the HS Boys division is Who's Number One Winner, 2023 Fargo Junior Champion and 2022 U17 World Silver medalist, Jax Forrest (126). His teammate from Bishop McCort, Bo Bassett will compete at 132. Bo is a 2021 Cadet World Champion, 2023 Ironman Champ, and can always be found near or at the top of the national rankings.

A few other top competitors to look out for this weekend:

(Seeds to be released soon)

- Darren Florance (106) - #13 NR, 2x NY State Champ
- Brock Rothermel (120) - 9th grader, PJW State Champ, NHSCA MS Champ, MS Super 32 AA
- Melvin Miller (144) - 2023 Fargo Champ, Super 32 Champ, 4x PA State Champ, NR #8
- Anthony Evanitsky (157) - 2023 PIAA State Champ, 2x State placer, NHSCA Fresh. & Soph. Champion

- **Kendrick Hodge (165) - 2x FL State Champ, NHSCA JR Runner-up, #16 NR**

- **Caleb Tyler (215) - MS Super 32 Champ, MS NHSCA Champ**

Several tough incoming freshmen who were at the top of the national middle school scene are looking to make some serious noise.

For the HS Girls division, Taina Fernandez out of MD is the top name to watch. She recently defended her #1 National Ranking at FloWrestling's Who's Number One. She won Super 32 as an 8th grader last fall and is a U15 World Team Member.

The MS Boys division is loaded with up-and-coming talent. Champions and All-Americans from Tulsa, Super 32, NHSCA. Trinity award winners. State Champs and multi time placewinners. A few of the many names to look out for include:

- **Noah Pieterick (112) - 6x GA State Champ, Multi x Super 32 and Tulsa AA**
- **Cole Speer (120) - #5 MS NR in '22/'23, 2023 Tulsa Finalist. #91 on 2027 Big Board as an 8th grader.**

- **Michael Nicosia (70) - Super 32 Champ**
- **Nelson Villafane (75) - Tulsa Champ**
- **Cody Clarke (85) - Multi x Tulsa & Reno Worlds Champ, 7x GA State Champ**
- **Keegan Bassett (90) - 4x PA State Champ, 3x Super 32 Finalist (1x Champ), 2023 U15 Pan Am team member**
- **Jeremy Carver (90) - 2023 US Open double AA, USA Folkstyle Nationals Champ, ISWA Triple Crown winner**

The tournament kicks off Saturday morning at 9:30 am with the High School Boys division. Brackets will be wrestled through to the semifinals. HS Boys will then continue Sunday morning with semis, consolation rounds, and finals.

High School Girls, Middle School Boys & Girls, and Elementary Boys & Girls Divisions will weigh-in and compete on Sunday only starting at 9:30 am. HS Boys start at 9am. See our website for the full updated schedule.

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



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