

# The Boardman Battle for the Belt Youth Open

**Sunday, November 29th, 2020**

Ohioquest Wrestling is happy to present the Boardman Battle for the Belt Youth Open! Please understand that the format is much different than our format in the past, due to the need to achieve social distancing compliance. First- note that all wrestlers must pre-register at [www.ohioquest.com](http://www.ohioquest.com) no later than 2:00 p.m. on November 27<sup>th</sup>. **THERE IS NO WALK UP OR SAME DAY REGISTRATION,** BRACKETS WILL BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT.

**Event Location:** The Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd, Canfield, Ohio Tournament will be held in the Event Center. Weigh Ins will be held at the Colonial Inn. See Map at [Ohioquest.com](http://Ohioquest.com) for details.

Be sure to read all the Covid-19 Rules (see section below) closely. Brackets will go up at [www.ohioquest.com](http://www.ohioquest.com) the evening of November 27<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to go to the site, and immediately contact us with any issues with your wrestler's bracket.

## **Wrestling Divisions**

Division 1 Rookie (born 2014-2015)  
Division 2 Rookie (born 2012-2013)  
Division 3 Rookie (born 2010-2011)  
Division 4 Rookie (born 2008-2009)  
Division 2 Open (born 2012-2013)  
Division 3 Open (born 2010-2011)  
Division 4 Open (born 2008-2009)  
Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Weigh in and Start Times: Official weigh in and start times will be updated by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (if not sooner). The reason for this unorthodox approach is that due to the extremely tight time frame created by the need for social distancing we don't want to risk having "dead time" and/or overly booked session by incorrectly guessing what the turnout will be for a given division. General guidelines are that Rookies will weigh in and compete in the morning, whereas youth open will wrestle in the afternoon. Middle School will wrestle last (likely at around 4:00 p.m).

**- NO WALK UP OR SAME DAY REGISTRATION, YOU MUST REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 P.M.**

**Weigh In and Event Locations:** Please note that Weigh ins will be in a separate building from the actual event. Weigh ins are at the Colonial Inn Dining Hall. Wrestling is in the very spacious Event Center (Jr. Fair). See map at [www.ohioquest.com](http://www.ohioquest.com) for where these buildings are located within the fairgrounds. Please note that seating is somewhat limited due to the nature of this building. While there is some bleacher seating, but not enough to accommodate an entire session while maintain social distancing. We ask that you help us maintain co-vid compliance by bringing lawn chairs that you can set up near your mat.

**Special Covid-19 Rules:** Please note that you must weigh in during the specific times that will be listed (on Nov. 27th<sup>th</sup>) for your division. Wrestlers will not be permitted to weigh in prior to their listed time (an exception will be made if you have multiple wrestlers and one is weighing in during an earlier session). The purpose of this is to avoid having a crowd of people showing up at the same time for registration and weigh ins. While this has always been a family sport- we are asking that you leave grandparents, those with medical conditions and compromised immune systems, and any other potentially vulnerable persons home for their safety.

**WRESTLERS, PARENTS AND COACHES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE GYMNASIUM UNTIL THE PREVIOUS DIVISION HAS BEEN COMPLETED- AND THOSE SPECTATORS, COACHES AND WRESTLERS HAVE EXITED THE BUILDING.**

ALL WHO ATTEND (WRESTLERS, COACHES, AND PARENTS) MUST WEAR MASKS AT ALL TIMES. Please understand that we dislike these rules as much as you do- it's just that strict enforcement of the rules is the only way we can have a sport at this time. Please keep in mind that this event is NOT the appropriate venue for a political statement against mandated mask wearing- one non-compliant event could literally derail the entire season.

Wrestlers will be on the same mat for the entire duration of the tournament. No parent will be allowed out to leave the stands and enter the gym floor area without having purchased a coach's band for \$5.00 (which is in addition to regular spectator admission). The purpose of these rules is to prevent crowding and congregating on the mats. If your wrestler has not been called to the mat, you will have to return to the stands. There is to be no congregating or socializing between parents or wrestlers when not competing. Again- please understand this is the State of Ohio's rule due to the pandemic so we have to go along with it.

Please be aware that due to the 90 minute time constraints we have for each session, there will be no guarantee of rest time between matches. This should affect both wrestlers equally in almost all cases. Typically, there will be two weight classes on each mat and your wrestler will be up every 15-20 minutes, but rest time can and will be less at the end of the session as there are fewer matches left to contest- and with such a short time frame we cannot and will not be able to grant extra rest time under any circumstances. If you feel your wrestlers are not conditioned enough yet for this format- it may be best to hold off on competing.

**Weight Classes:** Will be determined after registration is complete. No wrestler will be paired with a wrestler more than 12% heavier without parental/coach permission (most weight classes will have a much smaller weight range). Please note that you must be within one pound of the weight you register at.

**Individual Awards:** Top three finishers in all weight classes will receive medals.

**Entry Fee:** \$40 for Youth "Open" Divisions. \$35 For Rookie Division wrestlers. **All wrestlers must register online, no walk up or same day registration. Register at [www.ohioquest.com](http://www.ohioquest.com).**

**Rules:** All matches will be three periods with choice of position for the second and third period. Overtime will be a 1:00 period, followed by a single :30 ride out period if needed.

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