

2016 EASTERN STATES TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Welcome to the **13th** Anniversary of the Eastern States Classic. A record 154 teams from 6 different states square off for the next two days. This year we welcome back Wyoming Seminary from PA (ranked **#1 in the USA** by Intermat). They won the tournament in 2012 and again last year with a record 262.0 team points.

Based on the January 1 NYS rankings: **10 of the NYS Top 15 D1** teams are here: **Monroe Woodbury #1**, Wantagh **#2**, Minisink Valley **#3**, Shenendehowa **#4**, North Babylon **#5**, Hauppauge **#6**, Rocky Point **#7**, Columbia **#9**, Hilton **#13**, and Suffern **#15**.

There are also 10 Honorable Mendtioned NYS teams from D1 listed alpha as: Elmira, Farmingdale, John Glenn, Long Beach, Newark Valley, Patchogue-Medford, Penfield, Queensbury, St Francis, and Wallkill.

9 of the Top 15 NYS D2 teams are also represented including: **Mattituck #1**, Warsaw **#2**, Locust Valley **#5**, Saranac **#7**, Port Jefferson **#10**, Phoenix **#14**, and Norwich, General Brown, and Pera at **#15** There are also 9 Honorable Mentioned NYS teams from D2 listed alpha as: Central Valley Academy, Deposit-Hancock, Gouverneur, Mexico, New Paltz, Pal-Mac, Red Hook, Walton-Delhi, and Whitehall-Fort Ann.

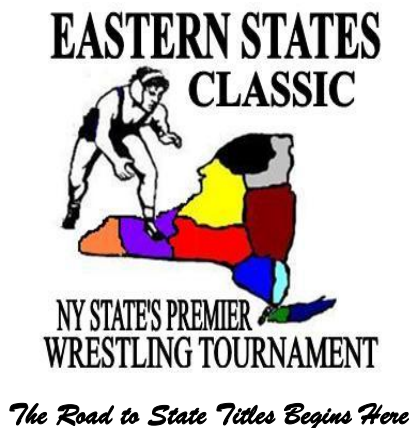
In additon, some powerhouse teams like : **Danbury, New Milford, Notre Dame and Southington** from Connecticut, **Hayfield and Westfield** from Virginia, Moses Brown for Rhode Island, and **Framingham** from MA also sending their best.

Fifty eight returning Eastern States placewinners return and **twenty four new teams** make their Eastern States debut.

Twenty six defending State Champions, Twenty five defending State runner-ups, and Seventy One other state place-winners will join **296** other returning Section/Regional placewinners in their quests for tournament titles. Safe to say that this will be another big step for those in the hunt for a State title again this year. Like prior years, **this may be the only place where the best wrestlers at their weight in D1 meet the best in D2. This weekend may determine the "Overall" NYS Champion.**

On behalf of the Friends of Section 9 Wrestling who are sponsoring this years tournament, please enjoy the action.

OF LAST YEARS 2015 EASTERN STATES PARTICIPANTS: THE FOLLOWING #'s ENDED UP AS:



	STATE QUALIFIERS	STATE SEMIFINALISTS	TOP 6 STATE PLACE WINNERS	STATE FINALISTS	STATE CHAMPIONS
NYS DIVISION 1	131	50	66	26	14
NYS DIVISION 2	84	33	43	16	13
NYS D1-D2 COMBINED	215	83	109	42	27
	OUT OF 480 45%	OUT OF 120 69%	OUT OF 180 61%	OUT OF 60 70%	OUT OF 30 90%
CT	13	6	8	5	3
MA	13	4	6	2	1
NYS PRIVATE	10	10	10	8	8
NTL PREP	7	5	7	4	3
RI	2	2	2	2	2
VA	1	1	1	1	1
TOTALS	261	111	143	64	45

STATE TITLES ARE EASY:

EASTERN STATES HAD ONLY 15 CHAMPS LAST YEAR, YET 45 ESC WRESTLERS WON STATE TITLES