

2019 EASTERN STATES TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Welcome to the 17th Anniversary of the Eastern States Classic. A record 174 teams from 9 different states square off for the next two days. This year we welcome back Wyoming Seminary from PA (ranked #2 in the USA by Flo). They won the tournament in 2012, 15, 16 & 18 but only send their B-Team this year.

Based on the January 3 NYS rankings: **8 of 10 of the NYS Top 10 D1** teams are here: Hilton #1, Massapequa #2, Eastport-South Manor #4, Shenendehowa #5, Fulton #6, Niagara Falls #7, Niagara Wheatfield #8, and Minisink Valley #9.

6 of the Top 10 NYS D2 teams are also represented including: Central Valley #1, Peru #3, Pleasantville #5, Gouverneur #6, Iroquois #8 and Canisteo-Greenwood #9. There are also 12 more Top 20 and Honorable Mentioned NYS teams from D1 and D2 combined, competing this weekend, including Rocky Point, Clarence, Fox Lane, Newburgh, Columbia, Middletown, Hauppauge, Ballston Spa, Indian River, Mahopac, and Wantagh from D1 and Norwich from D2.

In addition, some powerhouse teams like : Danbury, New Canaan, Southington, and Xavier from Connecticut, Noble from Maine, Ponaganset from Rhode Island and Burlington and Springfield Central return again from MA.. Other out of state schools bringing in some "stud" individuals included: Citrus Park from Florida, Thompson from Alabama and Evangel Christian from Maryland.

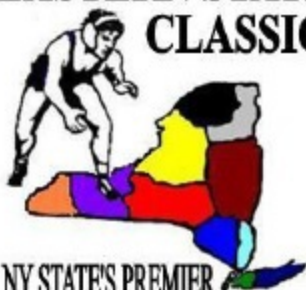
51 Eastern States placewinners return and 49 teams that were not here last year have joined us with many making their Eastern States debut.

Twenty Five former State Champions, Twenty four former State runner-ups, and Sixty six other state place-winners will join 283 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 2018 EASTERN STATES PARTICIPANTS: THE FOLLOWING #'s ENDED UP AS:

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The Road to State Titles Begins Here

	STATE QUALIFIERS	STATE SEMIFINALISTS	TOP 6 STATE PLACE WINNERS	STATE FINALISTS	STATE CHAMPIONS
NYS DIVISION 1	134	49	67	27	13
NYS DIVISION 2	89	35	50	21	12
NYS D1-D2 COMBINED	223	84	117	48	25
	OUT OF 480 46%	OUT OF 120 70%	OUT OF 180 65%	OUT OF 60 80%	OUT OF 30 83%
CT	16	13	16	6	4
MA	2	0	2	0	0
ME	2	2	2	2	1
NYS PRIVATE	6	6	6	6	5
NTL PREP	8	6	8	4	3
TOTALS	257	111	151	66	38

STATE TITLES ARE EASY:

EASTERN STATES HAD ONLY 15 CHAMPS LAST YEAR, YET 38 ESC WRESTLERS WON STATE TITLES