



# 2014-2015 Team Georgia Middle School State Duals



## Overview of program

The primary focus of the Team Georgia Middle School Duals Program is to grow and develop Georgia wrestling by developing Middle School Dual feeder teams of high schools. Achieving this by building team unity through team competition in a high school type environment among the wrestlers that will be attending the same high school together.

## Middle School Duals State Tournament

1. Weight classes:
  - a. 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 200 and 265
2. The Team Georgia Middle School Duals Program is for any wrestlers, whose ages fall between September 1st, 1999 and August 31, 2003. Wrestlers that are enrolled in high school are not eligible, even if their age qualifies them.
3. All USA Scholastic MS-Dual Team wrestlers must have a valid USAW membership.
4. All Traditional MS-Dual Teams wrestlers must have a copy of their birth certificate and current school records.
5. Team Georgia MS State Duals tournament:
  - a. State Tournament entrance fee will be \$250 paid online in advance. There will be a registration cut off.
  - b. There will be two types of MS-Duals Teams allowed to participate in the tournament:
    - i. Traditional MS-Dual Team Definition
      1. Traditional MS-Dual Team – each wrestler must have completed a waiver of liability and provide a birth certificate and copy of current year school record.
      2. Wrestlers must live in the same HS/MS Zone and currently adhere to the requirements of their Middle School and Board of Education for MS-Dual competitions.
      3. Program is City or County Board Of Education funded.
      4. All Wrestlers must be registered to the Traditional Schools USAW Club, if such charter exists.
      5. Not more than 4 “Out of Area” additional wrestlers can be on the team; that do not adhere to the requirements of their Middle School and Board of Education for MS-Dual competitions if allowed.
      6. No recruiting will be allowed to fill teams and is subject to the Team Georgia wrestlers and coaches’ code of conduct.
    - ii. USA Scholastic MS-Dual Team Definition
      1. USA Scholastic MS-Dual Team – each wrestler must have a valid USA membership from Team Georgia.
      2. Wrestlers must be currently attending a school that feeds the same HS/MS Zone or lives in an area that is currently zoned to that High School.

3. Not more than 4 "Out of Area" additional wrestlers may be on the team that are not attending a school that feeds the same high school as the rest of the team and or does not live in an area currently zoned to that high school.
  4. No recruiting will be allowed to fill teams and is subject to the Team Georgia wrestlers and coaches' code of conduct.
- c. The first 16 USA Scholastic or Traditional MS-Dual Teams to register will be allowed to compete in the MS State Duals Tournament. Unless a team drops out and forfeits their registration fee, no other teams will be accepted past 16.
- d. There is a 24-wrestler roster limit.
- e. Rosters must be submitted online through Trackwrestling by Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 . "Out of Area" wrestlers cannot be added after this date. Rosters will be locked and no additional wrestlers will be added one week prior to the Middle School State Duals Tournament.
- f. Coaches are required to have physical proof of age, school enrolled, club or residency of each wrestler on their squad. If challenged and the Coach does not have proof, that wrestler will be required to sit out of further duals until such proof can be obtained and given to the Tournament Director or cleared by the Team Georgia Board.
- g. GHSA Certified Officials with a USWOA Membership must be used on all mats with 1 Head official to oversee the tournament.
- h. Bracketing will be determined once the final number of teams is known. Every effort will be made to allow teams at least 4-5 matches. Bracketing will take place in the following manner:
- i. Bracketing will consist of a Pool to Bracket type event. There will be 4 pools with 4 teams each. Pool A, B, C and D.
    1. The winners of each pool will go into the Gold pool and wrestle for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
    2. 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each of the A, B, C, D pools will go into the Silver pool and wrestle for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.
    3. 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each of the A, B, C, D pools will go into the Bronze pool and wrestle for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
    4. 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in each of the A, B, C, D pools will go into the Cooper pool and wrestle for 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Awards:
    - i. Gold Bracket Champion Team will receive:
      1. Traveling Championship Trophy with Team and Year engraved
      2. Custom Tournament Gold Medals for all Wrestlers
      3. Custom Championship T-Shirts for all Coaches and Wrestlers
      4. Custom Championship Wrestling Bags engraved for all Coaches and Wrestlers
    - ii. Gold Bracket Teams 2nd thru 4th Place teams will receive:
      1. Team Trophy (2nd, 3rd and 4th Place)
      2. Custom Tournament Medals for all Wrestlers (2nd, 3rd and 4th Place)
    - iii. Silver, Bronze and Copper Bracket Champions will receive a Team Plaque
  - j. **Separation and seeding criteria:**
    - i. The following will be used for seeding at Middle School Duals State. Each team will be awarded:

1. 4 points for each past year Team Georgia Kids State Champion on your Team.
  2. 3 points for each past year Team Georgia Kids State Placer on your Team.
  3. 3 points for each Team Georgia Kids State Champion from 1 year previous on your Team.
  4. 2 points for each Team Georgia Kids State Placer from 1 year previous on your Team.
- ii. Coaches must provide seeding information on athletes at time of online roster entry.
  - iii. Teams will be given a draw number upon registration for duals.
  - iv. Using the highest points only, one rating per athlete is permitted.
  - v. Falsification of seeding criteria will result in forfeiture of team placement.
  - vi. No more than 2 wrestlers per weight will score points.
  - vii. If teams are tied in seeding points, the lowest draw number will be seeded highest.
  - viii. Teams will be separated and seeded based on total team points.
    1. Pool/Bracket A – 1, 8, 9, 16, Pool/Bracket B – 2, 7, 10, 15, Pool/Bracket C – 3, 6, 11, 14, Pool/Bracket D - 4, 5, 12, 13. Teams with no criteria points will be placed blind draw into pools.
  - ix. All non-seeded teams will be blind drawn into the brackets and pools.
  - x. Seeding Meeting will be held via conference call on Thursday January 22, 2015.
- k. Venue: Lambert High School in Suwanee, Ga. will be the host on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

