

Information about the Keystone League

The Keystone League is a group of approximately 45 schools in the area that have a wrestling program and have joined together to form the Keystone League. During the months of December and January several league matches are held throughout the area. Each school is invited to participate in the 6 Keystones based on location and number of wrestlers in their program.

- Your child will encounter different groupings of wrestlers at each Keystone.
- Your child will be matched with other children with similar weight, age and skill level for these matches as best as possible.

Wrestlers in **6U**, **8U**, and **10U** are required to participate in at least **4** of the 6 Keystone matches to be eligible to wrestle in the Keystone Finals Tournament held in February.

Wrestlers in **12U** are required to participate in at least **3** of the 6 Keystone matches to be eligible to wrestle in the Keystone Finals Tournament held in February.

The weekly matches are exhibition style meaning the outcome of the matches are not contingent upon participation in the Keystone Qualifiers at the end of season.

Keystone Finals (Tournament of Champions)

Those participating in the Keystone Finals (**Tournament of Champions**) will be required to weigh-in several days before at a designated weigh-in location.

- To advance to the Keystone Finals, ALL wrestlers will participate in the **Keystone Qualifiers**
 - If weight classes are small <16 wrestlers, your wrestler's weight class will advance directly to the Keystone Finals
 - to advance to the **Keystone Finals**, your wrestler must place **1st -4th** in his/her respective bracket
- For this tournament, the **ONLY** criteria for pairings will be weight and age (not experience nor ability). Weight classes are generally in 5 pound

increments. For example, if your child weighs 51 pounds at weigh-ins, he will be required to wrestle as a 55 pounder.

- period lengths for these matches are the following:
 - **6U** and **8U** 1-1-1
 - **10U** and **12U** 2-1-1
- This is a **DOUBLE** elimination tournament meaning even if your wrestler loses a match, he/she can win in the consolation bouts and still place **3rd or 4th**

XXXVII	10-18	TOURNAMENT AGE AND WEIGHT DIVISIONS
		<u>6U</u> : 40-43-46-49-52-55-60-65-70-80-90-110-125
		<u>8U</u> : 43-46-49-52-55-58-61-65-70-75-82-90-99-109-120-135
		<u>10U</u> : 50-55-60-65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100- 110-120-135-150-175
		<u>12U</u> : 65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100-105-110-115-125-135-150-165-180-200-220

Teams in the Keystone League

Albert Gallatin, Apollo, Armstrong, Baldwin, Belle Vernon, Beth Center, Brownsville, Burrell, Charleroi, Connellsville, Derry, Elderton, Elizabeth Forward, Franklin Regional, Frazier, Gateway, Greensburg Salem, Hempfield, Highlands, Indiana, Jefferson Morgan, Kiski, Knoch, Latrobe, Ligonier Valley, McKeesport, Mt. Pleasant, Norwin, Penn Hills, Penn Trafford, Plum, Ringgold, Rivervalley, Saltsburg, Shadyside Boys & Girls Club, South Allegheny, Southmoreland, Thomas Jefferson, Valley, Waynesburg, West Mifflin, Westinghouse, Woodland Hills and Yough