

Dear **Wrestling** Participant,

We would like to confirm your participation in the 2026 Bay State Summer Games Wrestling Competition Presented by [Massachusetts Army National Guard](#). The enclosed materials contain all the information you need for the competition.

LOCATION

The competition will be held on Saturday, July 11 at Game On Fitchburg **100 Game On Way, Fitchburg, MA 01420**. The facility has bathrooms but no locker rooms.

CHECK IN

Check in will take place just inside the front door of the facility to the athletes left when they enter starting at 7am. Athletes will be checked in by weight class and will be issued an athlete credential to enter the building. A meeting for all boys & girls scholastic athletes will take place at 7:40am. Wrestling will begin at 8am SHARP. The Boys Scholastic weight class brackets with the largest number of wrestlers will begin at 8am. If a wrestler misses his or her first match it will be scored as a forfeit and will not be re-run. In the first round, wrestlers will be allotted a 5 minute limit to take the mat or it will be scored as a forfeit. For subsequent rounds, wrestlers will only be allowed 1-2 minutes to take the mat. The tournament is double elimination therefore any wrestlers who miss/lose their first match can wrestle back towards 3rd place. Brackets will be posted at www.baystategames.org and www.kapwrestling.net by Friday evening, July 10.

SCHEDULE & FORMAT

Scholastic

Registration 7:00 a.m.

Athlete & Coach Meeting - 7:40am

Start 8:00 a.m.

There is no scholastic weigh in on site the day of the tournament.

Mens Open

11am - 12pm Check in and weigh in for those who did not attend a satellite site.

12:15pm Open Wrestler meeting

12:30pm Open Wrestling start

Junior

11am - 12pm Check in and weigh in for those who did not attend a satellite site.

12:45pm Grade 7 & 8 Wrestler meeting

1pm Grade 7 & 8 Wrestling start

WEIGH INS

Scholastic, Junior and Open Division athletes can all weigh in at satellite sites.

The last possible scholastic WEIGH IN WILL BE AT GAME ON IN FITCHBURG ON FRIDAY, JULY 10 FROM 6PM TO 7PM. In addition, Grade 7 & 8 and Open wrestlers ONLY will have a one hour window for weigh in on Saturday, July 11 at Game On in Fitchburg from 11am to 12pm. There are no weigh in's for the Scholastic division on July 11.

For a complete list of satellite weigh in locations go to [Satellite Weigh In Sites](#)

TOURNAMENT & MATCH FORMAT

-Boys & Girls Scholastic, Mens Open and Junior Boys Grade 5 – 8 competitions are all FOLKSTYLE tournaments.

-Boys & Girls Scholastic and Junior Boys Grade 5 - 8 are three periods, 1-2-2
Mens Open will be two, 2 minute periods

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

The tournament will be managed using the KAP Wrestling Tournament system.

WRESTLING ATTIRE

All wrestlers must wear a singlet or approved tight-fitting two-piece uniform and wrestling shoes for all matches in the tournament. Headgear is required for all scholastic and junior division matches in the tournament. Headgear is optional for Open division matches. Any athlete not in the proper attire will not be allowed to compete. Facial hair is allowed. A mouthpiece will be required for all athletes with braces. There will be a wrestling equipment vendor on site for purchase if participants are in need of any required equipment

HOUSING Great Wolf Lodge - Fitchburg

Must be booked BY Friday 7/3 AT NOON, 2026 to receive a discount.

A general room block for all Bay State Games events occurring from July 7-12, 2026 has been blocked on a first come first serve basis for all athletes / families.

TO BOOK: Call the toll-free central reservations at: 866-678-9653 Or Use the Group Code (2607GAME) online www.greatwolf.com/new-england

All rooms are blocked for deluxe queen suites. These rooms are equipped with 2 queen beds, pull out twin sofa, refrigerator, coffee maker, bath amenities, Wifi and free access to our two water parks. Guests may arrive early to enjoy the facilities of the resort by stopping by the front desk for wrist bands (although room check-in begins at 4pm) and they may return to the resort post games on the day of departure and use the parks until closing (although room check-out is at 11am).

Please use this information to make your reservation:

- Group Name: BAY STATE GAMES
- Group Code: **2607GAME**
- Dates Blocked-07/9-(11), 2026
- Suites: DQTX-THURSDAY-\$89.00 plus tax; FRIDAY-\$149.00 per night; SATURDAY-\$189.00 per night
- ADV Deposit-1st night at the time of booking / CUT OFF- 7/3/2026 AT NOON
- Standard Cancellation Policy - \$40.00 FEE- 72 hours prior to arrival; 1st night room and tax after the 72 hours prior to arrival

- Waterpark passes included per suite – up to 5 people based on rates quoted above

PARKING

Game On will charge a parking fee for events taking place at their facility. Please note that attendees may purchase a **Bay State Games Parking Pass** for **\$15**, valid Thursday–Sunday, or a **daily parking pass** for **\$10 per day**. This is NOT a fee that goes towards BSG & is required by the facility.

ALL Wrestling, and families/spectators should park in the front of the building.

Please refer to the attached document for instructions on parking.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION FEE

On Saturday & Sunday, there will be a spectator fee for admission into the facility. The cost is \$10 for Adults. \$5 for children or seniors. Payment can be made with cash or by Venmo. QR codes will be posted on site to assist with Venmo payments. Spectators will be issued a wristband. Athletes will receive a credential at check in & are free to enter the facility. Athletes should wear their credentials at all times except during games.

Your sport does not require inside access however, if you wish to enter the facility you will need to pay the admission fee.

FOOD/CONCESSIONS

Game On has several food/concession options to choose from & will be open throughout your event. For menus please see below:

BAR AND GRILL: <https://www.gameonfitchburg.com/food/restaurant-bar-and-grill/>

CONCESSION MENU: <https://www.gameonfitchburg.com/food/courtside-cafe/>

AWARDS

BSG award gifts will be presented at the Finals to the top 4 athletes in each division and event. BSG medals will be awarded to the top 3 athletes in each division and event. Award gifts will be presented at the conclusion of the meet and are not available for sale.

The 2026 Athlete Gift is a royal blue, dry fit, ¼ zip pull over.

Awards will be presented by division. When all weight classes in a division have been completed, awards for that division will be presented even if other divisions are still wrestling.

The Commander's Cup presented by The [Massachusetts Army National Guard](#) will be given out to the club with the highest overall points. There will be two Commander's

Cups awarded, one in the Male Scholastic division & one in the Female Scholastic division.

The Commander's Cups will be awarded immediately following the last match of each division.

The club with the highest overall participation will be awarded the Club Championship Banner Presented by the [Massachusetts Army National Guard](#). This will be awarded during the pre-competition meeting.

RESULTS

Results of all BSG events will be posted at [Results | Bay State Games](#)

2028 STATE GAMES OF AMERICA

The 2026 Bay State Games Wrestling competition serves as a qualifier for the 2028 State Games of America. All medalists (gold, silver and bronze) in this event will qualify for the 2028 State Games of America in Colorado Spring, CO.

For more information, please click here

<https://www.baystategames.org/state-games-of-america>

SOCIAL MEDIA

BSG will be using social media to communicate important updates and information in all sports.

Follow [@baystategames](#) on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and LinkedIn & use the hashtag [#baystategames](#) to see what other athletes, fans, and media are saying about the Summer Games, or to share your own BSG experience!

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medical services for BSG participants will be provided by physicians from Mass General Brigham Hospital as well as athletic trainers. Medical Personnel will be stationed at all games. The medical staff's primary responsibility is to evaluate and manage injuries that occur during the games.

ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS MUST BE REPORTED TO A MEDICAL STAFF MEMBER IMMEDIATELY. All medical staff will be readily identifiable by wearing a red BSG medical staff shirt.

Local emergency medical services are available to respond to ambulance calls at all sites. BSG volunteer physicians are available during most high risk/contact sports and will determine if an ambulance is needed. Unless the use of an ambulance is necessary, parents/athletes/coaches are responsible for transporting athletes to the physician or hospital.

ATHLETES AND COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE ATHLETIC TRAINER AT EACH COMPETITION SITE OF ANY KNOWN CONDITIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO COMPETE. This must be done at each venue, each day, since medical coverage personnel is subject to change.

The volunteer medical staff for the BSG will not be responsible for consequences resulting from unreported conditions or injuries.

The BSG Medical Staff (including certified athletic trainers and doctors) has final approval for any injured athlete to return to competition. Clearances from physicians not affiliated with the BSG are not accepted. (This includes the treatment of concussions). BSG will arrange for an athlete to be evaluated by one of our physicians to determine return to play status.

WATER/ICE

BSG will provide water to refill water bottles provided by participants. A water refill station will be provided at each competition field/court to replenish water. All athletes should bring their OWN water bottle. BSG will not provide cups. THERE SHOULD BE NO SHARING OF WATER BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS.

Bay State Games will have ice available for medical injuries only. Participants in need of medical ice bags should contact the athletic trainer assigned to their competition.

COLLEGE RECRUITING

Bay State Games is inviting college coaches from across New England to attend our events. Several coaches have already informed us that they will be attending, and these schools are posted on our website. To view the college coaches visiting, go to <https://www.baystategames.org/baseball> and click the RSVP'd College Coaches Tab. Bay State Games will provide college coaches in attendance with recruiting information on all players in the tournament.

RECRUITING SEMINAR

For all Bay State Games athletes, we are pleased to announce a one-night virtual discussion aimed at providing tips and recommendations for navigating the college recruiting and admission process. This recruiting seminar, hosted by [One-on-One College Consulting](#), will take place **Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 PM ET via Zoom!**

One-on-One College Consulting is a reputable private educational consulting firm that specializes in assisting high school students and their families throughout the challenging college application process. With a particular focus on student athletes who want to play at the next level, One-on-One offers personalized guidance. Leading this virtual discussion will be Kim Penney, the founder of One-on-One. Drawing from her own experience as a former collegiate athlete, Penney's expertise is further supported by her previous role as a high school guidance counselor. To RSVP to the college seminar, visit this [LINK](#).

BSG would like to thank the following partners that contribute & support the mission of the Games that encourages the athlete in all of us.



We look forward to seeing you again. Best of luck to you at the 2026 Bay State Summer Games!

For specific questions regarding the Wrestling Competition please email Jim Maher, coachmaher@verizon.net

For additional details and questions, go to <https://www.baystategames.org/wrestling> or email info@baystategames.org

