



OWL OPEN

WRESTLING DUAL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 17TH
DETAILS COMING SOON

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INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Wrestling League is excited to announce it will be hosting a dual tournament on Friday, December 17th. Our goal is to make the most of everyone's travel expenses by running a fun and exciting day of wrestling on the Friday before the Matmen Classic. We would like to extend our thanks to Matmen Wrestling Club, all volunteers, and the OAWA for assisting us in hosting this event.

ABOUT DUALS

For those unfamiliar with wrestling duals, these are meets which pit one team against another. Teams will accumulate points based on the outcome of each bout. The team with the most points by the end of the dual meet wins.

Wrestling duals are one of the most exciting formats for athletes and spectators alike because they turn wrestling into a true team sport! Unlike normal tournaments, where wrestlers from your team might be sent to different mats at the same time, duals allow you to watch your team's every match one after the other on a single mat, much like watching a hockey or football game!

The benefits of dual meets can't be overstated. Coaches are able to see every match their athletes have, wrestlers get to cheer on all of their teammates, and team spirit is a natural byproduct of these events! As well, given the COVID-19 era we live in, these events are easily organized to control contact between wrestlers. In short, duals are exciting, safe, and great for team spirit.

ELIGIBILITY

Wrestlers of all ages may compete. See below for details.

All athletes, coaches, and team staff must be members in good standing with OAWA or their wrestling PSO.

All participants must adhere to public health mandates at the time of the event as well as OAWA's COVID-19 policy.

DIVISIONS

AGE CATEGORIES

SCORING	EXHIBITION
Bantam	Tykes/Novice/Kids
Cadet	2nd Year Junior
Juvenile/1st Year Junior	Senior

Scoring vs Exhibition

Only matches held under Cadet and Juvenile rules will earn team points. Matches between Bantam or younger (Kids, Novice, Tykes) and 2nd Year Junior or Senior athletes may be contested - time permitting - but will not earn team points.

WEIGHT CLASSES

FEMALE	MALE
46	51
49	55
53	60
57	65
61	71
65	76
69	80
73	92
80	110
90	125

WEIGH-INS

There will be a 2kg allowance at this event. Exhibition matches may be paired at any weight, though the difference between competitors must not exceed 2kg for Bantam and below, and 5kg for 2nd Year Junior and above.

MISSED-WEIGHT POLICY

Wrestlers must compete in the weight class in which they registered. In the case that a team's athlete weighs in over their registered weight category (plus the 2kg allowance), there are two options:

1. The team may replace that wrestler with their alternate (assuming the alternate made weight).
2. The match may proceed as an exhibition bout.

In the case of an exhibition, the team whose athlete made weight will automatically receive 6 Team Points, regardless of the outcome of the bout.

NOTE - the head official and convenor reserve the right to prohibit exhibition bouts based on the safety of the athletes. For example, a wrestler registered at 50kg who weighs in at 55kg will not be permitted to participate in an exhibition bout against another 50kg wrestler, even if it was scheduled for the dual between their respective teams.

TEAMS

NUMBER OF TEAMS

The OWL Open will be contested with 6 teams. Depending on the level of interest and other factors such as capacity limits, the number of teams may be raised or lowered.

Teams will be (roughly) geographical to account for varying club sizes. This means various clubs may combine to form Team Quebec, Team Central Toronto, Team Eastern Ontario, etc. This will allow us to fill out each weight class so every dual has a consistent number of bouts.

NOTE - while a “head coach” will be chosen for each team to facilitate communication, every coach will be able to corner their own wrestlers.

SIZE OF TEAMS

Each team will have a maximum of 40 wrestlers. The total number of wrestlers in the tournament will therefore be capped at 240 (40 wrestlers x 6 teams). This allows each team to have a starter and an alternate at each of the 10 male and 10 female weight classes.

There will be no separate male or female teams. Both male and female wrestlers will compete for the same team. We believe this is a good opportunity for building team spirit and enthusiasm for both men’s and women’s wrestling.

NOTE - the starter and backup should not be the same for every dual. As long as the wrestlers remain in their registered weight class, your head coach may decide which wrestler to send out for each dual as long as every registered wrestler starts for at least one dual.

REGISTRATION

All athletes, coaches, and team staff must pre-register. We will have more information about registration soon.

TEAM POINTS

Team Points	Method
6	Fall, Disqualification, Forfeit
5	Technical Superiority
4	Major Decision
3	Decision

Your team will earn points based on the results of the individual matches during each dual. At the conclusion of the dual, whichever team has the most team points wins the dual. Above, you'll see how many points are earned for various methods of victory.

The winner of a match earns 3 - 6 team points for their team.

TEAM POINTS BREAKDOWN

A victory via decision earns 3 Team Points and occurs when time expires with one wrestler holding a lead of 6 or fewer points or holding criteria.

A victory via major decision earns 4 Team Points and occurs when time expires with one wrestler holding a lead of 7 - 9 points.

A victory via technical superiority earns 5 Team Points and occurs when one wrestler reaches a lead of 10 or more points in a match.

A victory via fall earns 6 Team Points. A team may also receive 6 Team Points if the opposing wrestler is disqualified (e.g. for unsportsmanlike conduct, 3 cautions, etc.) or is forced to forfeit the match (e.g. due to missing weight or injury).

Example

Bout Number	Team 1	Team 2	Winner & Method	Team Points
1	Bob	Tom	Tom via Fall	6 pts for Team 2
2	Sally	Sue	Sally via Dec	3 pts for Team 1
3	Joe	Jim	Joe via Tech	5 pts for Team 1
4	Jane	Alice	Alice via Maj Dec	4 pts for Team 2

In this example, Team 2 wins the dual because they have 10 Team Points compared to Team 1 who earned 8 Team Points.

TIEBREAKER CRITERIA - DUALS

We will use tiebreaker criteria to determine the winner of duals that end with both teams earning an equal amount of Team Points.

1. Highest number of victories
2. Fewest Team Point deductions
3. Highest number of victories via Fall
4. Highest number of victories via Technical Superiority
5. Highest number of victories via Major Decision
6. First takedown scored in the dual

The team declared the winner via tiebreaker criteria will be awarded 1 Team Point.

TIEBREAKER CRITERIA - ROUND ROBIN

In the event that a round robin ends with teams holding an equal number of wins and losses, we will use tiebreaker criteria to determine the placing.

1. Most Team Points
2. Highest number of victories
3. Fewest Team Point deductions
4. Highest number of victories via Fall

5. Highest number of victories via Technical Superiority
6. Highest number of victories via Major Decision
7. Highest number of individual points scored (sum of all points scored in each match)

TENTATIVE EVENT FORMAT

POOL ROUND ROBIN - 2 DUALS GUARANTEED

Pool 1

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Team 1 vs Team 2: <i>Team 1 Wins</i>	Team 1 vs Team 3: <i>Team 1 Wins</i>	Team 2 vs Team 3: <i>Team 2 Wins</i>

Pool 2

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Team 4 vs Team 5: <i>Team 4 Wins</i>	Team 4 vs Team 6: <i>Team 4 Wins</i>	Team 5 vs Team 6: <i>Team 5 Wins</i>

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND - 1 DUAL GUARANTEED

Gold, Bronze, and 5th Place Duals

Gold	Bronze	5th Place
Team 1 vs Team 4: <i>Team 1 Wins</i>	Team 2 vs Team 5: <i>Team 5 Wins</i>	Team 3 vs Team 6: <i>Team 3 Wins</i>

Gold - Team 1

Silver - Team 4

Bronze - Team 5

4th Place - Team 2

5th Place - Team 3

6th Place - Team 6

COVID-19

Safety is of the utmost importance to us. We will be following provincial and local guidelines in place at the time of the tournament, as well as adhering to wrestling-specific guidelines established by OAWA.

These policies may include:

- Proof of vaccination
- Masking and social distancing
- Completing pre-screening forms
- Capacity limits

We will keep coaches updated on the latest requirements and guidelines so that all athletes, coaches, team staff, volunteers, and spectators are kept safe. We encourage anyone interested in competing to stay up-to-date on the latest guidelines and/or restrictions leading up to the event.

CHARITY

The OWL Open will be donating all profits to charity. We will be building this into the tournament itself to add to the excitement and team spirit.

Each team will select a charitable organization to support. \$5 from every registration for that team will go towards the chosen charity. Any profits from the tournament will be awarded to the gold medal winning team's charity.

We will have more information about how to select charities, approved organizations, etc. in the coming weeks.