



NOVICE TOURNAMENTS

What does Novice mean?

Novice is the group of wrestlers who are considered new or beginner level wrestlers. These tournament types are designed to allow less experienced wrestlers find competition close to their experience and ability. Novice Points are part of OAC Point Series Tournaments (See Point Tournaments) and are most often in the first/morning session of the tournament.

What is the Criteria to enter a Novice Point Tournament?

All of the following must be met in order for a wrestler to register for a OAC Novice Point Tournament.

- 1) Three years or less experience - this can be their 3rd year of wrestling
*1 tournament does NOT equal a season

For example, if Johnny wrestled 1 tournament in 2016, 3 tournaments in 2017 and 5 tournaments in 2018, in 2019 he could still be considered a Novice wrestler.

- 2) Novice wrestlers have not participated in an OAC Grade School/Junior High State tournament (Divisional State is not a factor. They could have qualified but not participated)
- 3) Novice Wrestlers have not been a Novice State Finalist

Novice State Tournament

The Novice State Tournament is not an OAC event and as such is subject to different rules and guidelines for Novice Wrestlers. As of August 2022, the requirements for novice state were

To be qualified a wrestler MUST meet ALL requirements:

1. Must be an Ohio resident
2. Three years or less experience - this can be their 3rd year of wrestling
*1 tournament does NOT equal a season
3. No OAC state qualification. (This does NOT include the current 2022-2023 season)
4. No returning 2022 Ohio Novice State Finalists (1st or 2nd Place - unless only 3 in bracket)

*Girls Only (This goes for either division they wrestle in, girls can only wrestle in 1 division
No placement (top 4) if more than 8 wrestlers in ANY state tournament