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## A peek at the state wrestling tournament

Here is a look at the complete roundup of the 2008 state wrestling tournament.

### CLASS 1A

#### 103 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Zakk Buch (Belle Plaine, so.); Nick Mueller (Elkader Central, so.); Beau Westpfahl (Jesup, so.)
- 2007 champion: Cole Welter, Don Bosco (now at 112)
- Who's No. 1: Brandon Welter (Don Bosco)
- Our pick to win: Welter (Don Bosco)

#### 112 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Joel Martin (North-Linn, so.); Jack O'Brien (Belle Plaine, so.); Drew Proctor (Tipton, fr.); Chris Taylor (Lisbon, jr.); Nick Winter (Elkader Central, fr.)
- 2007 champion: Bart Reiter, Don Bosco (now at 125)
- Who's No. 1: Cole Welter (Don Bosco)
- Our pick to win: Welter (Don Bosco)

#### 119 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Drew Hirschberger (Belle Plaine, jr.); Easton Kuboushek (South Winneshiek, so.); Colton Weber (Jesup, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Travis Taylor, Prairie Valley
- Who's No. 1: Taylor (Prairie Valley)
- Our pick to win: Jake Demmon (Eddyville-Blakesburg)

#### 125 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Todd Hahn (Highland, jr.); Madison Sackett (North-Linn, sr.); Cameron Wagner (Belle Plaine, jr.); Jason Winkler (South Winneshiek, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Dalton Jensen, Missouri Valley (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Bart Reiter (Don Bosco)
- Our pick to win: Reiter (Don Bosco)

## 130 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Spencer Bowen (Midland, sr.); Justin Hoffman (East Buchanan, so.); Chris LeClere (North-Linn, jr.); Colby Kriegel (BGM, jr.); Colton Wagner (Belle Plaine, jr.); Jordan Westfall (Highland, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Marshall Koethe, Akron-Westfield (now at 140)
- WHO'S No. 1: Westfall (Highland)
- OUR PICK TO WIN: LeClere (North-Linn)

## 135 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Ben Morrow (North-Linn, sr.); Mike Schwan (South Winneshiek, sr.); Zach Simpson (Lisbon, jr.); Dexter White (West Branch, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Nate Herda, Central Lyon (now at 140)
- Who's No. 1: Mitch Johnson (Interstate 35)
- Our pick to win: Nate DeBoer (Central Lyon)

## 140 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Lee Beumer (BGM, sr.); Taylor Connolly (East Buchanan, so.); Jesse Jamison (Lisbon, so.); Kyle Peters (Maquoketa Valley, sr.); Lee Phillips (Eanglish Valleys, so.)
- 2007 champion: Jonny Siegel (New London/WMU)
- Who's No. 1: Marshall Koethe (Akron-Westfield)
- Our pick to win: Koethe (Akron-Westfield)

## 145 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Aaron DeLong (Starmont, sr.); Devon Fraker (BGM, sr.); Daniel Wieland (East Buchanan, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Nick LeClere, North-Linn (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Johnny Siegel (New London/WMU)
- Our pick to win: Wieland (East Buchanan)

## 152 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Jacob Edmundson (Tri-County, jr.); Isaac Frieden (Valley Community, sr.); Dale Handley (Alburnett, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Mike Finch, HMS (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Jeret Chiri (New London/WMU)
- Our pick to win: Chiri (New London/WMU)

## 160 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Will Bird (East Buchanan, so.); Matt Fassbinder (Valley Community, jr.)

- 2007 champion: Jordan Gacke, Central Lyon (now at 171)
- Who's No. 1: Marcus Edgington (Hinton)
- Our pick to win: Edgington (Hinton)

#### 171 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Kyle Kayser (Jesup, sr.); Tyler Kriegel (BGM, jr.); Mitchell Schultz (Postville, sr.); J.J. Wombacher (West Branch, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Cole Heimer, Nora Springs-Rock Falls (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Jordan Gacke (Central Lyon)
- Our pick to win: Gacke (Central Lyon)

#### 189 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Tyler Chekal (Belle Plaine, sr.); Matt Ferlitsch (Highland, sr.); Chris Hagerman (Central City, sr.); Joe Zhiss (East Buchanan, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Jared Enderton, Graettinger-Terril (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Jake Hoffman, Graettinger-Terril
- Our pick to win: Hoffman (Graettinger-Terril)

#### 215 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Wyatt Bauman (BGM, jr.); Alex Burkle (North-Linn, jr.); Calvin Luzum (South Winneshiek, sr.); Mitch Montgomery (Lisbon, so.); Matt O'Donnell (Tipton, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Dillon Heesch, SE Webster-Grand (now at 285)
- Who's No. 1: Ryan Schares (Don Bosco)
- Our pick to win: O'Donnell (Tipton)

#### 285 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Brok Dawley (Montezuma, jr.); Kyle Kober (West Branch, jr.); Jon Orr (Maquoketa Valley, sr.); Cameron Williamson (East Buchanan, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Donovan Grove, SE Webster-Grand (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Dillon Heesch (SE Webster-Grand)
- Our pick to win: Heesch (SE Webster-Grand)

#### CLASS 2A

#### 103 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Tyler Endres (Independence, so.); Kalen Greiner (Sigourney-Keota, so.); Christopher Halblom (Center Point-Urbana, fr.); P.C. McEnany (West Delaware, fr.)
- 2007 champion: Joe Colon, Clear Lake (now at 112)
- Who's No. 1: Tanner Schmidt (Charles City)
- Our pick to win: Schmidt (Charles City)

## 112 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Marcus Breeden (Maquoketa, so.); Aaron Davenport (South Tama, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Andrew Long, Creston/OM (At 125)
- Who's No. 1: Joe Colon (Clear Lake)
- Our pick to win: Ridge Kiley (Eagle Grove)

## 119 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Daniel Eschen (Independence, sr.); Anthony Hable (Decorah, so.); Nathan Vaske (West Delaware, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Dillon Miner, Spirit Lake Park (now at 130)
- Who's No. 1: Vaske (West Delaware)
- Our pick to win: Vaske (West Delaware)

## 125 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Justin Lopata (Benton Community, so.); Logan Mathes (South Tama, jr.); Brett Yonkovic (West Delaware, so.)
- 2007 champion: Kyle Pedretti, MFL MarMac (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Andrew Long (Creston/OM)
- Our pick to win: Long (Creston)

## 130 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Mike Kremer (Independence, sr.); Matt Mullikin (Sigourney-Keota, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Brandon Ball, Columbus Junction (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Dillon Miner (Spirit Lake Park)
- Our pick to win: Quin Leith (Creston-OM)

## 135 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Chris Alber (Independence, jr.); Logan Felton (Monticello, so.); Josh Marin (West Liberty, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Blake Hilmer, Denver/Tripoli (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Seth Noble (Columbus Junction)
- Our pick to win: Noble (Columbus Junction)

## 140 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Cody Bachman (MFL MarMac, sr.); Clint Straw (Independence, sr.); Derek Young (Anamosa, sr.)

- 2007 champion: Cody Stanley, Wilton (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Theran Goodale (Osage)
- Our pick to win: Goodale (Osage)

#### 145 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Brice Brecht (Iowa Valley/HLV. jr.); Adam Endres (Independence, sr.); Kyle Formanek (MFL MarMac, sr.); Shane Havenstrite (North Fayette, so.); Nick Ketchum (West Delaware, sr.)
- 2007 champion: T J Moen, Saydel (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Tanner Kampen (Humboldt)
- Our pick to win: Matt Stillman (Emmetsburg/AR)

#### 152 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Tim Bagley (Independence, sr.); Zach Hyland (Vinton-Shellsburg, sr.); Adam Rave (West Delaware, sr.); Andrew Rodas (MFL MarMac, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Andrew Sorenson, Forest City (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Trent Weatherman (Ballard)
- Our pick to win: Weatherman (Ballard)

#### 160 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Blake Bagby (Independence, jr.); Chris Finn (GRNT, sr.); Jordan Franzen (North Fayette, sr.); Josh Haug (Mount Vernon, so.); Thomas Mayberry (Maquoketa, so.); David Pope (Williamsburg, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Kalab Evans, Creston/OM
- Who's No. 1: Evans (Creston/OM)
- Our pick to win: Evans (Creston/OM)

#### 171 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Seth Bean (Williamsburg, sr.); Blaize Cabell (Independence, fr.); Garrett Hepker (North Cedar, sr.); John Hinshaw (Iowa Valley/HLV, sr.); Tyler Manternach (West Delaware, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Ryan Ketelsen, Osage (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Marty Ball (JSPC)
- Our pick to win: Brock Weatherman (Ballard)

#### 189 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Carl Broghammer (West Delaware, jr.); Jordan Kaiser (Benton Community, jr.); Tomas Lira (West Liberty, jr.); Damonte Stogner (Washington, Iowa, sr.); Luke Upah (South Tama, sr.); Frank Weymiller (Waukon, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Vinnie Wagner, Osage (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Josh Ihnen (Sheldon)
- Our pick to win: Willie Argo (Davenport Assumption)

## 215 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Holden Blythe (Williamsburg, sr.); Andrew Haskenhoff (North Fayette, sr.); James Kost (North Cedar, jr.); Matt McCool (South Tama, sr.); Phillip Miller (Vinton-Shellsburg, sr.); James Morris (Solon, so.)
- 2007 champion: Kyle Simonson, Algona (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Blythe (Williamsburg)
- Our pick to win: Blythe (Williamsburg)

## 285 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Austin Blythe (Williamsburg, fr.); Zach Samson (Benton Community, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Blake Rasing, New Hampton (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Avery Fuhs (Chariton)
- Our pick to win: Fuhs (Chariton)

## CLASS 3A

## 103 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Kris Thompson (Marion, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Cruse Aarhus, C.R. Kennedy (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Kory Kistner (Sioux City East)
- Our pick to win: Adam Perrin (North Scott)

## 112 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Jim Gotto (Western Dubuque, so.); Trevor Hardin (C.R. Prairie, fr.); Hunter St. John (Iowa City West, fr.)
- 2007 champion: Nick Trizzino, Bettendorf (did not qualify)
- Who's No. 1: Stephen Hernandez (West Des Moines Valley)
- Our pick to win: Hernandez (West Des Moines Valley)

## 119 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Stephen Blayer (Iowa City High, jr.); Craig Johnson (C.R. Prairie, sr.); Ryan Sheldon (C.R. Kennedy, fr.); Dan Verhille (Linn-Mar, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Matt McDonough, Linn-Mar (now at 130)
- Who's No. 1: Jacob Ballweg (Waverly-Shell Rock)
- Our pick to win: George Ivanov (Lewis Central)

## 125 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Nate Moore (Iowa City West, sr.); Jake Rizzio (C.R. Prairie, so.); Austin Weisinger (Marion, so.)
- 2007 champion: Moore, Iowa City West
- Who's No. 1: Moore (Iowa City West)
- Our pick to win: Moore (Iowa City West)

### 130 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Dylan Carew (Iowa City West, jr.); Matt McDonough (Linn-Mar)
- 2007 champion: Nick Moore, Iowa City West (now at 140)
- Who's No. 1: Matt McDonough (Linn-Mar)
- Our pick to win: McDonough (Linn-Mar)

### 135 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Tim Fisher (C.R. Prairie, jr.); Chris Gansen (Western Dubuque, sr.); Colton Smith (Iowa City High, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Derek St. John, Iowa City West (now at 145)
- Who's No. 1: Mark Ballweg (Waverly-Shell Rock)
- Our pick to win: Ballweg (Waverly-Shell Rock)

### 140 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Zach Garman (Linn-Mar, jr.); Tyler Hardin (C.R. Prairie, sr.); Mitch McCarthy (Western Dubuque, sr.); Nick Moore (Iowa City West, so.)
- 2007 champion: Zach McCool, West Delaware (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Moore (Iowa City West)
- Our pick to win: Moore (Iowa City West)

### 145 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Cal Beatty (C.R. Prairie, sr.); Dustin Nemmers (Western Dubuque, sr.); Derek St. John (Iowa City West)
- 2007 champion: Stew Gillmor, North Scott (graduated)
- WHO'S No. 1: St. John (Iowa City West)
- Our pick to win: St. John (Iowa City West)

### 152 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Nate Fiala (C.R. Prairie, sr.); Mitch Gansen (Western Dubuque, sr.); Jeremy Garvin (Iowa City West, sr.); Drew Harney (Iowa City High, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Ryan Helenthal, Keokuk (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Michael Moreno (Urbandale)

- Our pick to win: John Nicholson (Des Moines Roosevelt)

#### 160 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Curtis Ette (Marion, jr.); Jason McCormick (C.R. Jefferson, jr.)
- 2007 champion: Robert Kellogg, Sioux City North (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Evan Knight (Urbandale)
- Our pick to win: Knight (Urbandale)

#### 171 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Grant Gambrall (Iowa City West, sr.); Michael Silverstein (C.R. Prairie, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Gambrall, Iowa City West
- Who's No. 1: Gambrall (Iowa City West)
- Our pick to win: Gambrall (Iowa City West)

#### 189 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Matt Behnami (Iowa City West, jr.); Tyler Hoerner (Western Dubuque, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Jimmy Waters, Lewis Central (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Dylan Wrage (Waverly-Shell Rock)
- Our pick to win: Wrage (Waverly-Shell Rock)

#### 215 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Luke Goodson (Linn-Mar, sr.); Cody Northern (C.R. Jefferson, sr.); Mickey Sprague (C.R. Prairie, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Eric Thompson, Waverly-Shel Rock (now at 285)
- Who's No. 1: Sprague (C.R. Prairie)
- Our pick to win: Byron Tate (Clinton)

#### 285 POUNDS

- Area qualifiers: Brandon Burrell (C.R. Washington, jr.); James Ferentz (Iowa City High, sr.)
- 2007 champion: Ben Boothby, Clinton (graduated)
- Who's No. 1: Eric Thompson (Waverly-Shell Rock)
- our pick to win: Thompson, Waverly-Shell Rock

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