TOURNAMENT PREVIEW



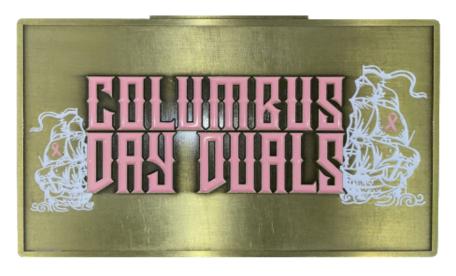


The 2022 Columbus Day Duals are finally here. On Oct. 8-9, elite teams and wrestlers from all around the country will descend upon Manheim, PA to battle it out on 44 mats in one of the nation's largest and toughest preseason dual tournaments. Nationally ranked wrestlers, D1 commits, All-Americans, State Champions, the list goes on.

This year's event will feature 89 teams across 4 divisions: Elementary 6th Grade & Under, Middle School, High School, and Girls Freestyle K-12. At least 15 states are represented by teams attending with many more states represented by individual wrestlers competing.

Approximately 1300 wrestlers will participate in the two-day dual tournament including wrestlers from PA, NJ, NY, OH, MD, VA, WV, IL, IN, MN, GA, FL, TN, CT, RI, MI, CO, NE, AZ, DE, NC, AL, & many more.

Year after year, Columbus Day Duals showcases talented wrestlers of all ages and produces electric matchups between top-ranked competitors. High-level wrestling will be on display all weekend long. Follow the chaos live and watch match replays on *FloWrestling*. Wrestling starts at 8am Saturday and will conclude Sunday morning with the placement rounds. Here's a look at some of the top teams and competitors.





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HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

The field is loaded with high-level wrestlers from all over the country. Numerous teams have strong rosters and there are bound to be some crazy duals and upsets. Multiple nationally ranked competitors will be stepping on the mats this weekend. A few of the headliners of the National division include:

- NR #1 Jax Forrest (126 lbs) 2022 U17 World Silver Medalist
- NR #2 Tyler Kasak (145 lbs) PA State Champ, PSU commit
- NR #2 Bo Bassett (120 lbs) 2021 Cadet World Champion
- NR #4 Simon Ruiz (170 lbs) NR #4, 2022 NJ State Champ,
 Fargo AA, Beast of the East Finalist, Cornell commit.

The HS duals will also feature several tough 9th Graders who are eager to make some noise heading into their first HS season. 44 total HS teams are set to compete. 24 in the National Division and 20 in the American Division with the top 4 placing in each.

HS National Div. Top 8 Seeds

- 1. Team Thunder
- 2. TSB
- 3. GT Squad
- 4. Crusher WC
- 5. Lost Boyz
- 6. Mat Assassins
- 7. Savage Black
- 8. TNWC Yellow

HS American Div. Top 8 Seeds

- 1. Gold Medal WC
- 2. Savage WA White
- 3. Signature WA
- 4. Triumph
- 5. Mavericks
- 6. Team Tugman
- 7. Escape The Rock
- 8. Seagull 2

HS National Duals Preview

Top-seeded Team Thunder has a very strong team with multiple All-Americans and D1 commits including schools such as Cornell, Pitt, WVU, Lehigh, American, & Lock Haven. #2 TSB has a roster full of State Champs and place-winners from 8 different states. #3 GT Squad will feature several wrestlers with achievements at national tournaments. Seeded at #4, Crusher WC has a younger roster, but this squad is full of hammers who are very familiar with big matches and will be looking to score points all weekend long.

HS Division Wrestlers To Watch Out For: (NR= Nationally Ranked) 98 lbs.

- Jarrett Smith (Thunder) 2022 Fargo AA (3rd), 9-0 at Cadet Duals
- Nate Rioux (TSB) 2022 Double Fargo AA, #5 NR (MS)
- Charlie Esposito (Scorpions) 2022 Fargo All-American

106 lbs.

- Matthew Dolan (Thunder) NR #15, 2x WV State Champ, WVU commit.
- Dorian Hoffman (Mat Assassins) 2022 Fargo AA (GR 8th)
- Cadell Lee (Powerhouse) Fargo Finalist, NHSCA All-American
- Will Detar (GT Squad) 2022 US Open All-American
- Matt O'neill (GT Squad) Super 32 MS State Champ

113 lbs.

- James Blood (Thunder) 2022 NHSCA Runner-up
- Louie Gill (TNWC Yellow) NR #11, 2x PA State Finalist (1st, 2nd), NC State commit.
- Sean Campbell (Savage WA Black) NY State Placer, Fargo AA
- Nick Sanders (Powerhouse) VA State Runner-up

120 lbs.

- Christian Fretwell (Thunder) NR #17, FL State Champ, Fargo AA (3rd)
- Kade Kluce 2x MI State Champ
- Ken Schmits (GT Squad) 2022 NY State Runner-up
- Kaden Naame (GT Squad) 2x NJ State Placer (3rd, 7th)
- Bo Bassett NR #2, 2021 Cadet World Champion
- Talan Hubbard NY State Champion.

126 lbs.

- Jackson Heslin (Thunder) 2022 Pan American Champ, Fargo AA
- Sam Herring (Crusher WC) NR #19, Fargo AA
- Jax Forrest (Crusher WC) NR #1, 2022 U17 World Silver Medalist
- Geoff Whelan (Powerhouse) VA State Runner-up
- Jaden Crumpler (TSB) NY State 2nd

132 lbs.

- Gunnar Myles (Mat Assassins) PA State Placer (5th), NHSCA Champ
- Nick O'neill (GT Squad) 4th Ironman, 3rd National Preps
- Cameron Plotts (Powerhouse) Super 32 4th place
- Grant Reece (Savage WA Black) NC State Champ
- Jakob Romero (Thunder) 2x CO State Champ

• Ruben Lorenzana (TSB) - OH State 3rd

138 lbs.

- Judah Aybar (TNWC Yellow) MD State Champ, 5th National Preps
- David McClelland (TSB) OH State Champ
- Brandon Bauer (EsteBuilt) NHSCA All-American
- Anthony Evanitsky (Mat Assassins) PA State Placer (3rd)
- August Hibler (GT Squad) Fargo All-American (5th)
- Josh Neiwert (Thunder) 2022 NHSCA Champ, US Open AA, 7th Ironman
- Spencer Barnhart (Pro Ex Worldwide) 2x Natl. Prep Finalist, Ironman & Beast placewinner, Army West Point commit.
- Mike Trujilo (Wrestling Prep) AZ State Champ

145 lbs.

- Brady Conlin (Thunder) 2x NJ State Placer, Beast 3rd place
- Chrissy Creason (Wrestling Prep) 3rd place U15 US Open, NHSCA Runner-up
- John Mairno (Aliens) CT State Champ, NHSCA 5th
- Joey Ortega (EsteBuilt) NHSCA Finalist
- Tyler Kasak (Lost Boys) NR #2, PA State Champ, PSU commit.

152 lbs.

- Sixx Cook (GT Squad) NY State 3rd
- Dylan Evans (Thunder) NR #14, PA State Champ, 2022 Fargo Runner-up, Pitt commit.
- Santiago Peña (Scanlan) VA State Runner-up
- Owen McMullen U15 Freestyle National Champ

160 lbs.

- Jack Forte (Savage WA Black) NY State 3rd
- Ryan Garvick (TNWC Yellow) PA State Runner-up
- Patrick Jackson (Thunder) WV State Champ, Lock Haven commit.

170 lbs.

Dante Hutchings (GT Squad) - CO State 3rd

- Simon Ruiz (Thunder) NR #4, 2022 NJ State Champ, Fargo AA, Beast of the East Finalist, Cornell commit.
- Jack Wendel (Empire Black) CT State Champ
- Isael Perez (TSB) RI State Champ

182 lbs.

- Alex Hopper (GT Squad) 2x NC State Champ, 3rd Beast of the East
- Caleb Marzolino 2022 Fargo All-American (FS-6th)
- Justin Onello (Thunder) 2x NJ State Placer, Lehigh commit
- Justin Soriano (Savage WA Black) NY State 3rd

195 lbs.

- Micheal Dellagatta (Thunder) NR #10, Cornell commit, 2x NJ State Placer
- Peyton Turner (TSB) FL State 4th
- Justin Griffith (Seagulls) Delaware State Champion

220 lbs.

- Aiden Schlett (Thunder) NJ State Placer, NHSCA AA
- Trent Sibble (GT Squad) NY State Runner-up
- Julien Griffith (TSB)- OH State Champ

285 lbs.

- Emmanuel Ulrich NR #8, 2022 Fargo AA (4th), 2X PA State Placer.
- Eathan Westfall (GT Squad) MI State 3rd
- Austen Foye (Wrestling Prep) FL State Placer



MS, ES6, & Girls K-12 FS Preview

MS Division seeds:

1. POWA

2. Dynasty

3. Mat Assassins

4. Team 922

5. Team Ohio

6. Terps Xtreme

7. Warhawks Black

8. PA Alliance

ES6 Division seeds:

1. POWA

2. Mat Assassins

3. Team Ohio

4. 4M

5. PA Alliance

6. TNWC

7. M2TCNJ

8. Warhawks Black

Girls K-12 FS Division

1. Devilish Diva's

2. NJ Select

3. Smashing Pumpkins

4. NJ United

5. Team Tugman

6.84 Athletes

7. RaZor GWC

20 MS teams are set to compete. The powerhouse that is POWA is back looking to once again place at the top of the podium. They'll be the #1 seed in both the MS and ES6 divisions after a runner-up and first-place finish at the 2021 Columbus Day Duals. These teams are stacked with talent from top to bottom. State Champs, Tulsa Nationals Champs, Multi-time All-Americans. Here's just a few of the beasts on these POWA teams:

- ES6 49 lbs Kohyn Deputy
- ES6 52 lbs Channing Bowman
- ES6 57 lbs Jacob Graber
- ES6 77 lbs Jack StoneBraker

- ES6 88 lbs Elijah Castanon
- ES6 HWT Asher Bacon
- MS 77 lbs Kooper Deputy
- MS 81 lbs Brycen Dawley
- MS 93 lbs Grayson Eggum
- MS 97 lbs Harrison Murdock
- MS 106 lbs Rocco Cassioppi
- MS 111 lbs Bruno Cassioppi
- MS 120 lbs Brock Rothermal

In the MS division, between #1 POWA and #2 Dynasty, several of the most elite youth/jr. high wrestlers in the country will be on the mat.

Wrestlers to watch out for on #2 Dynasty:

- 80 lbs Jaclyn Bouzakis
- 88 lbs Caleb Noble
- 92 lbs Keegan Bassett
- 96 lbs Kavin Muyleart
- 100 lbs Ben Ziola
- 130 lbs Melvin Miller
- 160 lbs CJ Pensiero

Mat Assassins is #3 MS seed and #2 ES6 seed. These rosters have a lot of tough PA wrestlers and this club always comes ready to scrap. Their MS team will be lead by Tulsa runner-up Nathan Schuman (76 lbs) and Trinity Award winner Samuel Almedina (160 lbs).

#4 seeded Team 922 is fresh off a Tyrant Tussle Duals title a few weeks ago in WV. With another strong lineup competing this weekend, they're definitely capable of making a run at the MS finals.

#5 Team Ohio & #6 Terps Extreme also present tough lineups and are sure to be in the hunt come Sunday.

In the ES6 division, 18 teams will compete in 2 pools of 9. POWA will aim to defend their 2021 title and all of the top 8 seeded teams will be fighting for a top 4 finish including #3 Team Ohio (2021 3rd place) and #5 PA Alliance (2021 Runner-up).

The Girls K-12 Freestyle division will feature 7 teams based out PA, NJ, NY, CT, VA. Misfits Girls Wrestling took home 1st and 3rd place finishes at last year's tournament and will have #1 and #3 seeds this year. Their 2 teams will be competing under the names Devilish Diva's & Smashing Pumpkins. Team NJ's 2 teams round out the top 4 seeds as they will look to flip the script and take down Misfits. Keep an eye on #6 seeded 84 Athletes who was a 4th place finisher in 2021.











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