

2005 National High School Senior Championships

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The 16th Annual National High School Senior Championships were held April 1-3 at the Public Hall Convention Center in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. The event, admirably hosted by the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA), showcased 764 competitors from 47 states. The talent-stocked field attracted 2 five-time state champions, 20 four-time state champions, 50+ three-time state champions, 100+ two-time state champions, and more than 200 one-time state champions. The Tournament Staff included NHSCA Executive Director Bob Ferraro, Event Coordinators Steve Pados and Joe Boardwine, Registration Coordinator Jeanne Ferraro, Convention Center Coordinator Suzie Clayton, Tournament Director Ed Ferraro, Assistant Tournament Director Keith Shields, Announcer Sandy Stevens, Assistant Announcer Martin Fleming, Head Official Dennis Buchman, and Taskmaster Gary Brownell.

Now steeped in tradition, the National High School Senior Championships is open to any senior wrestler that has been a state finalist during his career. National Prep School or New England Champions and runners-up are also eligible. Exceptions are made for the following states: California will qualify the top eight in each weight class because they have more than 800 wrestling programs and only one state championship. New York, New Jersey, and Indiana will qualify the top four wrestlers due to single-class state championships and past performance. The top four place finishers in the high school division of the NHSCA National Open Wrestling Championships are also eligible. As usual, many former NHSCA Senior Nationals participants have gone on to greatness as collegiate All-Americans, National Champions, World and Olympic Medalists, and college coaches.

Led by individual champion and five-time state high school champion Troy

TOP 20 TEAM SCORES

(Number of placers in parentheses)

1.	New York	222	(15)
2.	Ohio	210.5	(12)
3.	California	186	(10)
4.	New Jersey	180	(8)
5.	Iowa	148	(5)
6.	Kansas	137	(5)
7.	Minnesota	122	(5)
8.	Illinois	120.5	(7)
9.	Michigan	118.5	(4)
10.	Utah	116	(3)
11.	West Virginia	101.5	(3)
12.	Missouri	93.5	(6)
13.	Pennsylvania	93	(5)
14.	Oklahoma	87.5	(3)
15.	Florida	85	(3)
16.	Virginia	73	(4)
17.	South Dakota	68.5	(2)
18.	Maryland	66.5	(1)
19.	Indiana	58	(1)
20.	Georgia	50.5	(1)