Top wrestlers to gather at Jackson-Milton event

Fitch's Tony Jameison will compete at a national event in Pennsylvania next weekend.

The annual wrestling regional, scheduled for this weekend, is being canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Local wrestlers will have to wait several more weeks to compete.

Today is the final day for non-southern Ohio wrestlers to compete at the Division I, II and III state championships, as the usual two-week window to file a complaint by the state's athletic directors has passed.

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The field for both squads will be identical, as seven places are up for grabs for the state tournament.

Of the seven places available, three will go to the top competitors from the region and four will go to the top competitors from the eastern Ohio region.

The first four places will be determined by the regional team score, which is calculated by the sum of the points earned by each wrestler at the regional meet. The fifth place will be determined by the results of the regional individual championship match.

The regional champion will then advance to the state tournament, where the top four placers in each weight class will qualify for the state championship.

The Division I and II state championships will be held at the Ohio State University on February 26 and 27, respectively.

The Division III state championships will be held at the Central Ohio State Fairgrounds on February 26 and 27.

"It's like Christmas when you're waiting for Christmas," Poland's Ken Grisdale said. "You keep wanting that clock to ring, you want the games to start."