

2026 Sectional Tournament



Fremont Ross Boys Wrestle with Heart at OHSAA Sectionals

The Fremont Ross boys wrestling team competed this past weekend at the OHSAA Sectionals hosted at Austintown Fitch High School, finishing 5th overall as a team. With only the top four placers in each weight class advancing, the stakes were high from the opening whistle. When the dust settled, five Little Giants punched their tickets to the District round — a testament to their preparation, composure, and heart.

Sectionals always reveal a lot about a team. They test conditioning, mindset, and the ability to respond when things don't go perfectly. I'm proud of the way our Fremont Ross boys competed and adjusted throughout the tournament to advance five on to districts.

At 138 pounds, Aiden Autullo wrestled a very steady, composed tournament. He did a lot of things right — controlling ties, finishing shots, and staying disciplined — to earn his way into the finals. Falling just short in that last match will sting, but that experience matters this time of year. Wrestling deep into a sectional tournament prepares you for what's ahead.

Nate Craig at 132 left everything out there in an exciting finals match. To be in position to win it with a last-second takedown attempt speaks volumes about how he competes. That edge, that belief, and that willingness to attack in big moments will carry forward as the postseason continues.

At 175, Dame Howey wrestled with confidence and trusted his offense. He hit three big throws during the tournament, showing what can happen when you compete freely and stay aggressive. When you're the one dictating action and attacking, good things follow.

LaMarius Bird at 285 battled through a very tough bracket and showed resilience on the backside to finish third. Postseason wrestling demands toughness — physically and mentally — and his ability to regroup and fight through adversity was a major highlight of the weekend.

Anthony Salazar at 190 demonstrated tremendous grit. A 1-0 triple-overtime loss is about as narrow as it gets, but he refused to let that define his tournament. He regrouped, battled back through the consolation bracket, and earned third place the hard way. That kind of response defines championship character.

Head Coach Hetrick summed it up well: "Sectionals are never easy. They test you mentally and physically. We'll take the lessons, sharpen a few things up, and prepare for districts — because this time of year, it's about growth, composure, and rising to the moment."

The five advancing Little Giants now turn their focus to the District Tournament at Wadsworth High School on March 6th and 7th. The road only gets tougher from here, but this group has shown they are ready to embrace the challenge.





FREMONT ROSS BOYS WRESTLING 2025 DISTRICT QUALIFIERS



5TH PLACE TEAM FINISH AT SECTIONALS

SECTIONAL RUNNER-UPS

Aiden Autullo - 138 lbs

Nate Craig - 132 lbs

3RD PLACE FINISHERS

LaMarious Byrd - 285 lbs

Anthony Salazar - 190 lbs

Dayne Howey - 175 lbs

GOOD LUCK AT DISTRICTS!

Wadsworth High School - March 6-7