

MEMORANDUM

To: All Schools Entered in IESA State Wrestling Series
Re: Information Regarding State Meet at DeKalb

Included in this mailing are several items pertaining to on-line regional entry forms; as well as the state meet that will be held March 13-14 at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University.

PLEASE READ THE STATE INFORMATION SHEET VERY CAREFULLY AS THERE IS INFORMATION REGARDING DETAILS FOR THE MEET IN DE KALB PARTICULARLY ABOUT WHERE CONTESTANTS AND COACHES ENTER THE BUILDING. Included are:

- State information sheet
- Tournament schedule
- On-Line Passgate List Instructions for state finals
- Apparel Pre-order information for Sectional and State
- Parking Pass for Friday only of state finals @ NIU

Weigh-ins for the state meet will be held on Friday only from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. All contestants and coaches must enter through the north entrance #5 and park in Lot C-3 of the NIU Convocation Center. **ONLY WRESTLERS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR STATE AND COACHES CAN ENTER THROUGH ENTRANCE #5. IF YOU BRING ADDITIONAL STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE FINALS, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WITH YOUR TEAM. PLEASE MAKE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU BRING NON-QUALIFIERS TO THE MEET WITH YOU SO THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE SUPERVISED WHILE YOUR TEAM IS GOING THROUGH WEIGH-INS. AGAIN, NON-QUALIFIERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER WITH YOUR TEAM NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED IN THE WEIGH-IN AREA.** Doors will open at 12:30 for team packet pick-up and team check-in. Enclosed is one (1) parking pass for your school that can be used on Friday. You will receive your Saturday parking pass when you check-in your team on Friday at weigh-ins.

All spectators must enter through General Public Entrance (Entrance #2). This includes anyone who might use one of the IESA 2014-15 School Year Activity Passes.

Informational flyers regarding sectional and state merchandise have previously been emailed to your school. You will need to go to the CubbyHole website to advance order your sectional and state merchandise. Please use the online sale option as it will expedite the sale of T-shirts a great deal if you pre-order. Schools that pre-order for the State Tournament will be able to pick up their order at the Convocation Center and pay with a school check. No personal checks will be accepted.

The On-Line Passgate List must be completed by Tuesday, March 10. Please see the enclosed instructions for more details. Your printed and signed copy of the list must be presented for entry into the Convocation Center. You must list each contestant that is actually wrestling in the tournament and no more than four coaches. This form must be signed by your principal and presented at weigh-in to receive your admission tags. The people listed on the form are the only people who will receive admission tags. Lost tags will not be replaced. Anyone losing their tag will be required to pay admission. Failure to complete the form will result in tags being issued to only the school's competing wrestlers and one coach. **THE FORM ALLOWS FOR FOUR COACHES. ONLY COACHES WHO ARE APPROVED BY YOUR SCHOOL MAY BE LISTED. ANY COACH ARRIVING AFTER THE TEAM ARRIVAL WILL PICK UP THEIR ADMISSION TAG AT ENTRANCE #5.**

NOTE: FOR THOSE DRIVING TO DEKALB WHO WILL BE TRAVELING ON THE I-88 TOLLWAY: THIS IS A TOLL ROAD. IF YOU ARE NOT AN I-PASS HOLDER, BE PREPARED FOR A TOLL CHARGE.



ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2015 STATE WRESTLING FINALS INFORMATION

LOCATION:

The 2015 state wrestling meet will be held at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, on Friday and Saturday, March 13-14. Admission doors will open at **2:30 p.m. on Friday – No early admissions.** Admission doors open at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday.** **Daily admission fees: K-8 and senior citizens - \$5.00; Adults - \$10.00.** Advanced ticket sales will be available through Ticketmaster beginning Monday, March 9. There is no reserved seating. Spectator and pass gate entrances will be clearly marked. All participants and coaches enter at the north entrance near lot C-3 and Entrance #5 of the Convocation Center--Please go to www.iesa.org and go to the wrestling page for directions to the Convocation Center or go to www.convocenter.niu.edu for information.

All spectators, fans, parents, managers, statisticians etc. must enter though Entrance #2. This includes anyone using one of the IESA 2014-15 School Year Activity Passes.

TEAM INFORMATION:

- All contestants and coaches should enter through the north egress entrance of the NIU Convocation Center (near lot C-3 and Entrance #5). Buses should park in lot C-3 after they unload. **ONLY WRESTLERS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR STATE AND COACHES CAN ENTER THROUGH ENTRANCE #5. IF YOU BRING ADDITIONAL STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE FINALS, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER WITH YOUR TEAM. PLEASE MAKE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU BRING NON-QUALIFIERS TO THE MEET WITH YOU SO THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE SUPERVISED WHILE YOUR TEAM IS GOING THROUGH WEIGH-INS. AGAIN, NON-QUALIFIERS ARE NOT ALLWED TO ENTER WITH YOUR TEAM NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED IIN THE WEIGH-IN AREA.**
- A meeting of all coaches and officials will be held at 2:45 p.m. on Friday.
- **The passgate list must be completed on-line, printed, and signed by your principal to receive your admission tags.** The passgate list allows four coaches.
- Wrestlers and coaches will be admitted to the main floor by pass only.
- Only coaches and wrestlers with appropriate tags will be admitted to the mat side area. The coach tag will be a different color than the participant tag. Each school will receive a maximum of four coach tags.
- Replacement cost for lost tags will be the same as what it costs for regular admission. This includes any wrestler who loses their tag.
- Pairings for the state tournament will be released on the IESA website after the sectional results have been reported to the IESA Office. Hopefully, this will be no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9.
- Wrestlers will be allowed to bring in coolers with food and drink **on Friday only.** Once the weigh-in process is completed, no cooler of any type will be allowed. Wrestlers will be allowed to eat and drink the food brought in on Friday until 3:30 p.m.
- Wrestlers will NOT be permitted to bring in coolers on Saturday. Duffle bags brought into the Convocation Center on Saturday will be checked for outside food and drink. No glass containers will be allowed. Additional information will be forthcoming concerning the opportunity for wrestlers to order a box lunch on Saturday.
- Spectators will not be allowed to bring in any outside food or drink.
- There is not a will-call window for coaches. These people must enter the Convocation Center with the team or they will have to pay admission at the main entrance (Entrance #2)
- Wrestlers and coaches must enter and exit through the pass gate only. Pass-outs for contestants will not be given at any other entrance gate. Everyone else must enter/exit through Entrance #2.
- Only wrestlers and coaches may sit in the lower bowl.
- A spot for spectators to take pictures/video will be provided at each end of the main level. **TRI-POD CAMERA STANDS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CONVOCATION CENTER**
- Handicap seating will also be available at each end of the main level.
- Event Pro Photography will be on hand to photograph each team and the top 6 wrestlers in each weight bracket. They will have information regarding purchase of photographs displayed all weekend.
- Lost & Found will be at the Guest Services desk located next to the Ticket Office (entrance #2)

- If you or any of your parents/fans are interested in renting one of the Convocation private suites, please contact Sharon Love, 815-752-6807.
- Strollers are not allowed in the convocation center
- No signs, banners or balloons of any type are allowed in the Convocation Center
- **There will NOT be chairs at matside for parents to sit at during the championship bouts. All spectators must sit in the upper bowl throughout the entire tournament. Parents will be allowed to the lower level to take pictures during the awards ceremony.**

Weigh-ins will be held on Friday only between 1:30-2:30 p.m. for all contestants. Doors will open at 12:30 for team packet pick-up and team check-in. Only wrestlers who have qualified for the finals and coaches can enter the building at this time. "Extra" students (managers, statisticians, 4th place sectional wrestlers) are not allowed. If these individuals come with your team, be sure you have made arrangements for them to be supervised while you are in the weigh-in process.

- You will receive a number at check-in. When that number is called, your wrestlers will be called to weigh-in. **Wrestlers will not be able to check their weight prior to the official weigh-in.**
- If a wrestler does not make weight, he will have the opportunity to immediately step on each scale one time to make weight. No dehydration activities may take place once weigh-ins have started.
- If your state qualifier will not compete at the finals because of injury, illness, or ineligibility, please notify the IESA Office as soon as possible. {See By-Law 4.054.}

***On Saturday, teams will be allowed to enter beginning at 7:45 a.m. again through Entrance #5 and proceed to the gymnasium where weigh-ins were held on Friday. Security checks will be conducted in the gym. This will allow teams to come inside rather than waiting outside in the elements.

Each coach must have in his possession parental **permission for emergency medical care** (form provided by your school, not the IESA) for each contestant. Medical personnel will be on hand. If you have any wrestlers who have had to complete a skin condition form, please be sure that you bring that form with you in case an official questions a skin condition during weigh-in.

PARKING:

- **DO NOT PARK IN RESTRICTED AREAS**
- There is plenty of parking and there is a \$5.00 charge each day for parking. Schools receive one free parking pass for Friday which is included in this packet, and will receive their Saturday parking pass when they check-in on Friday at weigh-ins.
- School Buses should unload the wrestlers on the north end of the building near lot C-3 so they can enter through entrance #5. Buses should park in lot C-3. If you transport wrestlers in a car and you do not have the parking pass, you will be required to pay the parking fee.

IESA MERCHANDISE:

T-Shirts and other apparel will be on sale. T-Shirts are \$17.00; Long sleeve t-shirts are \$19.00; Hooded sweatshirts are \$30.00. Crew neck sweatshirts are \$22.00. Be sure to pre-order to save wait time for t-shirts. Pre-Order forms were included in previous emails to the schools. All schools are strongly encouraged to pre-order. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PRE-ORDERS.** School checks only will be accepted to pick-up all pre-orders. For a preview of the state merchandise, go to www.cubbyholeonline.com and click on IESA and then Current Designs.

Tournament Contacts:

Jared Johnsen, Tournament Manager
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Jori L. McCullough
Event Coordinator for NIU Convocation Center
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LODGING INFORMATION:

If you need assistance with lodging, go to www.dekalbareacvb.com or you may contact Debbie Armstrong, darmstrong@dekalbareacvb.com 815-756-1336.

2015 STATE WRESTLING MEET TIME SCHEDULE

Friday, March 13

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Weigh-ins for all competitors
2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Meeting for all Coaches and Officials
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Warm-up period for wrestlers

Session 1

3:30 p.m.	Championship Bracket Preliminary Round (All weight classes)
5:45 p.m.	Championship Bracket First Round (All weight classes) (All wrestling will take place on 8 mats)

Saturday, March 14

Session 2

9:00 a.m. -9:45 a.m.	Quarterfinal Round Championship Bracket
9:45 a.m. -10:15 a.m.	Preliminary Round Wrestle-backs to be held when determined
10:15 a.m. -10:30 a.m.	BREAK
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	First Round Wrestle-backs (All wrestling to take place on 8 mats)
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	LUNCH
12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Semifinal Round Championship Bracket (All wrestling to take place on 6 mats)
12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Quarterfinal Round Wrestle-backs
2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	BREAK
2:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Semifinal Round Wrestle-backs
3:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	BREAK
3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	Fifth-Sixth & Third-Fourth Place Matches (6 mats)
4:45 p.m.	Parade of Champions (First and Second Place Only)
5:00 p.m.	Championship Matches (2 mats) Order of Championship Matches: 65 & 275; 70 & 215; 75 & 185; 80 & 167; 85 & 155; 90 & 145; 95 & 135; 100 & 126; 105 & 119; 112

Please Note: Times are approximate and are subject to change. Matches may begin no earlier than 15 minutes from the scheduled starting time. All wrestling will take place in the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University. All of the 5th-6th place matches will be completed on six mats before the start of the 3rd-4th place matches.

CONSOLATION BRACKET CRITERIA

- Note 1: Consolation Bracket qualifiers are wrestlers who are beaten by championship bracket wrestlers who advance to the semifinal round.
- Note 2: If consolation bracket qualifiers have wrestled one another in the championship bracket, the result of the championship bracket bout stands in the consolation bracket and the winner earns automatic advancement to the next round in the consolation bracket.
- Note 3: If a wrestler loses a championship bracket preliminary round bout, and the wrestler who beat him loses in the championship bracket first round, the wrestler losing the championship bracket preliminary round bout will not qualify for the consolation bracket.
- Note 4: If a championship bracket preliminary round bout winner loses his championship bracket first round bout, and the sectional champion wrestler who beats him loses in the championship bracket quarterfinal (next round), the wrestler losing will not qualify for the consolation bracket.

Individual awards for 1st – 6th places will be presented by the coach of each weight class champion following the title bout in each weight class with team awards at conclusion of meet. All wrestlers who place in each weight class are required to report to the awards area following the championship match in their respective weight class for presentation of individual awards to be followed by a group photograph of the place finishers in each weight class. All first-place finishers are to stay in uniform and report following the 112 lb. class individual presentations for a group photograph of all weight class champions. A photographer will be available to photograph each weight class and team champions.