

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 the state meet that will be held [March 8-9](#) at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University and information regarding the pass gate for state. **PLEASE READ ALL OF THE STATE INFORMATION SHEET VERY CAREFULLY AS THERE IS INFORMATION REGARDING WHERE CONTESTANTS AND COACHES ENTER THE NIU CONVOCATION CENTER.** Included are:

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

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for team packet pick-up and team check-in. All contestants and coaches must enter through the north entrance #5 and park in Lot C-3 of the NIU Convocation Center. 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. Weigh-ins for the state meet will be held on Friday only from [9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.](#)

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 IN THE WEIGH-IN AREA. They must enter through Entrance #2 and pay to enter.

All spectators must enter through General Public Entrance (Entrance #2). **As a reminder, no IESA Activity Passes will be accepted at the State Final Tournament. Bus Drivers must pay admission.**

A flyer with information regarding sectional and state merchandise is included with this mailing. **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. The only way to pre-order merchandise is through the online store set up by the CubbyHole. Parents will pay for their merchandise with a credit card and then pick up the merchandise on site. You do not have to be involved with the pre-order with the exception of directing parents to the CubbyHole website to place their pre-order. There is no longer a team pre-order.

The On-Line Passgate List must be completed by Tuesday, [March 5](#). 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 AND MEET ALL IESA COACHING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THE STATE MANDATED CONCUSSION COURSE MAY BE LISTED. ANY COACH ARRIVING AFTER THE TEAM ARRIVAL WILL PICK UP THEIR ADMISSION TAG AT ENTRANCE #5.**



ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2019 STATE WRESTLING FINALS INFORMATION

LOCATION:

The 2019 state wrestling meet will be held at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, on Friday and Saturday, **March 8-9**. Admission doors for spectators (entrance #2) will open at **10:30 a.m. on Friday – No early admissions**. Admission doors for spectators 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 4. There is no reserved seating. Spectator and pass gate entrances will be clearly marked. **All spectators, fans, parents, managers, statisticians etc. must enter through Entrance #2. NEW FOR 2019---ALL FANS ENTERING THE CONVOCATION CENTER WILL RECEIVE A WRISTBAND AND THIS WRISTBAND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. SHOULD FANS LEAVE THE BUILDING AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY, THEY WILL BE RE-ADMITTED AS LONG AS THE WRISTBAND IS STILL ON THE WRIST OF THE INDIVIDUAL. FANS LEAVING THE FACILITY AND RETURNING WITHOUT A WRISTBAND WILL HAVE TO PAY ADMISSION TO RETURN.**

TEAM INFORMATION FOR COACHES & WRESTLERS:

- 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 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 ALLOWED TO ENTER WITH YOUR TEAM NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED IN THE WEIGH-IN AREA.**
- A meeting of all coaches and officials will be held at **10:45** a.m. on Friday.
- **The pass gate list must be completed on-line, printed, and signed by your principal to receive your admission tags.** The pass gate 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 4**.
- 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 11:30 a.m. If the cooler remains with the wrestlers, they must be kept in sections 101-105. **NOTE--- NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY TYPE WILL BE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.**
- 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.
- Spectators will NOT be allowed to bring in any outside food or drink.
- There is not a will-call window for coaches. Coaches must enter the Convocation Center with the team. Coaches who are not able to enter with the team should have the head coach leave a coaches tag at Entrance #5. Envelopes will be provided by the IESA for this. Coaches who fail to leave a tag for assistant coaches not with the team will require the assistant coach to pay admission at the main entrance (Entrance #2)
- Wrestlers and coaches must enter and exit through the Entrance #5 only. Pass-outs for wrestlers and coaches will not be given at any other entrance gate.
- 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.
- If you or any of your parents/fans are interested in renting one of the Convocation private suites, please contact Heather Priest, 815-752-6800.
- Strollers are not allowed in the convocation center
- No signs, banners or balloons of any type are allowed in the Convocation Center
- **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

Weigh-ins will be held on Friday only between 9:30-10:30 a.m. for all contestants. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. 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. THERE ARE NO SATURDAY WEIGH-INS.

- 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.}

Saturday Check-in

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. **NO DRINKS OR FOOD WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE CONVOCATION CENTER ON SATURDAY. ****SHOULD YOU OR ANY WRESTLER LEAVE DURING THE DAY, EACH TIME YOU RETURN YOU WILL BE CHECKED EVERY TIME FOR FOOD AND DRINK.**

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. You may not transfer this tag to other vehicles and those caught doing this will have their car subject to tow.
- 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 at the state site, however, everyone is encouraged to pre-order apparel to save wait time. Pre-Order information is included in this mailing, and was also provided in previous emails to the schools. **For a preview of the state merchandise, go to www.cubbyholeonline.com and click on IESA and then Current Designs. ALL PRE-ORDERS ARE DONE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND IT IS NOT A TEAM PRE-ORDER. PLEASE GIVE YOUR PARENTS THE LINK TO THE CUBBYHOLE SO THEY CAN PRE-ORDER AND THEN PICK -UP ON SITE AT THE CONVOCATION CENTER**

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2019 STATE WRESTLING MEET TIME SCHEDULE

Friday, March 8

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins for all competitors
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Meeting for all Coaches and Officials
10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Warm-up period for wrestlers

Session 1

(Class A---Mats 1, 2, 7, & 8; Class AA---Mats 3, 4, 5, & 6)

11:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Championship Bracket First Round
3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. BREAK
3:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Quarterfinal Round of Championship Bracket and First Round Wrestlebacks

Saturday, March 9

Session 2

(Class A---Mats 1, 2, 7, & 8; Class AA---Mats 3, 4, 5, & 6)

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Second Round of Wrestlebacks
11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. BREAK
11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Semifinal Round of Championship Bracket & Quarterfinal Round Wrestlebacks
1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. LUNCH BREAK
1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Semifinal Round Wrestle-backs
2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m. BREAK
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Fifth-Sixth & Third-Fourth Place Matches (8 mats--All 5th-6th place matches completed before start of 3rd-4th place matches)
4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. BREAK
4:45 p.m. Parade of Champions (Two Finalists in Each Weight Class Only)
5:00 p.m. Championship Matches (4 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.

CONSOLATION BRACKET CRITERIA

Note 1: All wrestlers who are beaten in the championship bracket move to the consolation bracket (except 2nd place).

Note 2: If consolation bracket qualifiers have wrestled one another in the championship bracket, wrestlers will re-wrestle to determine who advances. There are no walkovers. The losers of the championship bracket quarterfinal matches in the top half of the bracket will be placed in the bottom bracket of the second round wrestlebacks while the losers of the championship bracket quarterfinal matches in the bottom half of the championship bracket will be placed in the top bracket of the second round wrestlebacks.

Note 3: All wrestlers will wrestle two matches on Friday. Of the 16 wrestlers in each weight class, four will be eliminated on Friday. There will be 12 wrestlers remaining in each weight class after the conclusion of wrestling on Friday and all 12 will wrestle at least once on Saturday.

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.