



The 35th Annual Medina Invitational Wrestling Tournament Coaches Packet of Information

12/11/2009

Hello to everyone! We hope your season is off to an exciting start as well as a healthy beginning.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY LETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE, so please keep in a safe place so you can refer to it often to answer your questions. This letter will be going to all coaches and officials, but will hopefully be posted on the MIT website at www.mitwrestling.com . Important parts of this letter will be marked with ** to draw your attention. The rounds, if all goes well, will be back to us having the quarterfinals the first evening. You will also note some pages will be on special paper to draw your attention.

I am currently a paraprofessional this year for Medina City Schools and unavailable during the school day. Thus, during school hours it is difficult to take calls, so PLEASE try to email or leave me a phone message FIRST. Our main e-mail address is mitwrestling@yahoo.com. You can call me at home at 330-722-6585 anytime before 10:00 p.m.; if I am not here, please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as possible. You may also call the Medina H.S. Athletic Dept. at 330-636-3226 to leave me a message as well. They will be open until December 18th, our last day of school before the winter break. All faxes will be sent to the Medina Athletic Dept. at 330-636-3230; if there is a problem that the fax does not go through, contact the Athletic Dept. number given for more information. I also have a cell phone now, so if you really need to contact me you can call 330-391-1930 (**do not give out**). Please try to NOT use my cell phone number unless very important as a lot of charges were run up last year.

We are looking forward to having all of you at the tournament. Good luck these first couple weeks of the season! Also, give a warm welcome to our new athletic director, Jeff Harrison.

Also, please note some changes, especially in that our wrestling room is no longer at the high school. We will brief you on where wrestlers can warm-up before their matches when you check in. With this change and others, please be patient as always.

Yours in wrestling,

Lynn (Mrs. Pete) Houghtaling, Assistant Director
~~~~~

**From Jeff Harrison, Athletic Director/M.I.T. Director:**

**Please refrain from having coolers in the Medina High School gymnasium during the course of the M.I.T. With the number of spectators and space we kindly ask you to refrain from taking coolers into the gym. We also ask that there are NO heating devices used in the school for food. We offer a variety of concessions at reasonable prices and we will ask you to unplug any device used during the course of the M.I.T. The heating devices rule is by a directive of the city fire marshal. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

continued...

**\*\*E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR EACH TEAM\*\***

**WE ARE ASKING THAT EACH TEAM SEND US THE BEST E-MAIL ADDRESS TO SEND INFORMATION TO THEM. SEND IT TO US AT [mitwrestling@yahoo.com](mailto:mitwrestling@yahoo.com) so in case we need to contact you before the M.I.T. Make sure as well we have phone number to reach you; none of these will be given out unless permission is asked first. If you, the head coach, does not have a working e-mail, please have it sent to an assistant or dependable parent or colleague that will help you out.**

**TEAMS OF THE 35<sup>th</sup> MEDINA INVITATIONAL:**

DIVISION I – Canfield, Dublin Coffman, Findlay, Harrison, Hilliard Darby, Uniontown Lake, Mason, Medina, Lewis Center Olentangy, Olmsted Falls, Massillon Perry, Pickerington North, Painesville Riverside, Sandusky, Springboro, Holland Springfield, Lakewood St. Edward, Strongsville, Pataskala Watkins Memorial, Westerville North.

DIVISION II – Sunbury Big Walnut, Medina Buckeye, Canal Winchester, Uhrichsville Claymont, Medina Highland, Napoleon, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, Oak Harbor, Thornville Sheridan, Millersburg West Holmes.

Division III – Belpre, Ashland Crestview, Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, Bloomdale Elmwood, Heath, Liberty Center, West Salem Northwestern, Wellington.

**OFFICIALS OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> M.I.T.:**

Head Official: Ray Anthony Sr. (Columbia Station)

Ray Anthony Jr. (Columbia Station), Paul Basinger (Elida), Russ Brode (Akron), Tony Campolo (Columbus), Jim Copney (Wheeling, WV), Toby Dunlap (Concord Twp.), , Steve Kish Jr. (Nashport), Jack Kruse (Westerville), Hans Larsen (Fairview Park), Patrick Lemming (Springboro), Kelly Stillman (Cleveland), Ron Tschantz (Malvern), Ken Trussa (Brunswick), Dean Wikel (Elyria), Dustin Wilson (Findlay).

**INFORMATION CONTACT**

Lynn (Mrs. Pete) Houghtaling is the **first stop** for all MIT information. She can be contacted as follows: e-mail her at [mitwrestling@yahoo.com](mailto:mitwrestling@yahoo.com) Her home phone is 330-722-6585 and you can leave a message if she is not there. PLEASE do not call after 10:00 p.m.

The Medina H.S. Athletic Dept. is your second best stop for information. It will be open until Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> . Their phone number is 330-636-3226 and Jill Miller, our secretary, will hopefully be able to answer your question. She will also take messages to pass on to me as well. Fax number is 330-636-3230.

The M.I.T. Website will be another source of information. Check it out at [www.mitwrestling.com](http://www.mitwrestling.com). It is updated weekly, more as we get closer to the tournament.

For on-line roster and seeding, any questions should be referred to Gary Baumgartner at [help@baumspage.com](mailto:help@baumspage.com). His phone is 513-424-6201 or call Terry Young at 740-753-0561. Terry will be running the computer at this year's tournament.

go on to page 3...

**\*\*SCHEDULE OF EVENTS\*\***

This should be the final schedule barring any last minute changes. This will also be on the M.I.T. website (www.mitwrestling.com). NOTE: Have a reliable parent or assistant coaches line-up the wrestlers for the Parade of Teams on the first day of the tournament while you are in the coaches meeting.

**We also ask that as many coaches as possible pick up their packets on Sunday evening, December 27<sup>th</sup>. This helps keep things moving and we can start skin checks/weigh-ins on time.** We hope that by the end of the coaches meeting each team will have one set of brackets to start the tournament off with.

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

5:00-9:00 p.m. – Team Workouts and Packet Pick-Up

[if you are not coming in Sunday and have changes before submitting roster, please call me at 330-391-1930 or our computer guru Terry Young at 740-517-0195 **BEFORE 9:00 p.m.**]

Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

7:00 a.m. – School Opens

7:00 a.m. – Teams Check-in at head table in gym – change roster as needed and check seeding. Packet pick-up will also be here as well.

7:30 a.m. – Cutoff time for changing seeding or roster for any wrestler in M.I.T.

8:00-9:00 a.m. – Skin Checks and Weigh-Ins by Weight Class

8:30 a.m. – Passes and Tickets go on sale at the two main ticket gates

9:30 a.m. – Coaches Meeting in Hospitality Room

9:40 a.m. – Line-up for Parade of Teams in halls by Wrestling Room/Bullpen

9:50 am. – Parade of Teams [1<sup>st</sup> set brackets should be to you by this time] followed by National Anthem

10:00 a.m. – Start First Day of Wrestling

**\*\*we will break for about ½ to one hour before the evening consolation rounds\*\***

5:30-6:00 p.m. – Evening Wrestling Session begins

Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

7:00 a.m. – School Opens

8:00-9:00 a.m. – Second Day Weigh-ins

9:30 a.m. – Coaches Meeting in Hospitality Room

10:00 a.m. – Start Second Day of Wrestling; last round will be Consolation Semifinals and matches for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place [finish around 3:30-4:00]

**\*\*TENATIVE: about 12:30-1:00 p.m. will have Hall of Fame inductions before Semifinals\*\***

5:30 p.m. – Wrestlers line-up for Parade of Champions

5:50 pm. – Parade of Champions

6:00 p.m. – Start Finals

**COACHES AND OFFICIALS MEETINGS DURING M.I.T.**

OFFICIALS – There will be a meeting for ALL officials on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. SHARP in the Officials Locker Room (Girls Varsity Locker Room). Again, be in the locker room, dressed, at 9:30 a.m.

COACHES – The coaches meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, and 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>. These will be announced so please make sure to listen for announcements.

continue to page 4.....

## **NUMBER OF PASSES**

\$380.00 entry fee = 25 total passes (14 team, 8 coach, 3 student personnel)

\$350.00 entry fee = 22 total passes (14 team, 5 coach, 3 student personnel)

\$325.00 entry fee = 19 total passes (14 team, 5 coach, 1 student personnel)

Wrestling cheerleaders, mat maids, statisticians, managers, bus drivers, etc. will all need passes or tickets. DO NOT ASK FOR EXTRA STUDENT PERSONNEL PASSES!

**EXTRA COACHES PASSES:** As noted above, all teams will get an initial 5 coaches passes/wristbands in their packets. If your team **did not** prepay for extra coaches passes, you can purchase these from our ticket manager Jill Miller on the morning of December 29<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure on the price, so watch for more information on the MIT website. If paying by check, make the check payable to the Medina Athletic Department—M.I.T. If you prepaid, your extra passes will be included in your packet of information when you check in on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

~~~~~

****FORMS****

We would appreciate if all forms are either: 1) sent by fax to 330-636-3230, OR 2) put in an e-mail to mitwrestling@yahoo.com in the order the information is presented on the form. You can also send information by regular mail as well, but fax or e-mail is definitely faster.

Here are the dates when forms are due in to Lynn Houghtaling:

****Team Information Form – Tuesday, December 22, 2009 (EMAIL AFTER 12/18)**

****Team Logo (New Teams Only) – Friday, December 18, 2009**

****On-Line Team Roster and Seeding – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 26, 2009** (can only submit on-line)
[see more on this later in this packet]

****Alpha Weight List forms due on Monday, December 28, 2009**; you can submit early so you don't forget

****Entry Fees – Friday, December 18, 2009**

If your information is not in by the date given, your information may not make it into the tournament program this year. Any questions can be referred to Lynn Houghtaling or, in regards to the on-line team roster and seeding, Gary Baumgartner (computer program coordinator; e-mail is at gb@baumspage.com). Or contact Terry Young at terry@baumspage.com or call him at 740-753-0561.

~~~~~

## **\*\*PASS AND TICKET PRICES\***

Pass Prices are as follows (good for all three sessions):

Adult (18-65): \$20.00

Senior Citizen (65 or Golden Buckeye): \$15.00

Student (8 to 18 with I.D.\*): \$15.00 (\*NOTE: Student I.D. may be asked for if there is a question on age)

\*CHILDREN UNDER 8 FREE\*

Single Session/Each Day Ticket Prices:

All Day Ticket [good for all day, one day only]

Adult: \$12.00

Senior Citizen and Student: \$8.00

After 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be an evening rate of:

Adult: \$6.00

Senior Citizen and Student: \$4.00

This will also apply to A.M. session on the 29<sup>th</sup> if they don't attend the finals.

Finals Admission: \$7.00 for everyone

continue to page 5...

## **HAND STAMP AND WRIST BAND PROCEDURE**

WRIST BANDS – All coaches, student personnel and spectators will be issued a wrist band. The color of the band will indicate if it is for all sessions or a one day ticket. **Wrist bands will also indicate if the person is allowed access to the main gym floor.**

WRESTLERS – For each day of the tournament, they must present his/her pass and receive a new hand stamp each time. This hand stamp must be shown to the security staff for admittance.

## **\*\*WEIGH-INS AND SKIN CHECKS\*\***

**THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE COACHES PACKET – PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE RULES!**

General Guidelines – **It is essential that teams arrive on time!** Per our head official Mr. Anthony, if a team reports late unless they have called in prior to 8:00 a.m. on December 28<sup>th</sup> (Monday), some or all of your wrestlers may not get to wrestle.

You can call us at 330-391-1930 (Lynn) or 740-517-0195 (Terry) if you are going to be held up.

EXAMPLE: a team is late and does not give prior notice and arrives when the 119 lbs. wrestlers are weighing in. Per the weigh-in rules, the 103 and 112 lbs. wrestlers WILL NOT be allowed to wrestle.

**We have not received any notice of any teams having a match on the 27<sup>th</sup>, so all wrestlers should be prepared to be at scratch weight.** If a team does notify us, we will have it posted on the website, we will e-mail you, and Terry Young and Gary Baumgartner will also post it on the Medina page of their website.

KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Wrestlers have to weigh-in by weight class. The next weight class will not start until the previous weight class has finished weighing in and skin is checked. Weigh-ins are complete when all 285 lbs. wrestlers are weighed in.
- 2) Multiple scales will be available (up to a maximum of 4)
- 3) **NO RUNNING AT ALL BEFORE WEIGH-INS.** Running is seen as a way to dehydrate the wrestler.
- 4) **NO SPITTING** whatsoever
- 5) **NO ACTIVITIES** undertaken so as to dehydrate the wrestler
- 6) Wrestlers will have a chance to weigh-in on each scale, one chance on each scale.
- 7) If wrestlers are caught trying to alter their weight, they will not be allowed to wrestle.
- 8) Weigh-ins for second day (Tuesday morning) will be run as last year. There will be a scale available for wrestlers to check weight after the quarterfinals on Friday evening.
- 9) **The more wrestlers who are on weight and skin is clear, the faster weigh-ins will go and we can start on time.**
- 10) **FEMALE WRESTLERS** – Per OHSAA rules, we ask coaches give us prior notice if you have a female wrestler so we can plan accommodations for her/their needs.

**THE PROCEDURE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

- A) **TEAM CHECK-IN** will start at 7:00 a.m. as teams come through the North or West Entrances to the school. The head table is inside the main doors to the gymnasium. When you arrive, the head or assistant coach will check-in at the head table to finalize team roster, pick-up your packet if you have not already done so, and check your seeds, if any, with Terry Young or Lynn Houghtaling. We will have a weight class list where all wrestlers in that class will weigh-in and information will be recorded. You will receive a copy of the weigh-in sheets by mail the week after the tournament.
- continued...

## **WEIGH-INS (continued)**

**ALPHA WEIGHT AND BODY FAT TESTING:** With the institution of the Alpha weight and body fat testing, **we will require that ALL teams provide a copy of the Alpha weight list to the head table.** Your wrestlers will be checked against this list during weigh-ins for accuracy if questions do arise.

- B) 7:45-7:50 a.m. – We will start lining up the wrestlers by weight class on the mats in the gym, one weight per mat. Wrestlers and coaches will need to listen closely to make sure they report when that weight class is called. At 7:50 a.m., the 103 lbs. wrestlers will proceed into hallway to the weight room.
- C) HAIL AND NAILS CHECK: The first stop the wrestlers will make will be in the hallway outside the weight room. This is your last chance to check for hair and nails. Nail clippers will be available if needed. Make sure your wrestlers' hair, including facial, is ready to go the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please also ask your wrestlers to be respectful to our officials, trainers, and doctor! At this time we are trying to get Dr. Helen Torok, M.D., Medina's resident dermatologist, to come in to do skin check reevaluations, but we will let you know when your team checks in at the head table.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES BEFORE WRESTLERS ENTER WRESTLING ROOM FOR SKIN CHECKS AND WEIGH-INS:**

- + **If you have a wrestler with a questionable skin condition, your OHSAA Skin Check Form must be dated no earlier than Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.** If you forget your letter, it must be faxed to our Athletic Department **no later than 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** Phone number is 330-636-3230. Follow up with a phone call to make sure we receive the form!!!
- + Dr. Helen Torok will check suspect skin conditions between 8:00-9:00 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup>. HER WORD IS FINAL.
- +Wrestlers can check weight up until 7:55 a.m.
- +Wrestlers need to carry their clothes with them.
- +NO COACHES are allowed in the weigh-in area.

### **D) WEIGH-INS AND SKIN CHECKS:**

NOTE: Weigh-ins will take place before skin checks.

- 1 – The weighmaster will call the first weight class (103 lbs.) into the weight room to weigh-in then have skin checked. NO COACHES will be allowed in weigh-in area once we start. Wrestler needs to have his OHSAA skin check form with them when they go into weigh-in area.
- 2 – At the weighmaster's direction, the first wrestlers in line will approach the scales to weigh in. Wrestler will give his name and school to the scalemaster, then he will step on, step off to check weight and scale. The second time the wrestler steps onto the scale, that is the weight that will be recorded.
- 3 – IF THE WRESTLER MAKES WEIGHT, the scalemaster will mark the wrestler's actual weight in the correct box on the weight sheet. The wrestler will then line up along the wall for skin check.
- 4 – IF THE WRESTLER DOES NOT MAKE WEIGHT, the wrestler will then proceed to another scale to try to make weight.
- 5 – IF A TEAM IS LATE, the wrestlers whose weights have not been processed can join their weight class in line. If a team has called ahead and will be late, the wrestlers for that team who missed their weigh-in will be allowed to weigh-in between weight classes. If a team HAS NOT called in by 8:00 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> that they will be late, wrestlers whose weights have already been weighed **will not wrestle.**

continue to page 7...

6 – FOR WRESTLERS WHO DID NOT MAKE WEIGHT ON FIRST TRY: The wrestler who did not make weight on the first try will proceed to the next open scale. Again, he will give his name and school to the scalemaster for the scale and repeat Step 2 for weighing in. If the wrestler does not make weight again, he will proceed to the next scale until all scales have been tried. If he has not made weight after the last scale has been tried, he will not wrestle in the M.I.T.

**SKIN CHECKS**

**\*\*DON'T FORGET YOUR OHSAA SKIN CHECK FORM IF NEEDED\*\***

**\*\*Suitable undergarments must be worn – NO pants or blue jeans\*\***

- 7 – Once a wrestler has made weight, he will line-up along wall indicated to have his skin checked. All skin checks will be performed by tournament officials.
- 8 – When called, the wrestler will approach the first available official to have skin checked. If wrestler passes, official will write OK on list and send wrestler on.
- 9 – If wrestler does not clear initial skin check, he will proceed to tournament doctor to have final ruling on skin condition. **If the wrestler is referred to the doctor for skin check, the doctor's word is FINAL.** She/he can overrule the OHSAA Skin Check Form from your physician for the safety of the wrestlers in the tournament.

E) BRACES, TAPING, ETC. – Wrestlers with braces that have metal parts and protective padding as well as tape jobs will need to report to one of the tournament officials for inspection and approval BEFORE wrestling begins at 10:00 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

F) CERTIFICATION – For your benefit, we will provide sheets for you with your wrestlers' weigh-in weights as recorded and certified by assistant director Lynn Houghtaling. These will be mailed to you with your final results after the tournament. If you lose your copy after the M.I.T., she will have a copy on file to make copies from. If you need copies sooner, let Lynn know.

~~~~~  
****ON-LINE ROSTER AND SEEDING PROCEDURE****

On-line rosters and seeding are due by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 26th. Rosters are submitted through Gary Baumgartner's website at www.baumspage.com/medina. **This is the only way you can submit seeds and rosters.** Find a reliable assistant coach or dependable parent/student to help if you are not computer savvy. Please try to remember – we have a couple teams each year who hold up the process by forgetting to submit their roster! Any questions, please do not hesitate to call Terry Young or Gary!!

You will be able to make corrections to your line-up during warm-ups on Sunday evening (the 27th) before the weigh-in sheets are printed. **If you cannot make it to warm-ups on the 27th (5:00-9:00 p.m.),** you can call BEFORE 9:00 p.m. at 740-517-0195 (Terry Young's cell phone) or 330-391-1930 (Lynn's cell phone). You may also call her home phone at 330-722-6585 and the message will be relayed to her.

If you think your team might have to make more changes the morning of the 28th, try to let us know the night before so we can be prepared for changes. This will help the computer process go more smoothly, especially in cases of seeding.

Notes Terry and Gary would like to pass on to you:

- a) **The process is the same as last year! However, all user accounts were deleted during the summer, so everyone will need to Apply for an account for the 2009-2010 season.**
- b) Please apply and set up your account **NOW**. You may finalize your roster later, but setting up and testing your account **NOW** will eliminate potential problems later.

Continue to page 8...

- c) If you have problems check the **Help Page** first! For step-by-step instructions click the **Help** link on the **Login Page** and print the **Online Entry Instructions for Wrestling**.
- d) **For immediate help**, send e-mail to help@baumspage.com or call 513-424-6201 (Gary) or 740-753-0561 (Terry)!
- e) **Submit an “intended” roster early! Return anytime before 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 26th to submit changes or corrections!**
- a. Use **Add/Modify Athletes** to enter your athlete’s names and grades into the database.
 - b. Use **Submit Event Rosters** to enter wrestlers into their weight classes.
 - c. Click **Save/Submit and Print Rosters** to submit your tournament entry form.
 - d. Click **Printable Roster and Confirmation Form** to print a copy for your records.
- f) Barring unforeseen difficulties, seed nominations will be posted on the web by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 27th. Hit update or refresh to view the most current data!

NOTE: The process gets held up if a team turns in their rosters late. All of you PLEASE try to get your online rosters done by the times given.

Gary’s Online Roster Page is next....

2009 MEDINA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Please use the [Online Roster and Seed Form](#) to return entry data!

www.baumspage.com/medina

Click the link to [Online Roster and Seeds](#) to submit by
6:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009

Seeding Criteria (final seeding done by hand according to list on page 10)

1. State Champ/Place – same weight / different place
2. District Place – same weight / different place
3. 2007 State Champ/Place – same weight / different weight
4. MIT Champ/Place – same weight / different weight
5. 2008-2009 Winning Record – 10 match minimum
6. 2009-2010 Winning Record – 6 match minimum

We will use criteria set forth to determine eight (8) seeds in each weight class. See seeding criteria in coaches letter as this is the one we follow! Check the website above after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 27th to see the preliminary seeds nomination list. **Final seeding will be done before weigh-ins on Monday, December 28th!**

To enter roster and seeds online:

1. If you are not a “computer user” find an assistant, parent, friend or athlete to help you out!
2. Go to www.baumspage.com and follow the links to the Medina Invitational Tournament and the [Online Roster and Seed Form](#) or type in the URL (website address) given above!
 - * All accounts were deleted over the summer, so you will need to set up a new user account. To set up an account, click on **Apply**, enter your information, select your **School** and **Sport** from the drop down menus, and then click on **Submit Application**.
 - If you already have an account, click on **Login** and enter your **User ID** and **Password**.
 - The **User ID** is the e-mail address you submitted and the **Password** is what you chose!
 - If you forget either your **User ID** or **Password** click the **Help** link.
 - **User IDs** are listed by school and **Passwords** are e-mailed to the user’s address.
3. Please apply and set up your account **NOW**. You may finalize your roster later, but setting up and testing your account **NOW** will eliminate potential problems later.
4. If you have problems, check the **Help Page** first! Please allow up to 24 hours for a response!
 - *For step-by-step instructions click the **Help** link on the **Login Page** and print the **Online Entry Instructions for Wrestling**.
 - *For immediate help, send e-mail to help@baumspage.com OR call 740-753-0561 or 513-424-6201!
5. **Submit and “intended” roster early! Return anytime before the deadline to make changes!**
 - A. Use **Add/Modify Athletes** to enter your athlete’s names and grades to the database.
 - B. Use the **Submit Event Rosters** to enter wrestlers into their weight classes.
 - *Click on the weight and select the wrestler.
 - *Enter records only for the wrestlers you are nominating for seeds.
 - C. Click **Save/Submit and Print Rosters** to submit your tournament entry form.
 - D. Click **Printable Roster and Confirmation Form** to print a copy for your records.
6. **The entry window will close precisely at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 27th!**
 - *You may login and make changes anytime prior to the entry deadline!
 - *Click **Save/Submit and Print Rosters** to submit the changes.
7. Barring unforeseen difficulties, seed nominations will be posted on the web by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 27th! Hit update or refresh to view the most current data!

If there are any problems with the Online Form, email help@baumspage.com! In an emergency call Gary Baumgartner at 513-424-6201 or Terry Young at 740-753-0561!!

LAST NOTES ON ON-LINE ROSTER AND SEEDING:

SEEDING and DRAWING: The final draw will occur sometime after 9:00 a.m. after ALL weigh-in sheets have been returned and verified. The top eight (8) seeds will be determined from the on-line seeding/roster form each team submits. PLEASE MAKE SURE RECORDS ARE CORRECT AND WRESTLER'S INFORMATION IS ENTERED FOR THE CORRECT WEIGHT CLASS. ALSO MAKE SURE ALL WRESTLERS' NAMES ARE SPELLED CORRECTLY; we have had a lot of errors in past years.

** If you do not fill out the seeding information on the On-Line Roster where indicated, **your wrestler(s) will not be seeded.**

**We will have rattails which will be listed at the bottom of each bracket. After the seeds have been placed, the rattails and the rest of the bracket will be drawn. All seeding will be done on 2008-2009 records except in the case of less than eight (8) wrestlers nominated in a particular weight class.

NO SEEDING ON-LINE = YOUR WRESTLER WILL NOT BE SEEDED.

NOTE: If your wrestler changes weights after 7:30 a.m. on the 28th, he WILL NOT be seeded at the new weight.

SEEDING CRITERIA:

NOTE: Winning Varsity Records – must have wrestled at least 10 matches to qualify for this category.

1) 2009 State Champ-same weight; 2) 2009 State Champ-different weight; 3) 2009 State Placer-same weight; 4) 2008 State Champ-regardless of weight; 5) 2009 State Placer-different weight; 6) 2009 State Qualifier-same weight; 7) 2009 State Qualifier-different weight; 8) 2009 District Placer –same weight; 9) 2009 District Placer – different weight; 10) 2008 State Placer-regardless of weight; 11) 2008 MIT Placer-same weight; 12) 2008 MIT Placer-different weight; 13) 2008-2009 Winning Varsity Record – same weight/different weight *12) 2009-2010 Winning Varsity Record-so far at weight nominated for. (*only will be used if we have less than 8 wrestlers nominated with varsity records from 2008-2009.)

MOTELS

The M.I.T. website (www.mitwrestling.com) has all the motel information. We did not get special rates this year from the motels. Most are filling up so check directly with the hotel. Also, Best Value Inn gave some teams problems last year. If this continues, please let us know so we can make sure in future years teams do not have any problems. The Holiday Inn Express is now the Executive Inn.

PARKING

Please note we have two large lots to park in at the high school. The one everyone is most familiar with is the one off Union St. by the gymnasium complex. We also have parking off Route 3/Weymouth Rd. (NORTH of Union St.) where the traffic light directs traffic for the Medina Recreation Center. You will take this drive all the way to its end, which is the North Entrance of the high school gymnasium complex. Follow the signs that point to the Middle Auditorium as it is adjacent to the gym.

If these lots fill up, we have additional parking at our Kindergarten Center off Route3/Weymouth Rd. just south of Union St., and at Sidney Fenn Elementary at Union St. and Spring Grove.

FACILITIES

Pass on to your parent groups that there are no facilities for cooking or plugging in of electric appliances available at Medina H.S. We will have a concession area for your convenience. See Mr. Harrison's note on page 1 about the coolers and appliance procedures. You also can bring in ready-to-eat foods from the local restaurants in the area.

continue to page 11...

****CODE OF CONDUCT****

WE ASK THAT ALL TEAMS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING WITH THEIR WRESTLERS AND PARENTS. We have had problems in past years here at the school as well as the motels, restaurants and businesses in the Medina area. Make a copy of this section if you need it for your wrestlers!

- 1) **LOCK IT UP!** We cannot stress this enough. PLEASE try to leave your valuables at home, at the motel, your vehicle, or as a last resort, with a trusted parent or friend in the stands. There are lockers available in the gym area, but you must provide your own locks.
- 2) **LOCKER ROOMS** – Again, bring your own locks and lock it up!! **ALL LOCKER ROOMS WILL BE PATROLLED.** If anyone is caught stealing, **they will be prosecuted** and the Medina Police Department will become involved. The same goes for vandalism of lockers or school property – if you are caught, the police will be brought in.
- 3) **CONDUCT AT RESTAURANTS** – **DO NOT** do anything that would put your school, team, or the sport of wrestling in a bad light. A couple of local restaurants have notified us in past years of problems. Walking out without paying is stealing. Not tipping the waitress/waiter shows a real lack of class, and, in general, gives ALL teams who come to visit here a bad name. We have lost some sponsors because of this behavior as a result.
- 4) **CONDUCT AT MOTELS** – We have had problems in past years with teams who have stayed in the local Medina motels. Some of the activities associated with this include disturbing other motel patrons, trashing rooms, or taking motel property. In these cases, the participating school is held liable and your Principal and/or Athletic Director becomes involved and ends up paying the bill. We were fortunate in 2004 that no negative reports came in for any motel – nice job!
- 5) **T-SHIRTS FOR COACHES AND WRESTLERS** will be available. Each team will receive t-shirt coupons for their team (depending on their number of passes).
WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON WEBSITE.

~~~~~  
**WRIST BANDS** for coaches and student personnel will be in your packet at check-in. **This is your pass to get in and out of the tournament so please keep it on at all times. If you lose your wrist band, you will have to pay to re-enter.**  
 ~~~~~

PARADE OF TEAMS

The Parade of Teams will start off the tournament at 9:50 a.m. on Monday, December 28th. At 9:40 a.m., an assistant coach or reliable parent for your team needs to make sure wrestlers go to the hallways near the bullpen to line up per the Parade Coordinator. If possible, please have your wrestlers in warm ups for this.

AWARDS

TEAM: There will be three (3) team trophies. Two will be for the divisional champions with the most points in their school division. The largest trophy will be awarded to the overall champion of the 35th M.I.T. and will serve as the division trophy for that division.

INDIVIDUAL: Plaques will be awarded to the top eight (8) place finishers in each of the 14 weight classes: 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 285. The champion will also receive a copy of his weight class bracket as well as a t-shirt.

Continue to page 12...

SPECIAL AWARDS: We will also be presenting the following awards as well: Outstanding MIT Worker, Outstanding MIT Coach, Fastest Pin, Fastest Pins in Least Time-Championship, Fastest Pins in Least Time-Consolation, the Jim Houghtaling Sportsmanship Awards [for coach and wrestler(s)], the Brian Brakeman-Mike Massa Most Valuable Wrestler Awards, the Darrell Hill 2nd Most Outstanding Wrestler Award.

We run our finals in reverse order, from 285 to 103. Awards will be presented after wrestling in the 160 lbs., 135 lbs., and 103 lbs. matches. Special and Team trophies will be given after the last matches are complete.

~~~~~`  
**HALL OF FAME**

We will be inducting one or two individuals into the hall of fame this year, but details are still being worked out. We will announce them on the website and at the tournament.

~~~~~`  
TYPE OF TOURNAMENT

Double elimination tournament based on a 32-man bracket with rattails in each weight class as needed. Once the seeds are determined, the computer will draw the remainder of the bracket for each weight class. With rattails, ten (10) matches could be wrestled over the two days of the tournament (with a maximum of 5 matches per day), with 45 minutes rest between matches.

We will have six (6) mats for all of the tournament except for the Finals. For the Finals, we will go down to three (3) mats.

~~~~~`  
**DOCTORS AND TRAINERS**

We will have one doctor available during skin checks, dermatologist Dr. Helen Torok. During the tournament, trainers from Medina General Hospital Sports Quarters will be available to assist you with taping and injuries. They will be located in the gym area. **DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK FOR THEIR HELP!**

~~~~~`  
HOSPITALITY ROOM

Monday, December 28th – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 29th – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ACCESS is allowed to all VIPs, press, officials, and coaches ONLY. We will let you know the location once details are finalized. Please do not ask parents, spouses, or wrestlers into this room. A variety of refreshments and food will be available for you to snack on.

~~~~~`  
**FINAL RESULTS and PROGRAMS**

TEAMS and OFFICIALS all will receive one complimentary copy set of final results in the mail around January 7<sup>th</sup> (when school is back in session).

PROGRAMS – Teams and officials will each receive one (1) complimentary program. Additional ones will be on sale for \$3.00 at the T-shirt area during the tournament. Updated Results will also be on sale for each session will be \$1.50.

~~~~~`  
****PRESS****

If you need results sent to your local paper, please send us information right away so we can set up e-mail links or refer your local paper to Lynn Houghtaling at mitwrestling@yahoo.com OR call her at 330-722-6585. **DO NOT HAVE THEM CALL THE MEDINA ATHLETIC DEPT.,** especially as they will be closed after Dec. 18^h for the holiday break.

~~~~~`  
one more page to go....

**ENTRY FEES**

THANK YOU to the schools who already have taken care of their entry fees. **Entry fees are due by Friday, December 18<sup>h</sup> if at all possible. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE PAPERWORK HAS BEEN STARTED FOR PAYMENT if has not arrived at Medina H.S. already. Thank you to most of you who have already taken care of this.**

Please check with your athletic directors/treasurers on the status of your entry fee. If it is already being processed, just drop Lynn an e-mail to let her know it is on the way. If you do not pay on time, it could affect consideration for the next year's M.I.T..

~~~~~

THANK YOU for your time as this is a lot of information to go through, but necessary for another successful year at Medina.

Never hesitate to e-mail (mitwrestling@yahoo.com) or call Lynn (330-722-6585) before 10:00 p.m.; anytime, Cell 330-391-1930 (do not give out!)

Keep checking the M.I.T. website for updates as well as your e-mail. Thanks again.