

To: Head Coaches of State Qualifiers

From: Tyler Brooks, Director of Sport Management & Bruce Maurer, Tournament Manager

Re: OHSAA State Wrestling Individual Tournament Information & Regulations

Congratulations on qualifying for the OHSAA State Wrestling Individual Tournament. Please read each item below. A complete Time Schedule can be found on the OHSAA Website Wrestling Regulations.

### **1. Pairings & Participants**

Pairings and participants will be posted at [www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2019/](http://www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2019/) by Noon, Sunday, March 3. Please check the participants file to confirm **that your name is correct** and the pairings file to confirm that **your wrestler's names, grades, & records are correct**. Send all corrections to Tim Stried at [tstried@ohsaa.org](mailto:tstried@ohsaa.org) before 4PM, Monday, March 4!

### **2. Alternates (Prior to the Thursday Weigh in)**

If you know that one of your wrestlers who qualified will not be able to compete, you must contact Tyler Brooks (cell: 740-350-2827) ASAP so the Alternate can be notified. Please be considerate of all wrestlers. The wrestler who originally qualified will still receive a program & tickets for the Tournament.

### **3. Practice Site**

The Schottenstein Center is unavailable on Wednesday for either practice or checking weight.

### **4. Directions**

The tournament is held at the Schottenstein Center, 505 Borror Drive, Columbus, OH 43210. Park in the Gray Lots & go to SW Rotunda. Doors open Thursday at 10AM.

### **5. Packet Pickup**

Packets, which contain tickets, parking passes, programs, & tournament info, can be picked up in the Aux Gymnasium, located on the west side of The Schottenstein Center, beginning at 10AM, Thursday. During the packet pickup, coaches' terrace level, all-session tickets will be available for purchase in the SW Rotunda

### **6. Wrestlers/Coaches Tickets & Pass Outs**

Coaches will receive books of tickets as follows: 1 qualifier (1 book); 2 to 4 qualifiers (2 books); 5 to 8 qualifiers (3 books); 9 to 14 qualifiers (4 books). Each qualifier will receive a book of tickets. Coaches & wrestlers ONLY can "pass out" & reenter at the SW Rotunda Gates.

### **7. Parking**

Coaches will receive passes as follows: 1 – 4 qualifiers (1 pass); 5 – 8 qualifiers (2 passes), 9 – 12 qualifiers (3 passes); & 13 – 14 qualifiers (4 passes). Instructions for reserved coaches parking will be in the packet. These parking passes are non-transferable. Do not park in the lots overnight.

### **8. Programs**

Coaches will receive programs as follows: 1 qualifier (1 program); 2 to 4 qualifiers (2 programs); 5 or more qualifiers (3 programs). Each qualifier will receive a program. Note: Completed brackets are available for \$2.00 per division per session.

### **9. Tournament Physicians Decisions**

The tournament Physicians' decisions relative to the medical status of any wrestler are final.

### **10. Unofficial & Official Male & Female Weigh in**

Scales are unavailable Wednesday. Scales will open Thursday at 10AM. - Aux Gym. The wrestler can weigh in unofficially from 10AM to 11:05AM on the same scale which he/she will weigh in officially beginning at his/her appointed time (see attached weigh in sheet). All wrestlers must weigh in Thursday from 11:15AM to 12:15PM. **Weigh in shall be scratch weight plus 3 pounds** for the Thursday Weigh

In. Note: Special accommodations have been made in Star Room D for female wrestlers. Please contact the Tournament Manager.

### **11. Alternates (During the Thursday Weigh in)**

A white board located next to the weigh in area will display the status of which weigh classes have weighed in. When staff is notified that an alternate will replace a qualifier, an announcement is made. The Policy regarding where alternates are placed in the bracket is located in the OHSAA Program.

### **12. Coaches Meeting**

Coach's info meeting is Thursday, 11AM, on the Arena Floor.

### **13. Reporting for Matches**

Check the Program Brackets for match numbers. A Match Board is used. Credentials are not issued for either Coaches or Wrestlers. Simply follow the signs & report to the Bullpen when your Match Number appears on the Match Board. NOTE: A red number indicates either a Medical Default or Forfeit; a green number indicates a State Champion while a blue number indicates a wrestler has won 3 state titles.

### **14. Professionalism of Coaches**

It is the moral obligation of all Ohio Wrestling Coaches to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon their high school, their profession & themselves. Personal grooming & appropriate dress is a standard of professionalism. The wearing of jeans, t-shirts, sweat suits & warm-up suits (top or bottom), head wear & similar apparel are not considered suitable attire for coaches during the OHSAA Sectional, District, & State Wrestling Tournaments &, therefore, are prohibited. Coaches who are inappropriately dressed will not be allowed on the competition floor beginning Session 1. Moral behavior & ethical conduct are part of winning & losing. Good sportsmanship, appearance, honor, & concern for the well-being of the competitors must be every coach's priority. The Rules have been established in the spirit of this statement.

### **15. Locker Rooms & Showers**

Lockers are unavailable for contestants. Showers will be available in rooms located behind Press Row. A room located in the Aux Gym will be available to "check" medical kits, equipment bags, clothing, etc. (similar to a coat check).

### **16. Warm up Room & Checking Weight**

The Aux Gym is available for warming up. It also has a TV so Coaches can check the Match Board. The mat area behind the bicycle racks is for "active" wrestling & warming up only. The weigh in area will have 2 scales so wrestlers can check their weight.

### **17. Weigh out -- Male & Female**

D I, II, & III Championship Semifinalists & Consolation Semifinalists may begin weighing out Friday at 5:15PM. The SW Rotunda Doors open at 5:10PM for Wrestlers & Coaches only. All wrestlers who qualify for Saturday must report for the weigh out during Session #3. The Weigh out will conclude 30 minutes after the last match is finished during Session 3. If any wrestler does not make weight during the Session 3 weigh out period, there will be a final weigh out period Saturday (9AM to 9:30AM). The SW Rotunda Doors open Saturday at 8:30AM for wrestles & coaches only. The Weigh out shall be **scratch weight plus 4 pounds** for the Friday Evening & Saturday Morning weigh out.

### **18. Awards**

Awards will be presented during the FINALS. Wrestlers are required to appear in their high school singlet or warm-ups **ONLY** in order to receive their awards. Third through eighth place finishers should enter the floor through the bullpen immediately after their weight class has wrestled.

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