

OHSAA STATE WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT



To: Wrestling Coaches
Subject: Final State Instructions

1. Points of Emphasis

- A. Special Emphasis will be placed during Session 3 Semifinals with Coaches who are not supposed to be on the Arena Floor.
- B. See # 2 below regarding appropriate dress for coaches. Beginning Session 1 it will be strictly enforced. Coaches will not be admitted on the Arena Floor to coach unless they follow this policy.
- C. Matchboard: A red number on the board indicates a forfeit or default match. We will "double load" that Mat when it occurs.
- D. Great Job again this year as EZ Flex & Kevin Coons has donated 10 beautiful new mats for use at the State Tournament.
- E. Mouth pieces will be checked at mat side, NOT at the weigh in.
- F. Coaches can bring in bikes for warm-ups. Place them in the Weigh in Area Only. They can be used by all wrestlers.
- G. Please enter ONLY at the SW Rotunda. This is the Coaches and Wrestlers Pass Gate for all Sessions.
- H. Unsportsmanlike Conduct Team Deduct Points by Coaches will be announced over the Public Address System.
- I. Aux Gym: Mats along the West Wall inside the Bicycle Racks are designated as an "active" area only for wrestlers & coaches

2. 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, shorts, T-shirts, sweat suits & warm-up suits (top or bottom), head wear, & similar apparel are not considered suitable attire for coaches during the OHSAA State Tournaments & are therefore prohibited. Moral obligation & ethical conduct are part of winning & losing. Good sportsmanship, appearance, pride, honor, & concern for the well-being of the competitors should be placed above all else. The Rules have been established in the spirit of this statement.

3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct by Coaches

OHSAA is concerned with the actions by individuals who are unsportsmanlike in nature. Such actions will not be tolerated. Examples are taunting and disrespectful language towards officials & other coaches, as well as actions which detract from the positive experience of the Tournaments. Officials are being instructed to more closely monitor such behavior & intervene when this behavior occurs. The names of coaches, who have team point deductions for such behavior, will be announced when such deductions are recorded. It is hoped this will serve as a deterrent to unsportsmanlike conduct. Together, we all need to respect the sport and the wrestlers who are part of this GREAT sport. We need to be Positive Influences on the young athletes, coaches & spectators in attendance at the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournaments.

4. Aux Gym & SW Rotunda

The Aux Gym will be used for the weigh in, packet pickup, Awards pictures, & warm-ups. Ticket Sales for Assistant Coaches is located just outside the Aux Gym in the SW Rotunda. NOTE: Spectator seating is on the Entry Level for coaches. There is a staircase to move between Levels.

5. Admittance for All 5 Sessions

Enter through the SW Rotunda Pass Gate only. Keep your ticket stub. Use it to move from the Entry Level - spectator seating to the Arena Level. Only coaches & wrestlers can have their hand stamped for reentry to any session at the SW Rotunda Pass Gate only.

6. Use of Photography Equipment By Coaches

Cameras will be allowed in the bullpen & on the floor. However, a flash may not be used by a coach during his/her match.

7. Shower Room Availability & Security

Shower rooms will open one hour before each session begins. Take the stairs to the Entry Level. The locker rooms are located behind Media Row. **THERE ARE NO LOCKERS.** Need a place for your equipment/coat - It can be "checked" in the room in the Aux Gym.

8. Reporting for Matches

Note: Access to the Bullpen -- as you enter the Aux Gym look to your left - there is a door leading down the staircase to the Bullpen -- as you turn left to the Bullpen -- look to the right -- thru the doors is the training room location.

- A. Matchboards will be used to schedule matches which are located above the center scoreboard above the Arena floor. TV monitors in the Concourse and the Aux Gym can be viewed also.
- B. Match numbers will appear on the Matchboards. Mats 1-5 & Mats 6-10 will be shown separate screens.
- C. Matchboard will indicate: Wrestling; On Deck (wrestlers positioned behind their mat); Bullpen (wrestlers report to Bullpen) Warm Up (wrestlers will move to Bullpen in approximately 10 minutes).
- D. All wrestlers must report to the Bullpen & check-in with security.

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E. The matchboard is:

<u>MAT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
WR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
OD	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BP	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
WU	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

- F. The OHSAA Program has match numbers. The match number is the key!
- G. Most matches have been pre-assigned to a specific mat. Check your OHSAA Program. Some matches are T.B.A. - to be assigned.
- H. Match announcements, except for TBA, will not be made over the PA system.

9. Awards

Awards presented to top 8 place finishers & Team awards to top 2. Awards presented at Session 5. Wrestlers are required to be in uniform. **Hats and jeans are prohibited.** 3rd thru 8th place finishers must enter through the bullpen or SW tunnel after their weight class has wrestled. Inform security you are there to receive an award. 1st & 2nd place finishers--please inform your wrestler to proceed to the SW Bleachers after the match. **DO NOT LEAVE THE FLOOR.** Only photographers with the proper credentials will be allowed on the floor. After the awards ceremony wrestlers will be escorted to another awards stand in the Aux. Gym. Parents, friends & followers may take pictures here. Any wrestler failing to make weight on F/Sat will not receive an award.

10. Conduct of Coaches

The Restrictive Coaching Rule will be strictly enforced. 2 QUALIFIED COACHES FROM EACH SCHOOL MAY BE AT MAT SIDE. A Coaching Box has been taped next to the mat for each corner.

11. Gray Parking Lot

Do not leave your car parked in this lot overnight.

12. Camp & Tournament Literature

Tables are available in the Entry Level Concourses, Section 127/ 128 & 110/111.

13. Official's Mat Assignments

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
	<u>Mat #</u>	<u>Mat #</u>	<u>Mat #</u>	<u>Mat #</u>
Team 1	1	7	6	4
Team 2	2	8	5	6
Team 3	3	6	4	7
Team 4	4	9	3	8
Team 5	5	1	7	2
Team 6	6	2	9	3
Team 7	7	4	1	9
Team 8	8	10	2	5
Team 9	9	3	8	1
Team 10	10	5		

Congrats on your great coaching job.

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