

# OHSAA STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

To: Wrestling Coaches  
Subject: Final State Instructions

1. Points of Emphasis & New Items
  - A. Special Emphasis will be placed during Session 3 Semifinals with Coaches who are not supposed to be on the Arena Floor.
  - B. A wrestler who wins by forfeit **MUST** still appear at his/her assigned mat to record their victory.
  - C. A wrestler who has been notified that he/she will win by Medical Default does not have to appear at his/her assigned mat.
  - D. Matchboard: A red number on the board indicates a forfeit or default match. We will "double load" that Mat when it occurs.
  - E. Great Job again this year as Rudis has provided 10 beautiful new mats for use at the State Tournament.
  - F. Special Equipment will be checked by an OHSAA DOD/SRI at the Friday weigh in.
  - G. Coaches can bring in bikes for warm-ups. Place them in the Weigh in Area Only. They can be used by all wrestlers.
  - H. Please enter **ONLY** at the SW Rotunda. This is the Coaches and Wrestlers Pass Gate for all Sessions.
  - I. Unsportsmanlike Conduct Team Deduct Points by Coaches will be announced over the Public Address System.
  - J. Aux Gym: Mats along the West Wall inside the Bicycle Racks are designated as an "active" area only for wrestlers & coaches
  - K. Session 1 Order to wrestle: DIII Prelims, DII Prelims, DIII Cons., DII Cons, DI Prelims, G Prelims, DI Cons, & then G Cons. This will allow for less time in the Arena for Coaches, Wrestlers, & their fans for this 8 hour session.
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. This policy will be enforced beginning at Session 1.
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 & Entry Level - Section 131

The Aux Gym will be used for the Saturday & Sunday weigh outs, packet pickup, Awards pictures, & warm-ups. The Friday weigh in **ONLY** will be at the Entry Level - Section 131. Proceed through the SW Rotunda Doors into the Entry Level, turn right, & walk down to Section 131.
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 will be presented during Session 5 after all wrestling is over. They will be presented to the top 2 teams/Division & then to the top 8 place finishers/Division. Wrestlers are required to be in uniform. **Hats and jeans are prohibited.** 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 there. 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.

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	8	3
Team 7	7	4	1	5
Team 8	8	10	2	1
Team 9	9	3		
Team 10	10	5		

Congrats on your great coaching job.

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