

**To:** Head Coaches of State Qualifiers

**From:** Beau Rugg, Director of Officiating & Sport Management  
Bruce Maurer, Tournament Manager

**Re:** OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament Information & Regulations

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

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

Boy's pairings and participants will be posted at [www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2024/](http://www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2024/) by Noon, Sunday, March 3. Girl's pairings and participants will be posted at [www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2024/](http://www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2024/) by Noon, Monday, March 4. 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 4 PM, Monday, March 4.

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

If a wrestler who qualified will not be able to compete, you must contact Beau Rugg ([brugg@ohsaa.org](mailto:brugg@ohsaa.org)) 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. Alternates will **not** weigh in or receive tickets, programs, or parking passes unless they are placed in the State Bracket. However, Alternates can purchase All Session Tickets.

### **3. Session 1 Schedule - NEW**

So wrestlers, coaches, & their fans can spend less time in the Arena this **NEW** schedule for Session 1 on Friday, with approximate start times on all 10 mats, will be: DIII Prelims (1PM), then DII Prelims (220PM), then DIII Cons (340PM), then DII Cons (420PM), then DI Prelims (5PM), then Girls Prelims (620PM), then DI Cons (730PM), & then Girls Cons (810PM). Session 1 will end at approximately 915pm.

### **4. Practice Site**

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

### **5. 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 Friday at 9 AM.

### **6. Packet Pickup - Aux Gym**

Packets, which contain tickets, parking passes, programs, & tournament info, can be picked up in the Aux Gym, located on the west side of The Schottenstein Center, beginning at 9 AM, Friday.

### **7. 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.

### **8. 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.

### **9. 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.

### **10. Tournament Physicians Decisions**

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

### **11. Unofficial & Official Weigh in Friday; Located on the Entry Level – Section 131 (NEW)**

Scales are unavailable Thursday. Scales will open Friday at 9 AM. – Entry Level – Section 131. Wrestlers can weigh in unofficially from 9AM to 10:05AM on the same scale they will weigh in officially beginning at their appointed time (In Your Packet). All wrestlers must weigh in Friday from 10:15AM to 11:15 AM. **Weigh in shall be scratch weight plus 3 pounds** for the Friday Weigh In.

### **12. Alternates (During the Friday Weigh in Located on the Entry Level – Section 131)**

A white board located next to the weigh in area will display the status of which weight 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.

### **13. Coaches Meeting**

Coaches info meeting is Friday, 10 AM, on the Arena Floor.

### **14. 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 Board. **NOTE:** A number outlined in Red is a Medical Default (winner does not have to appear at the mat); a number outlined in yellow is a Forfeit (winner must appear at the mat); a number outlined in green has a 1X or 2X State Champion competing; while a number outlined in blue has a 3X State Champion competing.

### **15. 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.

### **16. Locker Rooms & Showers**

Lockers are unavailable for contestants. Separate showers for boys & girls 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.

### **17. Warm up Room & Checking Weight – Aux Gym**

The Aux Gym is available for warming up. There are 2 TV's so Coaches can check the Bout Boards. Mat area behind the bike racks is for "active" wrestling & warming up only.

### **18. Weigh Out – Aux Gym**

D I, II, III, & Girls Championship Semifinalists & Consolation Semifinalists may begin weighing out Saturday at 4:20PM. The SW Rotunda Doors open at 4:00PM for Wrestlers & Coaches only. All wrestlers who qualify for Sunday 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 Sunday (8:30AM to 9:00AM). The SW Rotunda Doors open Sunday at 8AM. The Weigh out shall be **scratch weight plus 4 pounds** for the Saturday Evening & the Sunday Morning weigh out.

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