

**Paul Hackett Wrestling Classic
December 16, 2023**



Dear Coaches:

I hope you are having a great start to your wrestling season. We are excited to host the Paul Hackett Classic on Saturday December 16, 2023. The school district renamed the Hamilton Township Classic last year to the Paul Hackett Classic in honor of the school's first state placer who passed away.

Participants

- Bishop Ready, Central Crossing, Franklin Heights, Hamilton Township, Hilliard Bradley, Hilliard Davidson, Madison Comprehensive, Mount Vernon, Stivers, Walnut Ridge, West Carrollton

Address

- 1105 Rathmell Road, Columbus, OH 43207

Drop Off / Buses

- South side of school to drop off teams by double doors, labeled 13, facing the football field.
- Buses park in the south lot between the football field and school building.

Time

- 6:15 am: The school will open at 6:15 am
- 7:00 am: Weigh-ins starting by team arrival. Please check your team in when you arrive. If you have changes please let me know ASAP so I can get the pools fixed. Wrestlers will not be allowed to change weight classes on Saturday. If you know a wrestler will not make weight on Friday, let me know and I can make a change.
- 8:30 am: Coaches meeting in hospitality room
- 9:00 am: Round one begins.

Format

- We will be running a pool to bracket based on participants per weight class. 4 pools of 4 to a semi final, 4 pools of 3 to a quarter final, 2 pools to a semi final, 2 pools to a final, and round robin. Brackets with 4 pools will wrestle out to 6th place but awards will only be presented to the top 3. Brackets with two pools will wrestle out to 4th.
- A small break after the third round to make sure brackets are correct.
- We will run four mats all day.
- Wrestlers will be called by weight class to the bullpen, which will be in the south hallway of the gym.
- Awards will be given at the table immediately after 1st and 3rd place matches.
- All fans and spectators will be expected to remain in stands away from the mats.

Lineups:

- Entry window will open Monday December 10th at 5:00pm and will close on Thursday December 14th at 8:00 pm. Please submit on BAUMSPAGE. (see attached instructions for submitting lineups on baumspage).
- You can add any extras you want on baumspage as well. Just keep in mind we will do the best we can to get extras added.

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- After registration closes, I will be completing the seeding and posting around 10p. Between 10p and 4p on Friday, you will have an opportunity to send me head to head seeding challenges.
- Friday at 4pm I will start adding extras and generating brackets. I hope to have that done by 4:30pm - 5pm Friday night. Again, if an extra of yours does not get in, please bring them to weigh-ins. There's always opportunities for extras to get in the morning.
- Scratches on the bracket will be replaced directly with an extra or it will turn into a BYE. If a wrestler steps on the scale and does not make weight, we will try to replace them with an extra otherwise that will turn into a forfeit. If a seeded wrestler scratches, we plan to only move around seeded wrestlers in order to keep the draws mostly the same.

Awards

- Plaque for 1st place and Individual medals for 2nd and 3rd place.
- Team Trophies 1st and 2nd
- Quickest pin

Hamilton Township Accommodations

- No crock pots allowed / 1 cooler per team please, please no food or beverage in gym
- Locker space will be provided for each team, please bring your own lock. HTHS not responsible for lost or stolen items
- Hospitality room will be provided for coaches, workers, and officials only
- Concession stand will be open all day in the cafeteria.

Admission: Cash sales, Credit Card sales, and Online sales available.

<https://www.hamilton-local.k12.oh.us/Athletics.aspx>

- Adults \$8
- Students \$5

Entry Fee

- \$250 per team. Checks should be made out to *Hamilton Local Schools*. All entry fees are due before the start of the tournament. Please check with your athletic department to see if they have submitted payment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call/text me at 614-774-6739 or email at aoreilly@hlsd.org. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you on December 16, 2023.

Aaron O'Reilly
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