

TO: Junior High Wrestling Coaches
FROM: Ric Roe, Tournament Director
DATE: December 29, 2017
SUBJECT: BEST OF THE MIDWEST JUNIOR HIGH INVITATIONAL – JANUARY 6, 2018

I know this is a lot of information in this letter but please take time to read the whole thing so that you are aware of everything you need to know for the tournament.

The 2018 Best of the Midwest Junior High Invitational will take place on Saturday January 6, 2018 at **TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, 46 E. MUSKINGUM AVE., DRESDEN, OH 43821**. Any wrestler who is not in the top 32 seeds and does not make it into the Main Tournament will be placed in the Exhibition Tournament which will be wrestled concurrently in the auxiliary gym where he/she will have 2-3 matches. The auxiliary gym is next to the main gym and in the same building. The main tournament will begin wrestling at 9 a.m. The Exhibition tournament will start at approximately 10:30 a.m. In order for us to have a competitive exhibition tournament, we encourage all teams to bring **ALL** of their wrestlers. It costs your team \$175 whether you bring 5 wrestlers or 20 so you might as well bring them all.

We will once again be using baumspage.com to do online roster entry this year. Details of how to use the system to enter your rosters is included with this letter. Entry deadline for online rosters will be **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3 @ 11 PM!** I would like for everyone to put your anticipated roster in by Monday January 1 so that we know everyone can access the system. We are not able to see your actual roster until the roster deadline. We only see names of teams that are entered. You will still be able to make changes up to the deadline. If there are any changes to your roster after the entry deadline you need to email me or call/text me on my cell phone at 740-891-1970 as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT SEEDING INFO:

We will have 70 teams in the tournament this year. We will still be using a 32 man double elimination bracket for the tournament. If a weight class has more than 32 wrestlers entered, we will seed the top 32 wrestlers and the remaining wrestlers will be placed in the exhibition tournament. Also be aware that sometimes extra wrestlers are bumped up one weight class to fill brackets for the tournament. Coaches will need to email me seeding info for any wrestlers that have over an 80% winning percentage on the attached spreadsheet. Only in extremely rare circumstances will a wrestler with less than an 80% winning percentage be seeded based on criteria and not on winning percentage. **WE WILL DO SEEDING MANUALLY. THE SEEDS THAT ARE GENERATED ON BAUMSPAGE WILL NOT BE CORRECT. SEEDING IS DONE MANUALLY.** Only send placements from major tournaments (Tulsa, State tournaments, TOC, Super 32, Fargo, NHSCA, tournaments with 20+ teams, etc.). The Top 32 Seeds will make the Main Tournament bracket regardless of team affiliation. The goal is to have the best 32 wrestlers in the tournament, sometimes this means we will have 2-3 wrestlers from the same team in a weight class and none from another team. Brackets and pools will be posted online at www.bestofthemidwestinvitational.com by Thursday January 7 at 6 p.m. I will keep the thread at www.yappi.com updated with information leading up to the tournament. I will also post there when the brackets are up.

A copy of the bracket we will be using is enclosed with this letter. We will be using the Wrestling Tourney software program to run the tournament. It is an amended bracket. It is a double-elimination but not a true wrestle back. If you lose in the 1st round you can wrestle back to 11th, 2nd round you can wrestle back to 9th, 3rd round you can wrestle back to 5th, semifinals you will wrestle for 3rd.

On the morning of the tournament, please go to the scales for any weights where you have scratches and let the weigh-in person know that you have scratches. This will save us time and help us start the tournament on time.

Coaches will receive passes at the door according to this schedule (5-8 wrestlers = 2, 9-12 = 3, 12-16 = 4, 17+ = 5). Make sure wrestlers and parents are aware that there will be **NO COOLERS, NO CROCKPOTS, and NO OUTSIDE FOOD** allowed into the building. With the expansion in teams we do not have room for these types of items.

I have also included in this mailing an info sheet for you to pass out to your parents and fans so that they are aware of things such as our specials for wrestlers and fans when they arrive. **PLEASE PASS THIS OUT TO YOUR PARENTS AND FANS.** This will cut down on a lot of questions and calls for you and me.

We look forward to another great day of wrestling. If you have any questions, the best way to reach me and get a quick response is through email at ricroe7408911970@gmail.com or feel free to text/call me on my cell phone at 740-891-1970.

Enclosed: Tournament Info Sheet----- Schedule-----Exhibition Schedule-----Sample Bracket-----Parent Handout----- Online Roster Entry Info-----Seeding Info Spreadsheet