

February 1, 2019

To: Wrestling Coaches & Athletic Directors

From: Annie McGhee, Independence High School AD, NEDAB Tournament Manager

RE: 2019 Independence Division III Sectional Wrestling Tournament

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the necessary information you will need for the upcoming Division III Sectional Wrestling Tournament. The tournament will be held at Independence High School, located at 6001 Archwood Road, Independence, Ohio 44131 on Saturday, February 23, 2019 (**One Day Only**).

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

The following schools have been assigned to the Sectional Tournament: *Black River, Brooklyn, Clearview, Columbia, Cuyahoga Hts., Elyria Catholic, Independence, Lutheran West, Manchester, Mogadore, Oberlin, Trinity, Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Wellington (14 teams)*

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Session #1 – Saturday, February 23, 2019 – Wrestling will begin at 9:30 AM on three mats. *Doors will open for fans at 8:30 AM.*

- Championship First Round and Championship Quarterfinals will be wrestled. All first and second round consolation matches will begin as soon as their 45-minute rest has been attained.
- The Championship Semifinals will run on two mats, concurrently with the Consolation Quarterfinals on the third mat. When either Championship or Consolation rounds are complete, the other will be completed on all three mats.
- All 5th place matches will take place during the championship.

Session #2 – Saturday, February 23, 2019 – The Parade of Champions will begin 45 minutes after previous round ends. Wrestlers that will be competing for 1st thru 6th place need to report to the training room hallway.

WEIGH-INS & SKIN CHECK SCHEDULE

Weigh-ins and skin checks will begin promptly at 7:30 AM on Saturday, February 23 in the high school athletic back hallway. The scales will open at 7:15 AM in order for wrestlers to check their weight. Coaches will not be permitted in the skin check/weigh-in area. Prior to arriving at skin checks/weigh-ins, make sure all wrestlers are **properly groomed** and present the proper physician's skin release form (if applicable), as well as special equipment at the time of skin checks. Wrestlers should have their hair and nails cut prior to weigh-ins. Any evidence of ringworm, or any other contagious skin diseases, on any wrestler at any time during the tournament will prohibit that wrestler from competing in the tournament. A doctor and our head official will supervise weigh-ins and check all wrestlers' skin, hair, and nails.

We will weigh in by weight class (106, 113, 120, etc.) according to the regulations and guidelines established by the OHSAA. Any wrestler attempting to weigh in after their weight class and team has been called will be denied the opportunity to weigh in and will be scratched from the tournament. No wrestler will be allowed to exit the official weigh-in area (**for any reason**) once his weight class begins the weigh-in process. No coaches are permitted to be in the weigh-in area unless summoned by the weigh-in officials. Official weigh-ins conclude for a weight class when the last wrestler in that class steps off of the scale. Weigh-ins are then closed for that weight class.

PLACEMENT/AWARDS/SCORING

Wrestlers placing first through fourth qualify for the Division III Districts at Garfield Heights High School on March 1st and 2nd. 5th Place finishers will be designated as the Alternate. Overall, the Sectional Tournament will be scored to 6th place per NFHS rules.

TEAM REGISTRATION

We need your team registered no later than Thursday, February 21 by 7:00 PM. You can begin entering your rosters as early as Sunday, January 20 at 8:00 AM. You must register your team online by visiting www.baumspage.com.

VERY IMPORTANT FORMS NEEDED PRIOR TO WEIGH-INS

***The following forms must be e-mailed to the tournament director no later than **Monday, February 18**. Wrestlers and teams will not be permitted to weigh in unless these forms are turned in!!!

- A. **Weight Certification Alpha Master Report** of all participants
- B. **Eligibility Certificate** listing all participants
- C. **Sectional Wrestling Pass List** (attached to this letter)

Forms should be e-mailed to: Annie McGhee at amcgree@independence.k12.oh.us

COACHES MEETING & SEEDING CRITERIA

The Coaches Meeting and Seeding Meeting for the Sectional Tournament will be held in Room 119 @ 7:45am (fifteen minutes after the completion of weigh-ins) on Saturday.

Seeding for the Sectional will be based on the following criteria

Seeding Criteria:

1. Returning state placer (1-3) at any weight class
2. Returning state placer (4-8) at any weight class. A “New” (freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 25 wins and has defeated a wrestler listed above him on the list and has a higher winning percentage will be seeded above the returning state place winner at any weight class (4-8). *The coach must e-mail the credentials to the manager.
3. Returning district placer (1-6) at any weight class. A “New” (freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 20 wins and has a higher winning percentage than the returning district place winner will be seeded above the returning district place winner at any weight class (1-6).
4. Tie-breakers:
 - a. The higher placer at each level earns the higher seed.
 - b. If two or more wrestlers have identical place finishes, the wrestler returning at the same weight earns the higher seed.
 - c. Previous year’s tournament place finish MUST have been at an OHSAA tournament.
 - d. A returning placer can be from Division I, II, or III.
5. Won/Loss record (by percentage) from current season (minimum of 12 matches).
 - a. In the event of a tie in percentage, the wrestler with the most wins will receive the higher seed. If this does not break the tie, a coin-flip will determine the seed.

TEAM PASSES

Upon arrival at Independence High School on Saturday, each team will be required to sign in using their **Sectional Wrestling Pass List** (attached to this letter). Wrestlers and coaches will be required to sign in prior to the start of every session. Only the names listed on the Sectional Wrestling Pass List will be permitted to enter for free. Everyone else will have to purchase a ticket.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

The Hospitality Room will be located in the northeast corner of the cafeteria. The Hospitality Room is for Coaches, Officials, and tournament personnel only.

TAPE FOR LACES

TAPE FOR SHOE LACES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TEAMS. **TRAINERS WILL NOT PROVIDE IT**

COACHES DRESS CODE: (FOR SECTIONALS AND DISTRICTS)

The wearing of jeans, t-shirts, sweat suits and warm-up suits (top or bottom), head wear, and similar apparel are not considered suitable attire for coaches during the OHSAA Sectional, District, or State Wrestling Tournaments and, therefore, are prohibited. Coaches who are inappropriately dressed will not be allowed on the competition floor. (As per OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulation 27) **The state is strictly enforcing dress code.**

ADMISSION FEE:

All Day Tickets - \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students

Finals Only - \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students

There are no presale tickets.

ASSIGNED OFFICIALS:

Jeff Lorence (Head Referee), Kevin Cwynar, Jason Sprungl, Carton Darrell, Jon Tarnowski, Todd Dungan

BUSES:

BUSES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARK AT INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL.

Teams should be dropped off at the high school and then park in the lot located at Middle School. Please see the map that is attached.

If you need to get in touch with me for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at amcghee@independence.k12.oh.us or my cell phone at 814-403-6584. Independence High School looks forward to hosting the D3 Sectional Wrestling Tournament and want to wish you the very best of luck!

Sincerely,

Annie McGhee

Division III Sectional Tournament Manager