

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 Regulations.

1. Pairings & Participants

Boy's pairings and participants will be posted at www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2023/ by Noon, Sunday, March 5. Girl's pairings and participants will be posted at www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/wr/2023/ by Noon, Monday, March 6. 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 before 4 PM, Monday, March 6.

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) 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. Practice Site

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

4. 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.

5. Packet Pickup

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Tournament Physicians Decisions

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

10. Unofficial & Official Weigh in

Scales are unavailable Thursday. Scales will open Friday at 9 AM. - Aux Gym. Wrestlers can weigh in unofficially from 9AM to 10:05AM on the same scale they will weigh in officially beginning at their

appointed time (see attached weigh in sheet). 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.

11. Alternates (During the Friday Weigh in)

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.

12. Coaches Meeting

Coach's info meeting is Friday, 10 AM, on the Arena Floor.

13. 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 red number indicates either a Medical Default or Forfeit; a green number indicates a State Champion while a blue number indicates a wrestler has won 3 state titles.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Warm up Room & Checking Weight

The Aux Gym is available for warming up. There is a TV so Coaches can check the Bout Board. Mat area behind bike racks is for "active" wrestling & warming up only. Weigh in area will have 2 scales so wrestlers can check their weight.

17. Weigh Out

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 for wrestlers & coaches only. The Weigh out shall be **scratch weight plus 4 pounds** for the Saturday Evening & Sunday Morning weigh out.

18. Awards

Awards will be presented after wrestling is completed during Session 5. Wrestlers are required to appear in their high school singlet or warm-ups **ONLY** in order to receive their awards.

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