



**6th Annual Lenny Ball Classic
Saturday January 3, 2026**

Dear Athletic Director/Coach:

We are excited about having you join us for the 5th Annual Lenny Ball Classic Wrestling Tournament. There is a \$200.00 entry fee. If you have not processed your payment, or signed a contract through Dragonfly, please do so today.

The schools participating in the tournament this year are:

1. Africentric
2. Briggs
3. Berne Union
4. Beechcroft
5. Columbus Academy
6. Columbus South
7. Dayton Dunbar
8. Franklin Heights
9. Whetstone
10. Groveport Madison
11. Marion-Franklin
12. Ponitz Career Tech
13. Columbus West
14. Harvest Prep
15. Linden-McKinley

Coaches:

This tournament is Bracket Style. We will honor the Top 2 teams, and 1st -4th place in each weight class, Outstanding Wrestler, and Most pins.

You must enter your lineup and extra wrestlers' online before 5pm on Wednesday, December 31. We will be using Baumspage to manage the tournament.

Weigh-in on Saturday begins at 7:30 am – 9:00 am. A coaches meeting will be held immediately following the weigh-ins. Start time will be at 10:00 am. **(subject to change).**

Enclosed is a coach's information sheet. If you have any further questions concerning the tournament, call AD/Tournament Director- George Gamble at 216-338-5370, Head Wrestling Coach- Floyd Cisco at 614-649-2500. There will be a hospitality room available for the coaches during the tournament and concession stand available for the players and spectators.

Sincerely,
George W. Gamble II
AD/Tournament Director

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COACHES' INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome Coaches,

We are looking forward to hosting you and your team at the **Lenny Ball Classic at Marion-Franklin High School**. Please review the following important tournament information carefully.

Weigh-Ins & Coaches Meeting

- Weigh-ins will be held on **Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**
- **Do not arrive before 7:00 a.m.**
- A **mandatory coaches meeting** will take place **immediately following weigh-ins.**
- Wrestling will begin at **10:00 a.m.**

We will be conducting weigh-ins **by team**, so it is critical that all teams are **on time. Do not be late for weigh-ins.**

If you anticipate being late for any reason, contact **AD/Tournament Director George Gamble** as early as possible at **216-338-5370 (cell).**

Required Items

- Coaches must bring **Alpha Weigh-In Sheets** and present them at weigh-ins.
- Team rosters must be submitted on **Baumspage** prior to the tournament.

Locker Rooms

- Each team will be assigned a locker room.
- Coaches are responsible for the condition of their assigned locker room.
- Please keep track of your athletes and their belongings.

Important reminders:

- Please make sure **showers are turned off after use.**
- If leaving items in the locker room, **bring a lock** to secure them.
- **All valuables should be left at home.** Marion-Franklin High School and Columbus City Schools are **not responsible for lost or stolen items.**
- **Only wrestlers and coaches are permitted in locker room areas. No exceptions.**

Concessions

- The concession stand will be open **throughout the tournament** and will remain open until the start of the **Championship Round.**

Awards & Protests

- We will honor the **top two teams** overall.
- Medals will be awarded for **1st–4th place in each weight class** at the conclusion of the tournament.
- Any protest must be lodged directly with **George Gamble, AD/Tournament Director.**
- **All referee decisions are final.**

Admission

- Admission is **\$5.00**
- Tickets may be purchased **online or with cash at the door**
- Anyone not officially entered in the tournament must pay admission.

If you have any questions prior to the event, please do not hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a great tournament.



WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

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Saturday 7:30 a.m.

- 2 scales
- All wrestlers and coaches report to the gym*
- Coaches must be with the team, have **ALPHA REPORT** *
- Refs/weigh-in officials at scales

WEIGH-IN by Team

- Referees will conduct skin and nails check for each individual before they approach the scale. Athletic Trainer will be on hand to assist in skin inspection. Referees have final say in all skin issues.
- Two scale workers will conduct weigh-ins on the scale. Assistance from coaches in this process is needed and appreciated.

* **Note** – Coaches **MUST PRESENT** OHSAA Wrestling Weight Certification **ALPHA MASTER REPORT** before weigh-in to AD/Tournament Director, George Gamble, or Head Wrestling Coach, Floyd Cisco.

SEEDING CRITERIA

1. State Champ
2. State Placer
3. District Placer
4. Sectional Placer
5. Current Win % (.500 only) 5 match minimum