

SECTIONAL & DISTRICT WRESTLING INFORMATION SHEET

Please refer to the wrestling section of the IHSA Handbook for complete information about your tournament. This information sheet addresses some of the most frequently asked questions and is provided for easy reference.

- ◆ **ADVANCEMENT POINTS** - For all sectional tournaments, and Class 3-A district tournaments, wrestlers will receive advancement points for a bye regardless of whether they win their next match. On the championship side of the bracket, 2 advancement points are awarded. On the consolation side of the bracket, 1 advancement point is awarded. There are no byes after the first round of competition in the championship and consolation bracket. Please refer to the wrestling section of the IHSA Handbook for additional information.
- ◆ **ADVANCEMENT TO THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT** - The first and second place wrestlers in each weight class at sectionals advance to the district tournament. Refer to the "Pairings" section of this information sheet for additional information.
- ◆ **ADMISSION** - Admission to all sectional and district tournaments is \$4.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults.
- ◆ **BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS** - Participating schools are expected to handle the cleaning of blood and other body fluids from their own athletes, and to use universal precautions when doing so. Host schools are expected to have available the necessary disposable supplies and personnel for cleaning the facilities.
- ◆ **CERTIFIED WEIGHT** - **Wrestlers who have NOT certified their minimum wrestling weight class** by making scratch weight in that weight class at least one time during the regular season must make scratch weight at the Class 1A or 2A sectional, or 3A district, tournaments.
- ◆ **CHEERLEADERS** - Each school is allowed a maximum of 6 cheerleaders, if in uniform, **(NO T-shirts and shorts)**, and one chaperone to be admitted free-of-charge. *Please refer to the enclosed information sheet from the Iowa High School Athletic Association and Iowa Cheerleading Coaches Association for expectations related to cheerleading at all post-season tournaments.*

- ◆ **ENTRIES** - An entry blank has been provided for each school to submit their Class 1A & 2A Sectional and 3A District Tournament entries. **Any changes in the entries submitted must be made BEFORE the official weigh-ins begin at 10:00am.**
- ◆ **EXPENSE ALLOWANCE:** We have enclosed an expense allowance card(s) for use when applying for expense allowance for the Class 1-A & 2-A Sectional Tournaments and Class 1-A, 2-A & 3-A District Tournaments. These cards must be mailed to our office after the respective tournaments in order for a school to receive any expense allowance.
- ◆ **LENGTH OF PERIODS** - ALL matches (championship and consolation bracket) at sectional wrestling will consist of three, 2-minute periods.
- ◆ **PAIRINGS** - Pairings for Class 1-A, 2-A Sectional, and 3-A District, Tournaments will be conducted under the supervision of the Tournament Manager. The rules provide for seeding, if coaches are in general agreement that seeding for a particular weight class should take place. If no seeding takes place, the wrestlers will be placed on the bracket by random draw. For complete pairing information refer to the IHSAA Handbook and rule 10-3 of the NFHS Wrestling Rule Book.

Pairings for Class 1-A & 2-A District Tournaments are predetermined and pair the champion from one sectional in each weight class against the runner-up from the other sectional represented at the district tournament. The two sectional tournament sites competing at the district site will be listed alphabetically. The first sectional site in the alphabetical list will be "A," and the second site alphabetically will be "B." All weight classes will be paired as follows: A-1(champion) vs. B-2(runner-up) and B-1 vs. A-2.

- ◆ **REGIONAL DUAL TEAM TICKETS** - Tickets for regional dual team wrestling have been sent to your sectional tournament manager. If your school is the champion AND runner-up team at your sectional meet please ask your sectional manager for your box of tickets so you may sell them at your school in advance of the regional dual team meet. Regional dual team sites and assignments appear on the IHSAA web site.
- ◆ **SCORING** - Tournament scoring will be as per NFHS rules, with the exception of advancement points. **That exception is: two advancement points will be awarded to all competitors receiving a bye in first-round competition regardless of the outcome of the following match and one advancement point will be awarded in the consolation round to**

competitors receiving a bye in the first-round consolation, regardless of the outcome of the next match.

Team scoring - 6-place team scoring (16-12-9-7-5-3) will be used at all sectional meets, regardless of the number of wrestlers in a bracket for a particular weight class. **Remember, team scoring must be contested within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the final match of the day in order for any consideration to be given to changing the team score.**

- ◆ **VERIFICATION OF ENTRIES:** At the 1A & 2A sectional tournaments, and 3A district tournaments, the deadline for verification of entries is the completion of weigh ins. That means **coaches MUST declare the weight class in which each wrestler will compete by the conclusion of weigh ins.** If a coach weighs in two wrestlers for a weight class he MUST declare which of the two will actually compete in that weight class by the conclusion of weigh ins. NFHS rules also allow a wrestler to compete one weight class above the class for which he actually weighs in. Coaches may verify entries privately with the tournament manager, if they choose.
- ◆ **WEIGH-INS** - Weigh-ins for all tournaments begin at 10:00am. Each wrestler who has certified their weight receives the two-pound growth allowance, as per NFHS rules.
- ◆ **WEIGH-IN FORMS:** Coaches must enter their wrestlers into the **NWCA OPC ON-LINE weigh-in form** for their 1-A, 2-A Sectional or 3-A District Meets, just like they have during the regular season. This form will show each wrestler's lowest certifiable weight for the tournament according to their descent plan. Coaches should also take with them **copies of the actual weigh-in forms from each regular season meet.** These actual weigh-in forms are to be presented to the Meet Manager if any questions arise regarding the weight class at which a wrestler is qualified to weigh-in. **Any wrestler competing in the tournament at a weight class for which he is NOT qualified will be disqualified from the tournament.**