

2010 STATE WRESTLING MEDIA CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

Please read **ALL of the following information**. The acceptance of a credential means that you will adhere to guidelines of the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the audio and video transmission regulations of the Iowa High School Sports Network.

I. CREDENTIAL REQUEST MUST BE MADE ON-LINE: You can only request credentials on-line. All fields must be completed. The link is on the IHSAA wrestling web page **will be activated with the posting of this information. Phone, fax and e-mail requests for credentials will not be honored. No credentials will be mailed. Credentials for Iowa media on the IHSAA mailing list have a priority. The deadline for requests is 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15. We urge an early application and if your wrestlers do not qualify call 515-432-2011 or E-mail blegg@iahsaa.org with your cancellation.**

Each individual **must register separately**. With a limited number of exceptions, weekly papers with wrestlers in the tournament, will receive a single credential, which can be exchanged for subsequent rounds should their wrestler(s) advance. Wherever sister publications and stations can team up and share space it will be appreciated. **Do not request or give credentials to advertisers, students, family members or coaches and their families.** Such choices have caused credentials to be denied/revoked. It is our desire to keep the mats open to legitimate media. **At no time should credentials be used for children to obtain admission.**

Wells Fargo security and IHSAA representatives will observe those at mat side and may request non-legitimate media to leave. The impartiality of media at mat side and the integrity of the tournament is an expectation that our member schools expect to be enforced.

State qualifiers will be posted on the IHSAA website, the evening of Saturday, Feb. 13. Those media not making the 8:30 a.m., Feb. 15 deadline MUST PURCHASE A TICKET and present it and your outlet identification at the media entrance to Bud Legg to secure a session's credential.

Those who complete their on-line registration can obtain their packet by presenting their media identification card at the NW Media entrance door to Wells Fargo (same as the area identified as Premium Seat Entrance). **This is the only entrance for the media. Radio credentials can be obtained from the IHSSN representative and must be accompanied by payment.** Requesting weekly newspapers and radio stations will be guaranteed at least one credential for sessions they have a wrestler, but we reserve the right to limit the number of credentials issued. **Issuance of the credential is with the understanding that the bearer understands and follows the regulations of the IHSAA and the Iowa High School Sports Network.**

Because of the time constraints, **state programs, information sheets, a lanyard and the credential will each be separately given to you as opposed to a packet.**

II. ACQUIRING NEXT ROUND CREDENTIALS: Media who receive credentials FOR SESSIONS 1-5, **can exchange it for the next session if a wrestler(s) they cover advances.** Please see IHSAA Information Director Bud Legg at the media entrance to exchange. **The media door will open 90 minutes before the first session each day and 45-50 minutes before subsequent sessions the same day.** Credentials must be **visually displayed at all times** while in the arena. The arena is sold out for Saturday night, and no loitering will be allowed around the mats.

III. SEATING: Floor seating is limited with approximately 48 seats. Priority seating will be for those papers on daily deadlines, thus many acquiring credentials will not have a seat for the championships. GA seats may be available during the rounds 1-9. With the exception of *The Predicament*, other wrestling publications and groups likely will not have access to seating. There are approximately 60 spaces available in the upper press deck for radio so some may have to stand or share space. A priority on being seated will be given to stations ordering a line and/or doing a majority of all the matches live. **Those outlets and those who will share a line need to inform me before Friday, Feb. 12. Line requests must be to Wells Fargo by February 11 (you can cancel up to Feb. 16) See the information below.** The press box area for wrestling has open areas behind the deck plus four booths, which will have to be shared. **A maximum of two credentials** will be granted to stations doing live action. Those doing updates will have at least one credentials.

IV. BROADCAST FEES, RIGHTS, & LIMITATIONS: Radio outlets need to be aware that the fees and regulations of the Iowa High School Sports Network have changed for all IHSAAA championships. Please log on to www.ihssn.com and go to "Resources" on the left navigation bar. Click on this link and look for radio rights fees. **ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK SHOULD BE PRESENTED WHEN PICKING UP YOUR MEDIA CREDENTIALS.**

V. CELL OR PHONE LINE: After applying for credentials if you will need a phone line you will need to talk to Kathy Haley (515/564-8036) or email <khaley@iowaeventscenter.com>. Lines charges in advance or standard can be secured from Ms. Haley, as well as method of payment. Please note intent for ordering a line, when you apply for credentials. **Orders need to be made -- no later than 11:30 a.m., Thursday Feb. 11.** Stations ordering phone lines need to separately E-mail Bud Legg (blegg@iahsaa.org) by noon Feb. 11

VI. INA PHOTOGRAPHY POOL: The IHSAA appreciates the cooperative efforts of the INA in forming a photography pool to assist their members especially those from smaller publications in obtaining an action photo of their wrestler in the tournament, thus eliminating the use of non-media volunteers. Outlets can contact the INA for their needs.

VII. PHOTOGRAPHERS: Pep Rally Photo and the bona fide media who cover the tournament are credentialed to take photographs. Commercial and free-lance photographers **are not** be credentialed. (*Team photographers see information below.*)

VIII. WEB SITES: Websites, not associated with newspapers or radio/TV stations, that operate as a recruiting and information agency for colleges/ universities, or who charge for their content, or throughout the year have little in content reporting of games, matches, etc. should not apply for a credential.

IX. TEAM PHOTOGRAPHERS, SCHOOL MEDIA: Team photographers and school media, student or adult, should not register on-line. For sessions 1-9 (Wednesday thru Saturday afternoon), team photographers (one per school) must (1) purchase a ticket and submit it to Bud Legg at the media entrance for a session credential and (2) have an accompanying letter from a school administrator on the school letterhead indicating the name and capacity of the photographer. The same privilege is available to students who are with their school publications (1 per school). **Space simply does not allow for credentials to student radio stations.**

X. INTERVIEWS: All interviews with coaches and wrestlers must take place off the floor of the arena and near the dressing areas and work out rooms.

XI. INTERNET ACCESS: The management of Wells Fargo Arena is allowing the media to use their wireless internet free of charge. Please help us protect this privilege by keeping your use to professional coverage of the tournament. Results of matches will not be distributed since they are immediately posted on the IHSAA website once a weight division is completed.

XII. WORK AREA: There is a small media work room off the northwest end of the arena floor. It will have access to the internet through wireless and hard wire means. Results of each weight in each session will be posted to the web after that weight is completed. **No equipment extension cords, cables, etc will be provided.** Bring your own!

At the end of the Saturday afternoon session and the finals, the Wells Fargo workers will revamp the floor for the finals. This means that the print media on the floor will need to vacate their area and relocate for about 75 minutes.

XIII. PARKING: Parking near the arena is limited, **but some spaces for the media in the large lot north of Veterans Auditorium** (use the Third Street exit, go east on the street between the lot and Veterans Auditorium, turn right on fifth and right again into the lot) will be **in the southeast section** (closest to the media entrance) until 15 minutes before the first session each day or until the area is full. **Your ID from your outlet, INA or Iowa Broadcasters Card and the \$6.00 parking fee will get you access if parking is available, after the first day your credential and parking fee will be needed.**

XIV. FOOD, BEVERAGE: Be advised that Wells Fargo rules prohibit anyone from bringing food or beverages into the arena.

Bud Legg, IHSAA Information Director