



### **Wrestling memo #6 – 2/12/25**

Wrestling coaches, athletic directors, and officials,

Please review the following bullet points as we enter into the postseason of the wrestling season. Please email me ([lcurtis@iahsaa.org](mailto:lcurtis@iahsaa.org)) or Andy Umthun ([aumthun@iahsaa.org](mailto:aumthun@iahsaa.org)) to get questions answered.

#### **District Tournament**

- Weigh-ins start at 8:00
- Wrestling begins at 10:00
- Two mats throughout the day until true wrestleback
- [Postseason Manual](#) – read District Tournament section!
- In case of inclement weather, we have communicated with the 32 host school's Athletic Directors about their options. The host schools will make the decision and should communicate with the participating schools and the mat officials. Options include staying on schedule, delaying the start time on Saturday, moving the tournament up to Friday (1-pound allowance), or as a last resort postponing to Monday (two-pound allowance). Obviously, postponing to Monday is not ideal due to the proximity with the start of the State Championships on Feb. 19.

#### **Postseason reminders and expectations**

- State Tournament Seed Criteria – please check this, coaches! FINAL NOTICE
  - Every returning state qualifier on your roster needs to have their Seed Criteria checked for accuracy.
  - Inaccuracies occur when a state qualifier is now enrolled in a different school than the previous school year, so check those carefully.
  - Click on the individual's name on your Roster page of the OPC
  - On the Edit Wrestler page, click on Seed Criteria
  - Look at the top two boxes for criteria for accuracy
    - 2023-24 state qualifier – should say State Qualifier
    - 2023-24 Iowa HS state place – should show their final placing if finishing in the top 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> show as equal in criteria)
  - If something is inaccurate, email me with the name, school, correct criteria, and weight class so I can check for accuracy and make the change.
  - Coaches can't make the change themselves – I have to do that!
- The accuracy of your season results are the responsibility of the head coach. Be sure your match results are accurate and that they all appear without duplicates. Inaccuracies need to get communicated so we can get them corrected. This is critical for seeding purposes, so get any updates that are needed reported to Lewie or Andy!

- State Tournament brackets (as long as District Tournaments conclude on Saturday) are scheduled to be released on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 10:00 a.m. Corrections on names, grades, records, etc. need to be emailed to Lewie ([lcurtis@iahsaa.org](mailto:lcurtis@iahsaa.org)) or Andy ([aumthun@iahsaa.org](mailto:aumthun@iahsaa.org)) by noon that day. Seeding criteria is based on the [2025 State Traditional Tournament Seeding Criteria](#).
- State Tournament weigh-in locations and times
  - Tuesday, Feb. 18 – weight checks and practice room open from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday, Feb. 19 and Thursday, Feb. 20 – weigh ins at the EMC Expo Center Junior Ballroom (former Iowa Hall of Pride location)
  - Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 22 – weigh ins at the third level of the convention center – rooms 317-320.
- State Tournament bus and team parking
  - Pep busses or teams that bring a school bus – parking is available for those vehicles at Principal Park baseball stadium, located less than a mile south of Wells Fargo Arena.
  - Team parking for cars/vans needed to be reserved through the IWCOA in advance of the tournament. If that hasn't already been secured, then parking is on your own. There are lots and ramps within reasonable distances of the arena.

### **Farewell**

I want to take a quick moment to let all of you know that I will be stepping away from the IHSAA after the wrestling season ends. March 3 will be my final day in the office as I will be retiring. It has been my absolute privilege getting to do this job for 9 years. I have loved every challenge, met incredible people who participate in, coach, and officiate the great sport of wrestling, and developed meaningful relationships with so many of you. Never did I think that I would end my work career as the Tournament Director for the IHSAA State Wrestling Championships or the wrestling sport administrator for the governing body, but it happened, and I am humbled and thankful for the opportunity.

Have a great finish to the 2024-25 wrestling season. The exciting conclusion will be the 100<sup>th</sup> IHSAA State Wrestling Championships on Feb. 19-22, 2025! Let's make that event a memorable one for everyone!

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