



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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MEDIA UPDATE: January 29, 2026

Hello IHSAA media members –

Those interested in covering the IHSAA's 2026 winter state tournament events should follow instructions listed below. Questions: Please review this memo, the [Media Policy Manual](#), then contact Chris Cuellar (ccuellar@iahhsaa.org).

- **IHSAA Credentials:** Registration is required prior to attending IHSAA state tournament events. Professional media and school media must apply through the [Media Pass Registration page](#) (also available atop the [Media page](#)) once event information is available.
 - All approved applicants will receive scannable tickets for each day/session of attendance.
 - The forms on our [Registration page](#) will open the week prior to the event and close at the times specified.
 - Media members should bring and display the IHSAA's 2025-26 credential, if they have it. Temporary credentials will be available for approved media members without it.
- **School Media:** Quantities will vary by event per day for schools with participating team. School media may be students and/or adult staff who are employed by the school. This includes newspaper, yearbook, district communications, team videographers, etc. Schools should NOT use sideline personnel passes or team entry lists for media representatives or photo/video purposes.
- **Video Access:** Media outlets and schools interested in producing video livestreams during IHSAA postseason lead-up events must follow our [Video Access process](#). Policies and fees the same as last school year. Applications must be submitted for each new round or event date. Livestreaming at state tournament events in wrestling, swimming, and basketball is strictly prohibited.
- **Media Policy Manual:** If you have questions about event policies, credentialing, school media, recommendations, etc. please review our digital [Media Policy Manual](#). Our new media advisory committee may review recommendations or adjustments following the school year. Two ongoing points of emphasis:
 1. We do not credential freelance/independent individuals. Credential requests must come from approved media outlets.
 2. Photographers credentialed through approved media outlets are not to independently sell photos through commercial or individual outlets (SmugMug, Flickr, Zenfolio, etc.).

WRESTLING, DUAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday, Feb. 7

Where: Xtream Arena, Coralville

Event Information: [State Tournament Central](#)

BOWLING

When: Monday, Feb. 23 through Wednesday, Feb. 25

Where: Cadillac XBC, Waterloo

Event Information: [State Meet Central](#)

SWIMMING

When: Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 14

Where: CRWC, University of Iowa, Iowa City

Event Information: [State Meet Central](#)

BASKETBALL

When: Monday, March 9 through Friday, March 13

Where: Casey's Center, Des Moines

Event Information: [State Tournament Central](#)

WRESTLING, TRADITIONAL TOURNAMENT

When: Wednesday, Feb. 18 through Saturday, Feb. 21

Where: Casey's Center, Des Moines

Event Information: [State Tournament Central](#)