

**DATE:** Jan 1, 2012  
**TO:** Wrestling Coaches  
**FROM:** Shaun Shanklin/Tournament Director  
**RE:** Div. I District Wrestling Tournament



Please read these instructions carefully and communicate the necessary information to your team as well as your fans.

**MATS:**

Five (5) mats will be used for Sessions #1 and #2.  
Four (4) mats will be used for start of Session #2, moving to three (3) mats.  
Three (3) mats will be used for Session #3.

**COACHES' MEETING:** There will be NO meeting. All scratches and all other information will be given over the P.A. System.

**ADMISSION PRICES:** There will be three (3) pay sessions. All tickets for Friday's session #1 will cost \$14.00. All tickets for Saturday's sessions 2 & 3 will be \$7.00 per session. Tournament passes, good for all three sessions, will be sold when the gates open Friday at the cost of \$22.00.

**PARKING/ADMISSIONS:** Please refer to the attached map for parking. **ALL coaches and wrestlers should enter Door #6 and proceed directly to the Arena** where wrestlers will be called (by weight class) to weigh-in. Please keep your wrestlers together in the Arena and do not allow them to walk around in the school building.

All **spectators** should park in the lots off of Holden BLVD and enter the Fairfield High School Arena through **Door #5**. No spectators will be admitted before 3:15 PM on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. This includes all spectators with complimentary passes as well.

***LOCKER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:*** *There are three (3) locker room available for use during the tournament. Please have your wrestlers secure their clothing in their bags and return them to the Arena. **Wrestlers should NOT leave personal items unattended in the locker rooms.***

**WEIGH-INS:** The weigh-ins will be held in the auxiliary gym. Weigh-ins will be on two scales by weight class on Friday and at the conclusion of your weight class in the championship round (or following consolations). The scales will stay open 15 minutes after the final match.

Fingernails, haircuts, shaves and skin irritations will be closely checked before stepping on the scales. All wrestlers must weigh-in both times to be eligible to wrestle.

**WARM-UP AREA:** The warm-up area will be located in the auxiliary gymnasium. All calls to the warm-up area will be made over the P.A. system. *It is the responsibility of the coach and/or wrestler to stay informed relative to their upcoming match.*

**TOURNAMENT PASSES:**

*Competitors:* Each competitor will be stamped at the initial weigh-ins. This will allow access for all day Friday. On Saturday, all competitors should be stamped if wrestling or enter the pass gate in the Arena Lobby.

*Coaches:* Wrist straps will be issued based on the following criteria: 1 - 4 wrestlers = 2 straps; 5 - 10 wrestlers = 3 wrist straps; 11 – 14 wrestlers = 4 straps. These straps must be worn on your wrist and must be visible to security personnel at all times to have access to the warm-up area and the Arena competition floor. However, only **two coaches** from a school may sit at the mat during a match. All non-competing coaches must use the Southwest District Board passes to gain complimentary admission to the District Wrestling Tournament.

**STATISTICIANS/MANAGERS/ATHLETIC TRAINERS:** No statisticians, managers, or trainers will be permitted on the floor at any time. They are to remain in the stands. Violators will be removed from the Arena.

**CHEERLEADERS:** A maximum of six (6) cheerleaders **IN SCHOOL-APPROVED UNIFORMS** and one (1) advisor per school will be granted complimentary admission at the pass gate. The cheerleaders must not interfere with the spectators' view. A copy of this list is attached and **must be faxed to the Tournament Director @ 513-942-3255 by Wednesday, February 22<sup>th</sup>.**

**SIGNS & BANNERS:** Signs, school banners, pennants, shakers, mechanical noisemakers such as horns, bells, sirens, drums, etc. are **NOT PERMITTED!**

**VIDEOTAPING:**

*by Participating Schools:* Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted **provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager or assistant manager** and it is done at the expense of the school involved. A maximum of one individual per school is permitted.

*by Spectators:* Videotaping shall be for personal use and shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching. Videotaping shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment. Equipment will not be permitted in any competition area – only in the spectator seating area. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment. Violation of this regulation may result in removal of offender from the premises.

**AWARDS:** Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams in each tournament. Medals will be awarded to the coach of each championship and runner-up team. District medals will be awarded for the first six (6) places in each weight class.

**REPRESENTATION TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT:** All District Tournaments will qualify four (4) competitors in each weight class to the state tournament. District Athletic Boards will coordinate the assignment of four (4) qualifiers from the Sectional to the District Tournaments. See the OHSAA web page for complete qualifier information.

**MEDIA:** All requests for space and Arena floor access shall be made to the District Meet Manager. Proper credentials must be presented for complimentary admission and Arena floor access. **NO ADDITIONAL PASSES WILL BE ISSUED.**

**STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS:** Sixteen (16) entries in each weight class qualify for the state tournaments. Entries for the state tournaments from each District shall be forwarded to the OHSAA office on Sunday morning following the Tournament as per instructions from the Commissioner. If a qualifier is unable to wrestle in the next tournament, there will be a bye on that line. Only qualifiers will advance to the next Tournament. (Exception – see note below.)

If a qualifying wrestler is unable to participate due to injury, illness, ineligibility, not appearing at weigh-in, or unable to make weight (failure to verify entry) that 1<sup>st</sup> round match will be considered a bye. (See note below.) Advancement because of such byes shall be scored according to National Federation Rule 9-2-2 (a & b). Weighing in and passing medical checks is verifying entry; therefore, not appearing at match will result in forfeit.

**NOTE:** The use of an alternate from Sectional to District or District to State is permissible when a qualifying wrestler cannot compete due to illness, injury, failure to make weight, flagrant misconduct or academic ineligibility. The alternate may be placed on the bracket up until the time that weigh-ins end. The alternate shall be the next highest finisher from the previous tournament. The alternate shall be placed on the vacated line of the bracket. No other wrestler will be moved on the bracket. No expenses will be paid nor free admission passes granted to alternates.

**REGISTRATION CARDS:** It is the responsibility of **each coach and wrestler** who qualifies for the State Tournament to report to the main scoring table after they have received their awards to fill out the state registration form. Please check the accuracy of the information before signing the form.

**MEDICAL STAFF/FACILITY:** There will be a full service medical staff on hand during the entire tournament. The Sports Medicine Center across from the team locker rooms will be open throughout the tournament.