



# WRESTLING

## 2023 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS INSTRUCTIONS



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## 2022-2023 Postseason Instructions for Final Round Wrestling

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## **GENERAL WINTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SPORT AND SPORT ACTIVITIES**

### **SUPERSEDURE NOTE**

The information in these instructions supersedes any information previously distributed, including the Competition Rules.

In many cases, these rules have been revised over the last couple of years through the pandemic to the point where time has not permitted complete overhaul and revision of the competition rules

All involved should review items such as tiebreakers and procedures for competition and consider this document authoritative.

Contact the primary event contact with any additional questions.

### **COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

The KHSAA's complete "Healthy at Sports, Stage 5 - Partnering for Progress, Guidance for Continued Practice and Competition during the Pandemic" document can be found at the following link: [COVID GUIDANCE](#).

In addition to specific guidance, this document includes guidance for all sports, officials and media. The information in this document should be thoroughly reviewed by all managers, participants and spectators attending a district or regional tournament.

REMINDER - Anyone attending or participating in a KHSAA regular season or postseason event should review their symptoms before arriving. Those that are ill or displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.

Some differences in the guidance are necessitated by the differences in sports, facilities and geographic areas, which are pronounced during normal years and magnified this school year.

### **MASKS/FACE COVERINGS**

Masks/Face coverings for non-competitors and the requirements surrounding these items are a matter of local jurisdiction.

At minimum, any local or specific mask-requiring ordinance should also include a requirement for managers to post signage and make regular announcements.

### **COMPETITORS**

Due to safety concerns, competitors who are considered to be aerobically exercising should not be required to wear masks during competition.

### **WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

Coaches and athletes are reminded to bring their own water bottles as no community dispensers can be used.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

Each member school and event host is expected to adhere to public health standards regarding isolation and quarantine as well as the adopted Return to Play Protocol in the event of a positive test in a participant or team staff member.

The host is responsible for adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with normal home site procedures.

## **VENUE LOGISTICS**

### **VENUE SAFETY**

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Please advise KHSAA or venue personnel of any situation you encounter which you or a team member feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

Any crowd control problems or acts of violence should be brought to the attention of the event staff, which will contact the appropriate authorities.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

### **SIGNAGE, BALLOONS AND NOISEMAKERS**

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.



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Signs/banners must be handheld or attached in a manner not to damage the existing structure.

Signs/banners shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate game management cues are not permitted inside the facility. These items include, but are not limited to: air horns, electronic amplifiers, portable sound systems, instruments that require additional electricity, game clock horns and whistles.

Artificial noisemakers of any kind are not permitted inside the facility per NFHS rules.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are not permitted at the event.

Only venue provided amplified music is permissible, but only during pre-competition or natural and planned breaks.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

The KHSAA requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values and all parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility and perspective.

We remind you that officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

We encourage and appreciate your help in letting this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

### **HEALTH INFORMATION**

#### **ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

The Association will use the services of UK HealthCare to provide trainers for the KHSAA state events.

Athletic Training Staff will be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the event and remain available throughout the day.

#### **PHYSICAL EXAM FORM**

Schools are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

The Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (Physical Exam Form) for this purpose.

The form contains appropriate emergency treatment permission and should be brought for each athlete at the competition.

#### **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff and venue personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for this event and the plan will be available upon arrival from the athletic training staff.

If an athlete or fan is in need of emergency medical attention, contact the nearest KHSAA staff member, official, UK HealthCare trainer or venue staff so emergency medical services can be reached.

An AED will be located at the team check-in area.

### **BYLAW 22 REMINDER**

#### **REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS**

You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a principal, coach or another approved individual of the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school.

### **VIDEOTAPING, MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

#### **GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS**

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA, and as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all postseason rounds belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships.

Control of media access and location at all levels of postseason play is with the KHSAA.



At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made for television media to record video of the contests, without play-by-play, at no charge as long as the sole purpose is for newscast highlights.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made for other media outlets to be admitted to the contests as long as the sole purpose is for reporting of the actions taking place at the contest and promoting the event.

Participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed to record the contest, for coaching purposes only, if space is available with such availability at the discretion of the KHSAA and may be required to sign a waiver indicating that the KHSAA shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the video recording.

Any video recording must not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements and cannot be broadcast in any form, including internet and social media.

If space is deemed available, the KHSAA has the right to designate a specific area for video recording and no video recording will be allowed outside of that area.

The determination of space availability is solely with the KHSAA and shall be equitable for all teams.

A freelance/commercial photographer is any person, including a school employee, not representing an established media outlet or a person who will capture images from the event.

### **SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a student or full-time school employee, for the sole purpose of reporting the events for school internal publications.

Space permitting, school media may be granted floor access consistent with traditional media access.

Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.

The school media pass may not be used for taking pictures that will later be sold as these individuals need to apply for a freelance/commercial photographer pass and pay the requisite fee.

This pass must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online system using Form SI103 which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

### **TRADITIONAL MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through the KHSAA's online system. A link to the credential application is included at the end of these instructions.

The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. the day before competition begins.

Applications should be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.

Complete information should be submitted for all attendees (including unique email addresses and cell phone numbers), as the KHSAA will use these methods to communicate information surrounding the event.

Media outlets may be limited during this event.

Freelance/commercial photographers, as defined herein, will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.

KHSAA Media policies are outlined online at - <https://khsaa.org/news-stats-pubs/media-resources/media-credentials/>

### **MEDIA RIGHTS FEE**

Freelance/commercial photographers as defined in these instructions and radio stations interested in originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event are subject to a media rights fee.

Information regarding the fee for each event is available through the online credentialing system.

### **TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS**

The KHSAA is a full member of the NFHS Network and as such, restrictions exist on all postseason levels.

A telecast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play-by-play, of any contest over the air.

A webcast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play-by-play, of any contest distributed





using the internet.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including first round, second round, quarterfinal and state rounds, and is the sole authority for approval of any other.

No entity, unless given prior approval by the KHSAA shall be permitted to produce video telecasts or broadcasts, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live.

The mandated minimum fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office on the KHSAA website.

For all postseason play, all questions regarding live or delayed broadcast or telecast policies, including requests for approval shall be referred to the Media Relations and Publications Director for approval by the Commissioner.

### **MUSIC COPYRIGHT**

KHSAA schools are reminded to adhere to all music copyright laws.

### **FILMING**

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

Spectators may film with a hand-held camera from the spectator area, but may not in any manner transmit live video through any resource, including personal social media accounts.

Violators are subject to removal.

### **EVENT MERCHANDISE**

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online at the following link - [khsaa.teamip.com](https://khsaa.teamip.com).

No outside merchandise representative of the event may be produced by any other entity and sold or distributed at the championship venue.



## **WRESTLING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

### **BRIEF WELCOME**

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the 2023 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships Final Rounds presented by UK HealthCare.

Refer to this manual and the important website links included at the end of the document to guide you through preparation for your participation.

### **KHSAA CONTACTS**

The primary contact for wrestling is Assistant Commissioner Joe Angolia ([jangolia@khsaa.org](mailto:jangolia@khsaa.org)).

If Mr. Angolia is for some reason not available, Assistant Commissioner Darren Bilberry ([dbilberry@khsaa.org](mailto:dbilberry@khsaa.org)) is the backup contact.

They, along with Event Services and Social Media Director Jenny Elder ([jelder@khsaa.org](mailto:jelder@khsaa.org)), will be on site throughout the event to assist schools as needed.

Media inquiries should be directed to Media Relations and Publications Director Connor Link ([clink@khsaa.org](mailto:clink@khsaa.org)), who will also be on site throughout the event.

Questions may also be directed to the KHSAA offices at (859) 299-5472 and any member of the staff should be able to refer you to the correct party.

### **QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION AT STATE FINAL ROUNDS**

The top eight (8) finishers per weight class at each State Wrestling First Round site will advance to a sixteen-person bracket for the State Wrestling Championships at George Rogers Clark High School.

### **COMPETITION DATE, WEATHER, SCHEDULE, LOCATION**

#### **DATE**

The 2023 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships Final Rounds presented by UK HealthCare will be held Feb. 24-25.

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA, in consultation with the host facility, to make decisions in regard to postponement, rescheduling or cancelation, including getting proper notification to all teams, media outlets and schools.

Staff will utilize the KHSAA website and Twitter to provide updates as well as an emergency text notification system.

KHSAA officials will make every effort to learn the weather forecast prior to the start of competition as the safety of the public and participants will be the most important factor in any decision.

#### **SCHEDULE**

A link to the complete time schedule is located at the end of this document.

#### **VENUE AND ADDRESS**

[George Rogers Clark High School](#)

[2745 Boonesboro Rd., Winchester, Ky., 40391](#)

### **POSTSEASON ROSTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS/ROLL-UPS**

#### **POSTSEASON ROSTERS**

Schools have previously logged into the KHSAA website and designated the postseason roster, which is separate from the regular-season varsity roster.

Roster revisions had to be made before the first date of the postseason when online rosters were closed and considered final.

Only wrestlers appearing on the school's postseason roster as of the first date of the postseason are eligible to participate in any



round.

Schools must use the KHSAA system and not rely solely on the TrackWrestling Software to maintain the list of rostered wrestlers.

The online, postseason roster may be printed from the KHSAA website as the valid listing of available wrestlers.

This roster information is also used for advance preparations for state qualifying teams.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS/ROLL-UPS**

In the event that a wrestler is not able to participate at the final rounds due to injury or other reasons beyond the control of the wrestler, no replacement or alternate wrestlers will take their place and a hole will be left in the bracket.

Due to replacement wrestlers not being utilized, there will be no need for bracket roll-ups in 2023.

## **PRE-EVENT AND SITE LOGISTICS**

### **CONFERENCE CALL**

There will be a brief web conference for participating coaches and athletic directors at 2 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Additional instructions regarding the call will be sent via email once the field is set.

Participants can set up from any location to join the conference and are encouraged to join by computer to view pertinent information, maps, etc.

There will be no mandatory, pre-tournament meeting at the venue.

### **PRACTICE**

There will be no opportunity for on-site practice time individually or as a team.

### **LODGING**

Schools will arrange lodging for their contestants if needed and are responsible for all travel expenses, including lodging, for participation in the event.

Have your school's or Board of Education's Sales Tax Exempt Number with you at check-in to avoid sales tax from being added to the hotel bill.

A listing of hotels with rooms being held for the State Wrestling Tournament, including rates, is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

### **PARKING**

General parking will be available in the lower lot on the backside of the GRC Arena. Due to school being in session on Friday, the general public should not park in the main lot in front of the school.

Team buses will off-load at the team entrance and then proceed to the team parking area.

### **MATS**

Mats for the State Wrestling Championships Final Rounds presented by UK HealthCare will be provided by George Rogers Clark High School and Montgomery County.

The KWOA is also providing the championship mat it purchased in collaboration with the KHSAA.

### **SCOREBOARDS**

The KHSAA has been able to secure four (4) scoreboards for the tournament and their inclusion makes it more enjoyable for coaches, wrestlers and fans alike.

KHSAA staff will make every effort to keep results posted on the video boards in the corners of the arena.

In addition, updated scoring will be available via KHSAA.org and TrackWrestling.

## **ADMISSION INTO VENUE**

### **PARTICIPANT ENTRY**

Upon arrival at team check-in, a KHSAA representative will assist the head coach in validating their participating wrestlers.





Team members outside of the participating wrestlers must purchase a ticket in advance through GoFan for entry. The process for athlete entry will be the same as used for the State First Round.

### **TEAM PARTY ENTRY-NON PARTICIPANTS**

The team check-in gate will open at 10 a.m. ET at George Rogers Clark on Friday, and 8 a.m. on Saturday.

All team members and coaches should arrive at the venue together for admission.

Admission for other individuals, including non-competing wrestlers, additional staff or others will require paid admission through [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org).

A limit of two (2) individuals may be present in their corner and no additional persons will be allowed in the corners.

Coaches' credentials are not media credentials and do not provide access to take photos or video.

### **TICKET SALES**

#### **SINGLE DAY TICKETS**

- All state wrestling championship final rounds ticket prices are \$14 per day if purchased prior to the first day of the event, plus electronic transaction fees that are not received by the KHSAA.
- Purchasers which will be issued a wristband to be worn to allow for re-entry to the facility.
- On the day of the event, ticket prices go up to \$16 per day plus fees.

#### **ALL SESSION TICKETS**

- There is also a discounted all-session pass for \$24 until day prior to the event.
- Purchasers which will be issued a wristband to be worn on both days.
- If purchased on the first day of the event it will cost \$26.

#### **CHILDREN 5 & UNDER**

- Kentucky Children's Hospital is sponsoring FREE tickets for all children 5-and-under, which must be selected as Children's Ticket and "purchased" through GoFan for admission.
- Schools bulk purchasing these FREE tickets will be verified to ensure the integrity of the purchase.

Tickets will be available exclusively through [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org).

All state wrestling championships final site tickets will be sold online via GoFan, the KHSAA's official digital ticket vendor.

GoFan's training page for buying and sharing tickets is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

Fans are required to purchase their tickets before they arrive to facilitate entry and minimize congregation of those waiting.

There will be no paper tickets sold at a walk-up gate or cash sales.

No screenshots shall be honored for admission at any time.

Only the KHSAA issued Commonwealth Card will be honored for admission for one individual plus a guest for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director of each participating school.

### **FAN ENTRY**

All non-squad members (individuals other than the properly qualified coaches and participants) must enter and exit through the admission gate which opens at 11 a.m. ET on Friday, and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

### **TEAM COOLERS**

Teams may bring a single cooler into the facility only through the team gate to be kept in the auxiliary warm-up gym adjacent to the competition arena, but may not be brought onto the arena floor.

Individual coolers for fans are not permitted.

Athletes may bring in their equipment bags, but due to safety concerns, they are subject to being searched.

Any equipment bags and all gear must remain with the athlete at all times.



## **BEDDING**

Air mattresses or other forms of “bed rolls” will not be permitted inside George Rogers Clark High School.

## **VENUE SAFETY**

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Any crowd control problems or acts of violence should be brought to the attention of the event staff, which will contact the appropriate authorities.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

## **VENUE LOGISTICS**

### **DRESSING/LOCKER ROOMS**

Locker rooms for changing immediately before or after a match, but not for team conferences, are provided inside the auxiliary gym that do not have shower facilities.

Participants should arrive at the venue dressed and ready to compete.

### **SIGNAGE, BALLOONS AND NOISEMAKERS**

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility, but must be handheld and be of good taste and sportsmanship.

The signs/banner shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate game management cues are not permitted inside the facility.

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## **CONDUCTING THE EVENT**

### **STATE COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

Officials presiding over the event are licensed and assigned by the KHSAA.

### **GROWTH ALLOWANCES/WEIGH-INS FOR 2023**

For 2023, a ONE-POUND growth allowance will be added to the weight classes for day two qualifiers.

Official weigh-ins are tentatively set to begin at 10:45 a.m. ET on Friday at George Rogers Clark, and 8:30 am on Saturday.

Make sure your travel plans allow for timely arrival as NFHS rules state that all athletes must be prepared to weigh-in at the scheduled time.

In accordance with the competition rules and NFHS playing rules, the scale will close for each weight class when the first competitor of the succeeding class weighs in.

The scale will close immediately after the last 285-pound wrestler weighs in.

### **SEEDING**

State Championship Final Round brackets will be seeded utilizing the Trackwrestling/FloSports system described below:

The top eight (8) wrestlers in each weight class shall advance from the first round to their seeded slot in the final round of the state finals tournament.

In the event that a wrestler is not able to participate in the state final round tournament due to injury or other reasons beyond the control of the wrestler, the opening will not be filled and a bye will result.



The final round bracket will be bracketed by the following criteria for each weight class:

- First Round 1 - 1st Place vs. First Round 2 - 8th Place
- First Round 1 - 4th Place vs. First Round 2 - 5th Place
- First Round 2 - 2nd Place vs. First Round 1 - 7th Place
- First Round 2 - 3rd Place vs. First Round 1 - 6th Place
- First Round 2 - 1st Place vs. First Round 1 - 8th Place
- First Round 2 - 4th Place vs. First Round 1 - 5th Place
- First Round 1 - 2nd Place vs. First Round 2 - 7th Place
- First Round 1 - 3rd Place vs. First Round 2 - 6th Place

A model bracket for the state final round is found on the KHSAA website at the link at the end of these instructions.

## **FORMAT/SCORING/BRACKETS/ORDER OF BOUTS**

The state final rounds will be conducted as a consolation full-wrestleback format (1st through 8th place) in each weight class.

The final round tournament will be scored as its own event with no results from the state first round impacting the final round teams scores.

Weigh-ins and bouts prior to the finals will be conducted in bracket order, beginning with the lowest class.

A complete set of tournament brackets will be available and updated throughout the event at KHSAA.org.

All weight classes will have the 1st seed wrestle the 8th seed, 2nd seed wrestle the 7th seed, 3rd seed wrestler the 6th seed, and the 4th seed will wrestle the 5th seed.

There will be no exclusion for wrestlers from the same region meeting in a specific round.

For Saturday's state finals, the sequence of matches will be drawn that morning.

## **RULES POINTS OF EMPHASIS/CLARIFICATIONS**

### **COMPETITION RULES**

National Federation (NFHS) competition rules will be utilized without exception.

## **HEALTH INFORMATION**

### **SKIN CHECKS**

The KHSAA will provide medical staff to make skin checks during weigh-ins.

If needed, please have an updated KHSAA Form WR111 (Skin Condition Form) available for their review. A link to that form is included at the end of these instructions.

## **POST EVENT**

### **RESULTS**

Results will be available through the wrestling page of the KHSAA website, with updated brackets to be posted as well.

### **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

Trophies and awards will be given to the top four (4) teams and top eight (8) individuals in each weight class.

Wrestlers should stay in the awards area immediately following the conclusion of their medal bout in order to participate in the awards presentation.

### **AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**

- Participation in the awards ceremony is NOT optional and is an expectation when entering the tournament.
- Coaches, Athletic Directors and others are not permitted to use cameras or camera phones to take pictures during the awards presentation.
- Only credentialed media members are permitted to take pictures during the ceremony.



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After all awards are completed and venue tear down has begun, credentialed participants and coaches from the top four (4) teams may take additional celebratory pictures.

### FINANCES AND EXPENSES

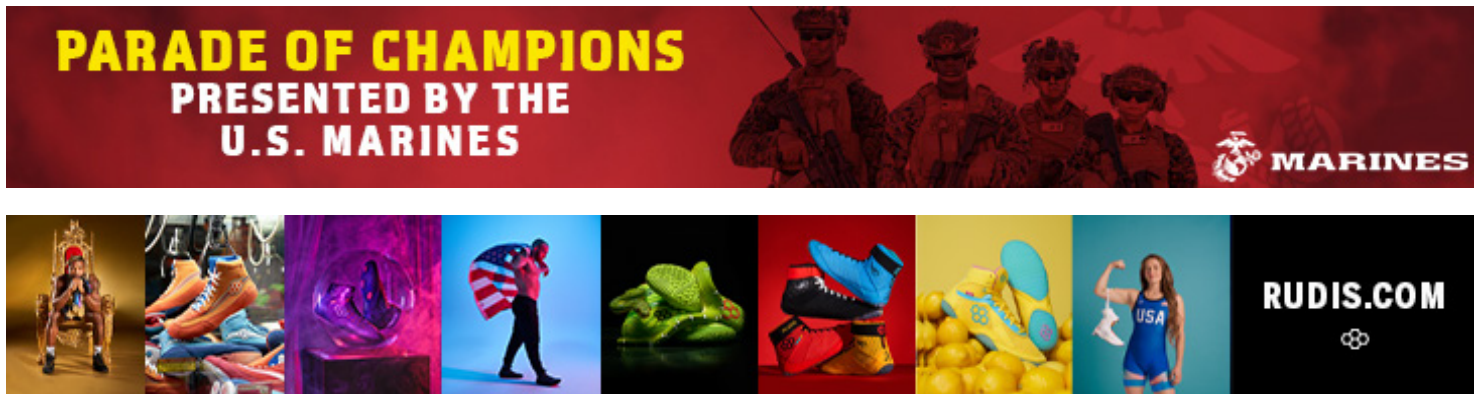
There is no school reimbursement for this event.

Member schools are responsible for all expenses incurred for participation.

The KHSAA underwrites the expenses of facility rental, security, first aid, judges and event workers.

### IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Wrestling Site](#)
- [Competition Rules](#)
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