



## **State Tournament Information For Each Participating School**



## STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❖ The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual KHSAA Boys State Wrestling Tournament Championships will be held on February 19-21, 2009 at the FARNHAM DUDGEON ARENA IN THE FRANKFORT CONVENTION CENTER, 405 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 (phone 502-564-5335).
- ❖ The tournament will run in three days, using four wrestling mats until the consolation finals, three for the Consolation Finals (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> places, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> places and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> places) and one mat for the Championship Finals determining 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places.
- ❖ The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place matches will be 2-2-2 minutes as opposed to 1-2-2 for the remainder of the event.
- ❖ All matches for each weight class in the consolation finals will be wrestled concurrently and the next class will not begin until all matches for a specific class have been completed.

### STATE WRESTLING FORMS

- ❖ Teams will find on the web site (<http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling>) all forms necessary for the State Wrestling Tournament. Pull down the forms menu, click on the form name to download the form immediately. You must have the PDF reader to use the PDF copy, Microsoft Word® to download the doc format. The following are the forms and their use –
  - WR111 – This form is the required skin-condition form. Please make certain you have this completed for any athlete who has even the most remote chance of being viewed by an opposing coach or the official as being contagious to others. No other form of note is to be accepted by the officials. Blank copies are at <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/wr111.doc> or <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/wr111.pdf>
  - WR119 – This form is to be used for the State Tournament, and will be turned in on the first morning of the tournament to verify that the school is in compliance with state transportation requirements regarding the transportation of athletes. Blank copies are at <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/wr119.doc> or <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/wr119.pdf>
  - WR120 – This form is to be completed for any individuals for which you desire to purchase discounted admission for the entire tournament. See further instructions for eligibility. Blank copies are at <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/wr120.doc> or <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/wr120.pdf>

### STATE TOURNAMENT STARTING TIME SCHEDULE AND ADMISSION

- ❖ A complete timetable is published on the KHSAA web site. A complete copy of the timetable is located at <http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling/2009/statemeettimetable.pdf>.
- ❖ Tickets will be priced at \$10.00 for all day on Thursday, \$15 for all day on Friday, and \$15 for all day on Saturday.
- ❖ An all-tournament pass will be available at the gate for \$25, and will be sold through Friday night.
- ❖ A discounted all-tournament pass will be available in advance for coaches and schools and instructions are listed later in this manual.
- ❖ All individuals entering the arena will need to be ticketed or admitted via pass.

### STATE TOURNAMENT ADMISSION AND GATE INFORMATION

- ❖ Please note the timetable for the state wrestling tournament as published on the KHSAA web site, [www.khsaa.org/wrestling](http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling).

### ❖ **Competitors and Coaches**

- The gates will open for the competitors and coaches ONLY at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning
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- The gates will open for the competitors and coaches ONLY at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.
- Only those competitors with PARTICIPANT tags and coaches with COACHING tags will be admitted until the general public gates open.
- It will be necessary for all coaches and team members to enter the arena in the rear of the building, off St. Clair Street. We thank you in advance for cooperating.

### ❖ **General Public**

- The gates will open for the general public at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday
- The gates will open for the general public at 9:30 a.m. on Friday
- The gates will open for the general public at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

### ❖ **Please inform your parents and non-competing squad members about this timetable. We are unable to secure the building and provide adequately enough for the safety of these individuals until the staff becomes available when the gates open.**

- ❖ We will be clearing the stands after the second session on Friday and after the fourth session on Saturday. Please make arrangements for your teams and non-competitors to have a place to stay during times the gym is not open.

### **COOLERS**

- ❖ **Coolers can not be brought inside of the Farnham Dudgeon Arena.** Athletes will be admitted with their gym bags, and unless identified as a security concern, these bags will not normally be subject to search.
- ❖ For fans and other individuals, coolers and other things used to transport food may NOT be brought inside. If you have special requests, concession suggestions, etc., please contact T. Auxier ([tauxier@aol.com](mailto:tauxier@aol.com)) as he will be responsible for the concession stand and has agreed to assist in identifying anything needed for the athletes. Please keep in mind that this is an Association ruling, not Frankfort High, and is necessary for insurance and liability reasons.

### **PARKING AND ARENA ENTRY**

- ❖ Buses dropping students at the arena should proceed down Clinton Street (the one-way street which is on the side of the arena between the arena and downtown Frankfort). Beside the arena, spaces will be blocked to allow a bus to drop off student participants. They will then go around the building to the back (St. Clair Street side) and enter.
- ❖ For fans coming via bus, that entry will be via the Holiday Inn end of the arena and proceed to the ticketing areas.
- ❖ After buses unload, they will proceed to St. Clair Street (behind the arena), turn left, proceed to Mero Street, turn left, and return to the parking area that is bounded by US60.
- ❖ The bus driver can then be readmitted through the pass gate at the end of the arena near St. Clair Street (opposite the Holiday Inn).

### **STATE TOURNAMENT ADMISSION FOR TEAM PARTY**

- ❖ Participants
  - Competitors entered into the tournament will receive a participant credential, including the regional 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher (alternate).
  - Any participant who loses his/her credential will be fined \$10 for the issuance of a replacement credential. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to keep track of this pass
- ❖ Coaches
  - Each school will receive two coaching passes for admission for use by the coaches. Upon entry into the gym, these passes will be altered to prevent re-use, and the coach will be identified for re-entry during the session.
  - Each school with more than two wrestlers entered in the tournament may purchase two additional passes for coaches. These will be priced at \$18 per coach. These may be purchased in advance from the Association (on provided forms prior to February 18, 2009) or they must be purchased at the Thursday morning check-in session from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- Upon entry into the gym, these passes will be altered to prevent re-use, and the coach will be identified for re-entry during the session.
- There will be no replacement for lost coaching passes.
- Mat side credentials are required to be worn at ALL times when inside the Farnham Dudgeon Arena in the Frankfort Convention Complex.
- ❖ Non State Meet Participants
  - Schools may purchase additional team party full session tickets. These may be purchased in advance from the Association (on provided forms prior to February 18, 2009) or they must be purchased at the Thursday morning check-in session from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. and may be purchased for the following individuals:
    - Any wrestler on the eligibility list who has competed for your school during the regular season.
    - Your team support personnel including managers, cheerleaders (mat maids).
    - This Team Support Ticket will only admit the holder while in uniform or easily identified as being with the school.
    - This is not intended as a means to allow your student supporters and adult fans to receive discounted admission. These individuals should be directed to the ticket window.
  - These tickets are to be sold at \$18.00 per ticket.

#### **ATHLETES UNABLE TO COMPETE**

- ❖ Should a school have an athlete finish 1-4 in the region and he/she is unable to compete in the state tournament due to schedule conflicts, injury or other documented reason, school representatives shall notify the KHSAA by noon on Wednesday, February 18. Failure to properly notify the Association of such a withdrawal will result in a penalty against the school in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 33.
- ❖ In the case of an athlete being unable to enter and being replaced, the remainder of the bracket will be "rolled-up", and the replacement wrestler seeded fourth.
- ❖ If a bracket position is vacated and unable to be filled by an alternate from the region, the option will roll in random order to another region. The random order will be determined and announced by the Association and posted on the web site. That link is at <http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling/randomrolluptable.pdf>
- ❖ Coaches are advised to weigh-in any fifth place regional wrestler in case of replacement the day of the tournament.

#### **PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING**

- ❖ There will be a mandatory coaches meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, in the Civic Center. Association expectations for the tournament and other relevant issues will be discussed.
- ❖ Immediately following the pre-tournament meeting, there will be a short meeting of the Kentucky Wrestling Coaches Association.

#### **TEAM EXPENSES FOR STATE MEET**

- ❖ SCHOOLS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THEIR OWN EXPENSES TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT.

#### **ENTRIES AND RESULTS**

- ❖ The base draw by position will be posted to the KHSAA web site, <http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling>, after 11 p.m. on Saturday, February 14.
- ❖ The draw will be a blind draw with the 1<sup>st</sup> place from each region drawing a 4<sup>th</sup> place from another region. These first place competitors cannot draw the 4<sup>th</sup> from their own region, nor can they be placed in the same bracket with the runner-up from their region. These 2<sup>nd</sup> place competitors cannot draw the 3<sup>rd</sup> from their own region.
- ❖ As soon as possible and practical, the regional results and state tournament entries will be up on the KHSAA web site, <http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling> and we will also put the results of the state meet up as soon as possible afterwards. Plans are to have the individual brackets posted by Tuesday at noon. This site will also be linked to the Kentucky Wrestling Coaches Association ([www.kentuckywrestling.org](http://www.kentuckywrestling.org)) web site provided the site administrator cooperates. Schools will be notified by electronic mail when this information is posted and current.

### OFFICIAL SCALES AND WEIGH-INS

- ❖ Scales will be available for all entered Wrestlers/Teams wishing to check weight from 8:00-10:00 PM ONLY on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza. The Kentucky Wrestling Coaches Association is providing this service.
- ❖ Each weight class will not receive any additional growth allowance after the regional tournament.
- ❖ Each weight class will have a one-pound growth allowance added after each day of state competition.
- ❖ DAY ONE
  - Officials will be in the building and assume jurisdiction at 9:30 a.m.
  - The official weigh-ins will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, February 19 and will end following the weighing of the last 285/287 pound competitor.
  - In accordance with the playing rules, the scale will close for each weight class when the first competitor of the succeeding class weighs in.
  - The scales WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY after the last 285/287 person weighs in.
  - Make sure your travel plans coincide with this schedule.
  - In accordance with National Federation Rules, all athletes should be prepared to weigh-in at 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ DAY TWO
  - The official weigh-ins will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning, February 20.
  - In accordance with the playing rules, the scale will close for each weight class when the first competitor of the succeeding class weighs in.
  - The scales WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY after the last 285/287 person weighs in.
  - Make sure your travel plans coincide with this schedule.
  - In accordance with National Federation Rules, all athletes should be prepared to weigh-in at 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ DAY THREE
  - The official weigh-ins will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, February 21.
  - In accordance with the playing rules, the scale will close for each weight class when the first competitor of the succeeding class weighs in.
  - The scales WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY after the last 285/287 person weighs in.
  - Make sure your travel plans coincide with this schedule.
  - In accordance with National Federation Rules, all athletes should be prepared to weigh-in at 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ Official scales for checking weight will also be available at ALL times during the tournament sessions.
- ❖ An alternate set of scales will also be available at this time to weigh-in any alternates.

### SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- ❖ You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 20 requires a member of the faculty of the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school. Please see Bylaw 20 in the 2008-09 KHSAA Handbook if you have any questions. Each school will be required to verify the presence of this school person upon entering the state tournament by turning in form WR119 at the morning meeting.
- ❖ Each school may apply for a school media credential for the purpose of reporting the events and for taking pictures for yearbooks, newspapers, etc. by using KHSAA Form SI101. Persons issued a credential for this purpose will not be permitted on the mats, but will be given complimentary admission.

### HOSPITALITY ROOM

- ❖ There will be a light hospitality room during the tournament, and we plan on having drinks available all of the time. Schools are encouraged to make advance plans for between session meals and breaks. Coaches must show a valid credential from the tournament to enter the hospitality room. **DUE TO INCREASED SECURITY CONCERNS, NO COOLERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE CIVIC CENTER.**

### AWARDS

- ❖ Trophies and Awards will be given to the top four (4) teams, and to the top eight (8) individuals in each weight class.
- ❖ Make sure any of wrestlers placing in the "Top Eight" in each of the Fourteen Individual Weight Classes remain in Wrestling Uniforms and/or school issued or identifiable clothing for the Award Presentations & Pictures.

- ❖ Wrestlers placing in the top eight (8) places should report to the floor area immediately following the conclusion of the championship bout in the athlete's weight class.
- ❖ Participation in the awards ceremony is NOT optional and is an expectation for entering the tournament.
- ❖ Please cooperate in our efforts to present ourselves in the best possible manner.

### **SCOREBOARDS**

- ❖ Again this year, we have been able to secure four score clocks for the tournament. Their inclusion makes the tournament more enjoyable for coaches, wrestlers, and fans alike and we sincerely appreciate the advertisers who make their usage possible.
- ❖ We will again make every effort to keep results posted on the video board in the end zone.
- ❖ In addition, we continue to try to put out results quickly via the internet at (<http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling>).
- ❖ For the consolation and championship finals, the host arena has purchased a scoreboard which will accommodate the needs of wrestling.

### **BRACKETS**

- ❖ Each school is being supplied a set of brackets for the tournament per day. A ticket will be issued good for that set of brackets.
- ❖ For the first day, the brackets will be available by redeeming one of the bracket tickets (enclosed in the coaching packet) at the program sales table.
- ❖ For each subsequent day of the tournament, you will need a ticket (enclosed in the coaching packet) to receive a copy of the brackets at the program sales table. Details will be given at the coach's meeting.
- ❖ Additional copies are available for \$3.00 at the program sales booth.

### **SUMMARY**

**Thanks to all of you in advance for your much needed cooperation and efforts in making our Kentucky State Wrestling Tournament such a great success year after year! We look forward to another year at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena in the Frankfort Convention Complex.** The Center is a beautiful arena and facility, with a seating capacity of 5,365. We anticipate a larger crowd than ever before in our entire 45-year history. This great facility has offered us an opportunity to really "SHOWCASE" the KENTUCKY STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS. The arena staff has been planning for months to make things even better than last year. We accept and intend to meet the challenge, making this year's 2009 Kentucky State Wrestling Championships the most successful we have ever had! We again look forward to this year's tournament with great anticipation and enthusiasm!