

2016 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT NOTICES-REMINDERS

SIGNS AND BANNERS: Beginning with the 2015 MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships the Mizzou Arena staff and MSHSAA staff are not permitting the hanging of any signs or banners. Due to the history of issues with the hanging of signs-banners and the amount of disrespect between school fan bases and toward the Mizzou Arena Staff, the MSHSAA Wrestling Advisory Committee supports the Mizzou Arena and MSHSAA staff in the restriction of hanging signs-banners. **HANGING OF SIGNS-BANNERS AT THE MIZZOU ARENA IS NOT PERMITTED.** Please advise your cheer groups, fans and spectators of the “no signs-banners” policy. **MSHSAA BOARD POLICY #12 – Also prohibits the use of hand held signs at the State Wrestling Championships.**

Parking at State Wrestling: Parking at the Mizzou Arena will be limited; therefore, only one parking pass per qualifying school traveling by car, van, SUV, etc. will be issued. I would recommend that people car pool as much as possible – at least from the hotel to the arena. **-School vans/cars/etc. will be parked in Lot O (east of Mizzou Arena). Note: invalid/reproduced parking passes will result in the towing of vehicles.** **-Buses will “drop off” on the east side of Mizzou Arena, will park at Trumans Landing. Shuttle service will be provided for bus drivers to be shuttled to and from the arena. Buses will return to the arena to “pick-up” on the north side of the arena. Please review closely the parking instructions and parking map located on the Wrestling page at www.mshsaa.org in the chart titled State Qualifier Information.**

State Qualifier Information: State Qualifier information is now posted to the Wrestling page of the MSHSAA website for your convenience. Please go to the State Qualifier Information section of the Wrestling page and print off copies and review all information that is posted. The documents posted for schools with state qualifiers include: Admission of Cheerleaders, Videotaping and Banners Restricted, State Wrestling Reminders, Weigh-in and Event Time Schedule, Columbia Visitors Bureau Guide for Hotels.

Passes for Participants and Coaches: Each school which qualifies one or more wrestlers for the state meet will be issued passes for each qualifier plus coaches passes based on those wrestling coaches posted and approved on the school’s **High School** Coaches and Directors page. All coaches must meet all requirements of being an “approved” coach including all coaching requirements and completion of the Wrestling online rules review.

Coaches passes: will be issued by showing photo I.D. at the MSHSAA office on Wednesday during packet pick-up or on Thursday via the Will Call window located in the lobby on the northwest side of the main entrance to the Mizzou Arena, if the name of the requesting person is found on the schools approved coaches and directors list.

Participant Passes: will be issued in the state coaches packets.

Passes for Managers: Schools are responsible for covering the admission for any student managers. Event Passes will not be issued for student managers; however, Event Passes for student managers may be purchased at the time you pick up team packets. **The passes for a student manager will cost \$40** and will allow admission to all sessions and will permit student managers to enter the arena with the coach and participants. An invoice will then be issued to the school for any and all student manager passes (**No check/cash/PO**) will be accepted. **Student Manager Passes limit is (4).** **Abuse of the number of manager passes purchased or issuing manager passes to an adult(s) will result in the inability to**

purchase manager passes. Further, adult with student manager passes WILL NOT be permitted to enter the arena early with a team.

Passes for Administrators: Administrators (Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director) are automatically listed as the administrators for receiving an event pass for the state tournament. **In the event that one of the previously mentioned administrators will be replaced by a different district administrator, that substitution must be made prior to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 by calling Karian Cook or Greg Stahl at the MSHSAA office. No onsite changes to the administrator pass list will be allowed.** These administrator passes will be issued at Will Call by showing photo ID.

Passes for Bus Drivers: Bus drivers may secure pass from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the MSHSAA Office, provided they have a letter from the school signed by an Administrator, identifying them as such. Your attention is called to item 6d on page 22 of the MSHSAA Wrestling Manual. **IF THE BUS DRIVER IS ALSO A COACH, AN EXTRA PASS IS NOT TO BE ISSUED.** Bus drivers are encouraged to pick up their pass at the same time coaches are picking up their packets at the MSHSAA office on Wednesday, February 17th or at Will Call on Thursday, February 18th.

State Pairings: The pairings and rotations for developing state brackets will be posted on the MSHSAA web site www.mshsaa.org at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 8a.m.

State Brackets: State brackets will be posted for public viewing on the Wrestling page at www.mshsaa.org

Coolers at State: The only coolers allowed will be through the pass gate and only **One cooler per team will be allowed.** No small individual coolers will be allowed. No coolers will be allowed in the stands. All coolers must be kept on the event level. As the wrestlers go down the hallway, pass the locker rooms until they come to the Café Court concession stand. Coolers will be kept in this area only. The Mizzou Arena and the MSHSAA Office assume no responsibility for any coolers brought into the building. Any coolers brought into the stands shall be confiscated. **No individual coolers.**

Backpacks at State: Backpacks will be allowed for general spectators during entry to the Mizzou Arena upon inspection. Please advise your parents and fans ahead of time of the bag check that will occur at the admission gates. Participants will be allowed to enter the facility with their gear/team bags.

Mizzou Arena Closed Wednesday: The Mizzou Arena will not be open to the public on Wednesday, February 17th. The first opportunity to enter the arena will be Thursday, February 18th at 7a.m.

Mizzou Wrestling Facility: Any access to the Mizzou Wrestling Practice Room must be made directly through the Mizzou Athletics Department.

Coaches Meetings: Mandatory coaches meetings will be held as follows:
8:00am - Thursday - Class 1 & 2 Coaches - Section 111
3:00pm – Thursday - Class 3 & 4 Coaches – Section 111
8:30am – Saturday – Class 1, 2, 3, 4, coaches of wrestlers earning medals - Section 111

State Weigh-ins and Skin Check: Make absolutely sure you know when weigh-ins begin each day. All wrestlers must be present in the weigh-in holding area (Section 205/206) prior to the start of weigh-ins in order to be eligible to weigh-in for the tournament.

Skin Condition Forms: MSHSAA Skin Condition Forms – wrestlers with questionable skin condition areas or lesion must bring a MSHSAA Skin Condition Form to weigh-ins. The skin condition forms will be collected and kept on file for the remainder of the tournament. Wrestlers will be cleared or withheld from competition by the on-site MD/DO/Dermatologists prior to weighing in. As a reminder, per NFHS Wrestling Rules, an onsite physician may overrule a skin condition form. Please be advised that the Skin Condition Forms are reviewed by the onsite physicians primarily for identifying what medication has been prescribed to the wrestler and for how long the wrestler has been on the medication in relation to the skin condition that was diagnosed by the initial physician completing the skin form. Skin Condition Forms completed accurately with proper diagnosis and medication will often times be what actually clears a wrestler if being medicated and treated properly.

State Tournament Match/Team Results: The state tournament will be ran using TrackWrestling.com; therefore, there will be four laptops(1 per class) set up in the results/interview room for coaches to look up results for each weight class and team scores. There will be live updated team scores being posted on the electronic ribbon board in Mizzou Arena throughout each round. All tournament scores and results will be accessed at www.mshsaa.org via the Wrestling page and link titled “2016 Wrestling Championship Information Central”. This link will be directly tied to the Trackwrestling tournament program. I would suggest coaches bring a laptop, ipad, ect. for purpose of accessing all brackets, match results and team scores throughout the tournament via www.mshsaa.org. NOTE: There WILL NOT be a public wireless internet access inside the arena.