

2021 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT NOTICES-REMINDERS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE: Due to complications created by Covid19, the 2021 MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships will be held at Cable Dahmer Arena, Independence, Mo. from March 9 – March 13. The MSHSAA is extremely grateful for the interest and flexibility that the arena management has shown in wanting to host our schools and wrestlers in order to preserve this opportunity. Please keep this in mind and show respect and appreciation to arena staff and care for their facilities.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS REQUIREMENT (MANDATORY): A mask/face covering MUST be worn at all times by tournament staff, arena staff, coaches, wrestlers, school personnel and fans/spectators while inside the Cable Dahmer Arena. **Exceptions:** Wrestlers on the mat during competition or wrestlers in the defined warm-up area, when engaged in physical exertion activity, ARE NOT required to use a mask/face covering. On mat officials acting as either the mat or assistant (inside and outside) official ARE NOT required to use a mask/face covering. Wrestlers and officials must use a mask/face covering when not actively participating in these settings.

RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE: Due to Covid19, the MSHSAA will coordinate, administer and enforce attendance restrictions that permits the MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships to be in compliance with the local/county health department and venue use requirements. It is necessary to restrict the overall maximum attendance at this year's state championship; therefore, it is necessary to reduce the overall size/footprint of the state tournament through a reduction in number of participants, coaches, tournament staff/workers and fan/spectators. We appreciate your understanding of these necessary measures taken in order to move forward with the administering of the State Wrestling Championships. **NOTE:** Only essential personnel (tournament staff/workers, coaches, wrestlers) will be permitted at event level, all other attendees must remain in arena bowl seating or arena suite seating. **NOTE:** **Cheerleading groups WILL NOT be permitted entry to this year's State Wrestling Championships, unless a qualifying school chooses to purchase tickets through the school's ticket allotment that is issued to the school based on the number of qualifying wrestlers.**

TICKETING/ADMISSION: The 2021 State Wrestling Championships will be conducted as five separate one-day tournaments. (Girls – March 9, Boys C1 – March 10, Boys C2 – March 11, Boys C3 – March 12, Boys Class 4 – March 13). All admissions will be through digital ticketing, accessed through the MSHSAA website. **Access to all digital tickets will first be allotted to the schools qualifying to the state championships. All schools will receive access to 8 digital tickets per qualifier and will also receive one (1) additional complimentary ticket for a school administrator - all which the MSHSAA office will email to the school athletic director on the Sunday/Monday following the Sectional Wrestling Tournaments, along with information for your fans regarding how to purchase the digital tickets. It will be at the discretion of the school Athletic Director on how the digital ticket allotment is distributed. Schools will have complete control of the allocations through a presale period ending Thursday February 25 at 11:59 a.m. for the Girls Championships, and ending Thursday March 4 at 11:59 a.m. for all four classes of the Boys Championships. At 12:00 p.m. on each of these two dates, any digital tickets not purchased during the presale periods for the respective championships, will become available to the general public for purchase through the MSHSAA website (See Below).**

General Public Purchase (Not Through A School): As noted above, general public tickets "might be" available after the school presale period has ended. At 12p.m. on February 25th for Girls Championships and on March 4th for Class 1 – 2 Boys Championships, any tickets that remain will be available for purchase through the MSHSAA website, www.mshsaa.org. On the home page select the "MSHSAA Tickets" icon and on the follow screen select the state championships you desire purchase tickets.

Arena Bowl Seating: Seating in the Arena Bowl will be general admission with open seating in designated rows, at **\$15 per digital ticket, plus facility surcharge and transaction fees (approximate \$3.25 per digital ticket)**. All digital tickets will be reserved for presale at the discretion

of qualifying schools, during the presale period. Each arena bowl digital admission ticket is valid for the full day of the specific one-day tournament of which the digital ticket is associated.

Arena Suite Seating (School Access Only) (digitaltickets@mshsaa.org): Digital admission tickets for suite seating are available for groups of 8-17, dependent upon suite size. Suite pricing is **\$25 per digital ticket, plus facility surcharge and transaction fees (approximate \$3.55 per digital ticket)**. Qualifying schools will be given first option to secure suites. Each arena suite digital admission ticket is valid for the full day of the specific one-day tournament of which the digital ticket is associated.

1. Suites will be made available to schools based upon the number of qualifiers, as long as suites remain available. **NOTE: Suites are an extension of general admission seating, suites CANNOT be used by "Teams (Coaches or Wrestlers)" due to coaches/wrestlers being event floor participants with designated seating in Sections 118-120.**
2. Schools may request a second suite, if suites remain available after the first pass through the qualifying school list.
3. Suites must be purchased in their entirety, and the total number of digital tickets available per suite will be billed directly to the school.
4. Organizing can be turned over to parents or booster clubs, and subsequent payment can be made by parents or booster clubs, but the initial invoice will be sent to the school.
5. The actual digital tickets for suite seats will be delivered by email to the school athletic director.
6. The number of suite seats will be included within the school's qualifier allotment.
7. **The available suites accommodate 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 or 17 digital ticket holders.**
8. Suite holders will enter the Cable Dahmer Arena with all other fans through the main gate using one of the digital tickets.
9. Access to the suite level however, which is an upper level, will require a **special access pass**. The **special access passes for each suite** will be included in the school qualifier packets that must be picked up by the head coach either the afternoon (4-6pm) before, or the morning (6:30-7:30am) of, the day your school participates at the state championships. At that point it will be the head coach's responsibility to pass along the "special access passes" to the individual the school appoints to be in charge of distributing these special access passes that must be used for getting to suite level in the arena.

Example. Your school qualifies 4 wrestlers, resulting in your school having access to 32 presale digital tickets, and your group wishes to buy a suite with 12 seats:

- Using 12 digital tickets to buy the suite reduces the access to other arena bowl presale digital tickets to 20.
- Since the school will be billed for "digital tickets to suites", it is the school's responsibility to determine the best process necessary for individuals in their school community to square up with the school on payment for the digital tickets associated with suite seating paid by the school to MSHSAA.
- We would email the athletic director (***in this example***):
 1. 1 complimentary administrator ticket.
 2. 12 actual digital tickets, for the suite seats in your suite; (MSHSAA invoices the school)
 3. 1 code to share with your fans to get access to purchase the remaining 20 presale digital tickets.
- Someone would need to make plans for securing the 12 **special access passes** from the school's head coach so that distribution for these 12 special access passes can be made to those who are the 12 digital ticket holders associated with the suite. Again, the special access pass will be needed to access the (upper) suite level in the arena.

Requesting a Suite: Suites may be requested by email to MSHSAA staff at digitaltickets@mshsaa.org, at any time.

- Suites will be sold by order of request, as received at digitaltickets@mshsaa.org, and subject to adequate number of qualifiers (reminder, access to the state championships limited to 8 tickets per qualifier).
- Please include in your request your school name and class.
- Please include in your request the preferred size of suite, and whether you desire access to a second suite, if available.

All questions regarding bowl or suite seating should be directed to digitaltickets@mshsaa.org.

Passes Out/In – Fans/Spectators/School Administration (Gate 1) and Coaches/Wrestlers/Tournament Staff/Media (Gate 2) will be able to exit and re-enter the Arena during the event, but must secure the appropriate hand stamp before exiting the arena in order to re-enter the arena through the appropriately designated gate. Re-admittance will not be possible without the hand stamp.

MANDATORY ONLINE COACHES MEETING: There will not be an opportunity to hold an onsite Coaches Meeting at Cable Dahmer Arena prior to any of the one-day state tournament. **A link to an Online Coaches Meeting will be emailed to all Wrestling coaches on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. For the sake of your wrestlers and team, it is crucial that you take the time to view and complete this Online Coaches Meeting prior to your arrival for the State Wrestling Championships.** I can assure you that all the important details and notices for the State Wrestling Championships will be covered in the Online Coaches Meeting; therefore, the success of your wrestlers is dependent on your responsibility for completing this online coaches meeting.

STATE QUALIFIER INFORMATION – MASTER TIME SCHEDULE: 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 at www.mshsaa.org and print off copies and review all information that is posted. The documents posted for schools with state qualifiers include: State Wrestling Notices – Information, State Wrestling Master Time Schedule – Coaches, Parking Map and Instructions and Videotaping and Banners.

SCHOOL QUALIFIER PACKETS: School Qualifier packets are to be secured by the Head Coach from each qualifying school. The qualifier packets will include Participant and Coaches passes/hangtags, Parking Pass and Suite Seating special access passes if you school secured suite seating. The school qualifier packets will be available for pick-up at the MSHSAA trailer located in the satellite/overflow parking lot, directly south of the Cable Dahmer Arena, at the following times. **(See Parking/Venue Map for designation and traffic route for packet pick-up)**

March 8th – Girls Packets - 4 – 6pm (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 9th – Girls Packets – 6:30 - 7:30am (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 9th – Boys Class 1 Packets - 4 – 6pm (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 10th – Boys Class 1 Packets – 6:30 - 7:30am (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 10th – Boys Class 2 Packets - 4 – 6pm (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 11th – Boys Class 2 Packets – 6:30 - 7:30am (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 11th – Boys Class 3 Packets - 4 – 6pm (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 12th – Boys Class 3 Packets – 6:30 - 7:30am (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 12th – Boys Class 1 Packets - 4 – 6pm (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena
 March 13th – Boys Class 1 Packets – 6:30 - 7:30am (Not Before) - at the MSHSAA Trailer – south of Cable Dahmer Arena

NOTE: All coaches and wrestlers must have their pass/hangtag to enter the arena (GATE 2). As a reminder, check weight starts at 7:30a.m. each morning at the arena and weigh-ins start at 8a.m.; therefore, if you are picking up your packet in the morning make sure to allow yourself adequate time to get your wrestlers to the weigh-in area after picking up your qualifying packet.

COACH PASSES/HANGTAGS: Due to Covid19 attendance restrictions, the number of coaches passes issued to each school will be determined based on the number of wrestlers a school qualifies to the state championships. The coaches passes/hangtags will be issued when the head coach picks up the school qualifier packet. It will be up to the head coach to determine which assistant coach(es) receive a coaches pass for entry into the tournament through Gate 2 (Coaches/Wrestlers/Tournament Staff). **The coach's pass/hangtag must be worn AND VISIBLE at all times for entry into the arena AND for accessing the event/competition level/floor.**

1-4 Qualifiers = 2 Coaches Passes/Hangtags
5-10 Qualifiers = 3 Coaches Passes/Hangtags
11-14 Qualifiers = 4 Coaches Passes/Hangtags

Alternate Method for Admission for Additional Coaches: **If the number of qualifying wrestlers from a school does not result in all assistant coaches getting access to the arena with a coaches hangtag, then the school's Athletic Director will need to consider a digital ticket(s) from the school's digital tickets allotment as a way to permit other members of the coaching staff being admitted into the arena through Gate 1 (general admission).** Gate 1 does not open until one hour prior to the start of wrestling.

Use of Coaches Pass/Hangtag: All head coaches are responsible for making sure that only their school approved coaches are in possession of a coaches pass/hangtag. Only "two" school approved coaches are permitted at event level on the event floor at one time. A head coach can designate and schedule for multiple school approved coaches to "share" a coaches pass/hangtag to have access to the event floor during the day of competition. **Example: School A qualifies 4 wrestlers to the state tournament; therefore, School A will be issued two coaches passes/hangtags. School A has 4 school approved "high school" wrestling coaches. The head coach can use a rotation or designate a plan that permits all four coaches to use the two coaches passes/hangtags issued to School A.**

Note: MSHSAA will use intentional methods for printing Coaches Passes/Hangtags in order to detect photo copied credentials.

Schools that qualify one or more wrestlers for the state tournament will be issued coaches passes, as noted above, 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 and rules test. **The Head Coach must pick-up the school qualifier packet, which contains the school's allotment of Coaches Hangtags, by showing photo ID. The Head Coach will then distribute the school's allotment of Coaches Hangtags to those coach(es) who the head school/school administration identify as coaches with event floor access.**

PARTICIPANT PASSES/HANGTAGS: Participant Hangtags for qualifying wrestlers will be issued in the school qualifier packets. Each participant will only receive one hangtag which permits admission through Gate 2 at the arena. If a head coach picks up the school qualifier packet the evening before competing, head coaches are asked to not distribute participant's hangtags until the morning of the event in order for all participant hangtags to be secure and accounted for.

COACHES & PARTICIPANTS SEATING: Sections 118, 119, 120 and 100 in the arena is the designated seating areas for coaches and wrestlers ONLY. After qualifying teams have been determined, the MSHSAA will designate an assigned row/area to each qualifying team. Teams will be assigned to even number rows and the odd numbered row in front of the team can be used for bags and equipment. Due to Covid19 attendance restrictions and social distancing requirements, these sections MUST BE used by wrestlers and coaches as the assigned and designated seating area. **Note:** There will also be coaches chairs available at event level that will serve as additional seating for coaches only when waiting for upcoming matches.

MANAGERS TICKETS: There **will not** be any student manager passes issued through the school qualifier packet pick-up process. If a school desires for a student manager to be admitted to the tournament,

the school's Athletic Director will need to consider a digital ticket(s) from the school's digital ticket allotment as a way to permit a manager being admitted into the arena through Gate 1 (general admission). **This is due to the necessity of having to meet restricted attendance protocols.** Gate 1 does not open until one hour prior to the start of wrestling.

ADMINISTRATOR TICKETS: As noted above in the "Ticketing/Admission" section, due to attendance restrictions, each qualifying school will be issued ONE complimentary digital ticket for a school administrator to use for admission to the arena for student supervision purposes. School administrators must use Gate 1 (general admission) to enter the arena. Gate 1 does not open until one hour prior to the start of wrestling. If a school desires to have more than one school administrator admitted to the tournament, the school's Athletic Director will need to consider a ticket(s) from the school's digital ticket allotment as a way to permit other school administrators.

BUS DRIVER TICKETS: Due to attendance restrictions, bus drivers who desire admission access into the arena, will need have the school's Athletic Director consider a digital ticket(s) from the school's digital ticket allotment as a way to permit the bus driver(s) being admitted into the arena.

PARKING MAP – PARKING INSTRUCTIONS: Due to the one-day tournament format, restricted attendance and a plentiful amount of available parking areas, parking at the Cable Arena should not be an issue.

-Coaches/Wrestlers traveling by school vans/cars/etc. will park in the reserved lot at the southwest end of the arena (purple on the parking map) and enter through Gate 2. A parking pass to this reserved lot shall be secured by the head coach when picking up the school qualifier packets. Those school traveling by cars/vans/suvs will be issued a maximum of two parking passes. **Note:** The reserved parking for teams is close to Gate 2 which only permits credentialed teams members and tournament staff to enter. There is no value at all in securing a parking pass for someone who has to enter through Gate 1. **Note:** Invalid/reproduced parking passes will result in the towing of vehicles.

-Buses will "drop off" on the southwest corner of the arena, Gate 2, and will then park in the southwest lot of the arena (light blue on the parking map).

-School Administrators will park in the east or southeast/south central parking areas (marked yellow on the parking map) and enter the arena through Gate 1.

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.

WARM UP AREA/WARM UP MATS: All warm-up mats will be located on the northwest end of Cable Dahmer Arena (concourse level). The warm-up area is located very close to the match assignment tunnel that wrestlers must report to for staging and assignment to a mat for competition. The only warmups permitted at event level on the competition mats is indicated on the Master Time Schedule and noted as "On Mat Warm-ups". All other warm-ups must be done in the warm-up area on the northwest concourse. **Wrestlers must wear a mask/face covering in the warm-up when not warming up and engaged in physical exertion activity.**

STATE PAIRINGS: The pairings and bracket rotations used for determining placement in the state championship brackets will be posted to the Wrestling page on the MSHSAA web site www.mshsaa.org at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd for Girls Wrestling and on Tuesday, March 2nd for Boys Wrestling. There will be three different bracket rotations (A,B,C) that have been randomly drawn to determine which bracket rotation is used at a weight class.

STATE BRACKETS: MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships brackets will be posted for public viewing on the www.mshsaa.org at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23rd for Girls Wrestling and on Tuesday, March 2nd for Boys Wrestling. To view the state brackets, go to the Wrestling page of the MSHSAA website and select the link titled "Championship Information Central".

SAMPLE BRACKET - [State Bracket Sample](#)

BRACKET FORMAT AND TEAM SCORING (BYES): The 2021 State Wrestling Championships will be administered using 16 person brackets with 12 qualifiers in each bracket/weight class. The bracket will use a double elimination wrestleback to fifth place format. All sectional champions will receive a first round bye in the state bracket. The sectional champions receiving a first round bye will receive an automatic 4 team points (2match/2advancement). Those wrestlers receiving a bye in the first round wrestleback will receive an automatic 1 team point (1advancement). These team scoring decisions were finalized after thorough discussions and vote of the wrestling advisory committee.

STATE WEIGH-INS AND SKIN CHECKS: Make absolutely sure you know when weigh-ins begin each day. (7:30a.m. Check Weight, 8a.m. Weigh-ins) All wrestlers must be present in the **Weigh-in Holding Area (Section 116/117)** for the start of weigh-ins in order to be eligible to weigh-in for the tournament. (SEE MASTER TIME SCHEDULE THAT IS POSTED ON THE WRESTLING PAGE AT www.mshsaa.org)

Weight Allowance: An additional one-pound growth allowance will be issued at the state tournament resulting in a three-pound growth allowance.

Example: Girls 102 = 105 Boys 106 = 109

Note: This additional growth allowance will also increase the minimum weight requirement at all weight classes per NFHS Wrestling Rules.

SKIN CONDITION FORMS: MSHSAA Skin Condition Forms (**Current Year Form**) – Wrestlers with questionable skin condition areas or lesions 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 MSHSAA 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 will often times be what actually clears a wrestler to participate “IF” being medicated and treated properly.

TEAM COOLER(S): The only coolers allowed into the facility must be a Team Cooler and it must be brought in through the Gate 2 pass gate when teams enter the arena. **“ONE” Team Cooler per team will be allowed. TEAMS MUST PROVIDE OWN WATER BOTTLE OR PURCHASE FROM CONCESSION AREAS, SHARED WATER COOLERS AT EVENT LEVEL WILL NOT BE PROVIDED DUE TO COVID19.** No small individual coolers will be allowed. No coolers will be allowed in the stands. All Team Coolers must be kept at event level in Zamboni tunnel on the west end of the arena. Cable Dahmer 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 permitted in the stands or at event level.**

BACKPACKS/HAND BAGS: Spectators will be permitted to enter the facility with a backpack, diaper bag, or hand bag, upon inspection. Please advise your parents, fans/spectators ahead of time that bag checks will occur at the admission gates. Participants will be allowed to enter the facility with their gear/team bags.

CABLE DAHMER ARENA – CLOSED FOR PRACTICES: The Cable Dahmer Arena will not be available for any practice time. Teams will only have access to the arena on the day of their classification’s state tournament.

STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS: TrackWrestling.com will be used for administering the state wrestling tournament. There will be laptops set up in the results room for coaches to look up results for weight classes and team scores. There will be live updated team scores being posted on the center video/ribbon boards in Cale Dahmer Arena throughout each round. All tournament scores and results will be accessed at www.mshsaa.org via the Wrestling page and link titled “2021 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.

SIGNS AND BANNERS: HANGING OF SIGNS-BANNERS AT CABLE DAHMER ARENA IS NOT PERMITTED. Please advise your fans/spectators, booster club groups or spirit/cheer groups of the "no signs-banners" policy.