

## **STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT NOTICES-REMINDERS**

**Class 1-2 Boys/Class 1 Girls – February 25-26**

**Class 3-4 Boys/Class 2 Girls – February 27-28**

**Mizzou Arena – University of Missouri (Columbia)**

**DIGITAL TICKETING/ADMISSION:** The 2026 Wrestling Championships will be conducted as four separate days/sessions. Four Days/Sessions = Wednesday All-Day, Thursday All-Day, Friday All-Day and Saturday All-Day. The price of a **Single Day/Session Digital Ticket** for the Wrestling Championships will be \$17.00, while a Two Day/Sessions Digital Ticket will be \$34.00. All admissions will be through digital ticketing, accessed through the “TICKETS” icon posted on the homepage of the MSHSAA website as well as through the Information Central link posted on the Wrestling page of the MSHSAA website, [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org).

**Passes Outs/Ins** – Spectators, School personnel, Coaches, Participants, Managers, etc. will be able to exit and re-enter the Arena during each day, BUT must secure the appropriate hand stamp before exiting the Arena in order to re-enter. Re-admittance will not be possible without the hand stamp.

**ONLINE COACHES MEETING:** A link to an Online Coaches Meeting will be emailed to all Wrestling coaches on Monday, February 23. Please feel free to forward the online coaches meeting link to any assistant coaches and/or administrators at your school for viewing. 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:** 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 toward the bottom of the Wrestling page at [www.mshsaa.org](http://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, Weigh-in Schedule, Time Schedule, Parking Map and Instructions, Admission of Cheerleaders, Videotaping and Banners.

**SCHOOL QUALIFIER PACKETS:** School Qualifier packets are to be secured by the Head Coach from each qualifying school. The qualifier packets and Coaches passes will be available for pick-up at the following times:

- **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 8pm at the MSHSAA Office (NOT BEFORE) (All Classes)**
- **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6am – 4:00pm at the Mizzou Arena (Northwest Pass gate) (All Classes)**
- **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7am – 1:00pm at the Mizzou Arena (Northwest Pass gate) 2pm – 6pm at the MSHSAA Office (NOT BEFORE) (C3-4 Boys/C2-Girls)**
- **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6am – TBA at the Mizzou Arena (Will Call/North Side) (C3-4 Boys/C2-Girls)**

**NOTE:** For those schools who are in Class 1 Girls and Class 3 Boys and have a head coach who is the same person for both teams, you are permitted to pick up both your girls and boys qualifier packets at the same time.

**NOTE:** On Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>, coaches are able to pick up passes and packets from **7am – 1pm at the Mizzou Arena (Northwest Pass gate) and from 2pm – 6pm at the MSHSAA Office**. Coaches coming directly to Mizzou Arena after 1pm WITHOUT a pass will not be admitted.

**COACH PASS/HANGTAG:** Each school that qualifies a wrestler(s) will have a Coach pass/hangtag issued based on whether a coach is posted and approved on the school's High School Coaches and Directors page as a “Boys” Wrestling Coach or as a “Girls” Wrestling Coach, or both. Example: If your school only qualifies a boy wrestler(s), then only those coaches posted as a boy's high school wrestling coach will have access to a Coach pass/hangtag, and vice versa. 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. **All Coaches hangtags (head and assistant coaches) will be issued by showing photo I.D. during packet pick-up timeframes noted above. You are required to pick up your own coaches pass.** **You ARE NOT permitted to pick-up a coaches pass/hangtag on behalf of a coach, even if you have their I.D.** NOTE: Any lost/misplaced Coach pass/hangtag will be replaced for \$34 per pass/hangtag of which will be invoiced directly to the school.

**PARTICIPANT PASS/HANGTAG:** Each State qualifying wrestler will be issued one Participant hangtag that will be included in the school qualifier packets picked up each school’s head coach. **NOTE: Any lost/misplaced Participant pass/hangtag will be replaced for \$34 per pass/hangtag of which will be invoiced directly to the school.**

**MANAGERS DIGITAL PASSES:** Athletic Directors will receive email instructions from the MSHSAA office advising them on how to purchase “digital passes” for student managers, up to a maximum of 4 digital passes. As has been the case in previous years, schools are responsible for covering the costs of the student manager pass(es). Once the Athletic Director has purchased the digital passes for the student manager(s), the Athletic Director is responsible for issuing the digital pass(es) directly to the student manager(s) to use for admittance into each day of the State tournament. The passes for a student manager will cost \$34 and will allow student managers to enter the arena with the coach and participants through the North pass gate. **Adults in possession of a student manager pass WILL NOT be permitted to enter the arena early with a team.**

**Student Manager Digital Pass(es):**

- Each AD will receive an email from [slaughter@mshsaa.org](mailto:slaughter@mshsaa.org) containing a Passcode and instructions on how to purchase their student manager passes. **The email for Student Manager Digital Passes will be sent on February 23<sup>rd</sup> or February 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- The code will permit a max purchase of 4 digital student manager passes per two-day State Tournament.
- A school qualifying 2 teams (boys team/girls’ team) will receive 2 codes.
- The digital manager pass will be color coded to reflect whether the digital pass is valid for the Class 1-2 Boys/Class 1 Girls on Wednesday/Thursday or if the digital pass is valid for the Class 3-4 Boys/Class 2 Girls on Friday/Saturday.
- **It is the responsibility of the AD to distribute the digital student manager pass(es) to those individuals who indeed serve as student managers.** The digital student manager pass will grant entry with the team, one scan per day. **Note: Adults in possession of a student manager pass WILL NOT be permitted to enter the arena early with a team.**

**ADMITTANCE OF COACHES/PARTICIPANTS/STUDENT MANAGERS:** All passes/hangtags for Coaches and Participants as well as the digital passes for Student Managers will be color coded to reflect which two-day State tournament that the pass/hangtag will permit early entry, access to the Pass Gate line into Mizzou Arena and will identify what days the pass/hangtag is valid for event/floor level access.

**Class 1-2 Boys & Class 1 Girls (Orange Passes) (Orange Days – Wednesday/Thursday):**

Coaches/Participants will have an Orange pass/hangtag and Student Managers will need an Orange digital pass to access Mizzou Arena at 6am on Wednesday/Thursday AND/OR access to the Pass Gate entry line into the arena on Wednesday/Thursday. Coach/Participant passes/hangtags will be hole punched and Student Manager digital passes will be scanned upon first entry into the arena on Wednesday/Thursday. Only Orange Coach/Participant passes/hangtags are granted event/floor access on Wednesday/Thursday.

NOTE: Class 3-4 Boys/Class 2 Girls teams (coaches/participants/managers) will be permitted entry into the arena on Orange Days (Wednesday/Thursday) using the Blue passes/hangtags; HOWEVER, the head and assistant coaches will be required to show photo I.D. at the Northwest Pass Gate to ensure individuals in possession of an Blue Coach pass/hangtag is indeed the individual listed on the master Coaches Pass List. **Orange Participant passes/hangtags and Student Manager digital passes MUST enter with their school coach through the Northwest Pass Gate and the number of Participants entering must match your number of State qualifiers.** The Blue passes/hangtags DO NOT have access to the coaches seating area or the event/floor level on Orange Days.

**Class 3-4 Boys & Class 2 Girls (Blue Passes) (Blue Days – Friday/Saturday):**

Coaches/Participants will have a Blue pass/hangtag and Student Managers will need an Blue digital pass to access Mizzou Arena at 6am on Friday/Saturday AND/OR access to the Pass Gate entry line into the arena on Friday/Saturday. Coach/Participant passes/hangtags will be hole punched and Student Manager digital passes will be scanned upon first entry into the arena on Friday/Saturday. Only Blue Coach/Participant passes/hangtags are granted event/floor access on Friday/Saturday.

**NOTE:** Class 1-2 Boys/Class 1 Girls teams (coaches/participants/managers) will be permitted entry into the arena on Blue Days (Friday/Saturday) using the orange passes/hangtags; **HOWEVER**, the head and assistant coaches will be required to show photo I.D. at the Northwest Pass Gate to ensure individuals in possession of an Orange Coach pass/hangtag is indeed the individual listed on the master Coaches Pass List. **Blue Participant passes/hangtags and Student Manager digital passes MUST enter with their school coach through the Northwest Pass Gate and the number of Participants entering must match your number of State qualifiers.** The Orange passes/hangtags DO NOT have access to the coaches seating area or event/floor level on Blue Days.

**ADMINISTRATOR DIGITAL PASSES:** Athletic Directors will be emailed 3 digital passes to be issued to School Administrators for the purposes of supervision at the two-day State tournament of which your Girls and/or Boys Wrestling team will be participating. The 3 digital passes are intended for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director; however, it will be up to school administration to designate which 3 school administrators will get access to the 3 digital passes. These digital passes will allow admission to the two-day State tournament and are to be used at the General Admission Entrances, not at a pass gate.

**School Administrators:**

- Each AD will receive an email directly from the box office containing the 3 Administrator Passes they will need to distribute to the individuals attending the event as student supervisors. Each pass will grant one admission scan per day.
- **The name and email address from the box office reads “Missouri State High School Activities Association Box Office <auto-reply@hometownticketing.com>".** The passes come as a PDF attachment, they may print the pass on paper or forward a screen shot of the pass, both of which can be scanned for entry at any general admission gate, not at the north pass gate. **The email for Administrator Digital Passes will be sent on February 23rd or February 24th.**

**BUS DRIVER PASSES:** A letter on school letterhead signed by a School Administrator, that names and identifies the bus driver will permit the bus driver to secure one gate pass. With this letter, the bus driver may secure the gate pass at the following times:

- **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 8pm at the MSHSAA Office (NOT BEFORE) (All Classes)**
- **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6am – 4pm at the Mizzou Arena (Northwest Pass gate) (All Classes)**
- **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7am – 1pm at the Mizzou Arena (Northwest Pass gate) 2pm – 6pm at the MSHSAA Office (NOT BEFORE) (C3-4Boys/C2-Girls)**
- **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6am – TBA at the Mizzou Arena (Northwest Pass gate) (C3-4Boys/C2-Girls)**

**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 head coaches are picking up their school qualifier packets.

**PARKING MAP – PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:** Parking at the Mizzou Arena will be limited; therefore, **only one parking pass per qualifying team,** traveling by car, van, SUV, etc. will be issued.

**-School vans/cars/etc. will be parked in Lot O (east of Mizzou Arena). Note: invalid or reproduced parking passes will result in the towing of vehicles.**

**-Buses will “drop off” on the east side of Mizzou Arena and will then park at Truman’s Landing. Shuttle service will be provided for bus drivers to be shuttled to and from the arena. Bus drivers should plan on an approximate 15-minute round trip shuttle. Buses will return to the arena to “pick-up” on the north side of the arena. DO NOT ASK BUS DRIVERS TO COME TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ARENA FOR TEAM PICK-UP UNTIL ALL OF YOUR TEAM IS READY TO EXIT THE ARENA. Please review closely the parking**

instructions and parking map located on the Wrestling page at in the chart titled State Qualifier Information.

**WARM UP AREA/WARM UP MATS:** Warm-up mats will be located at the Loading Dock area (Southwest corner at event level). The Loading Dock warm-up area will accommodate three - five sections of mat and is for "wrestlers only". **The event level competition mats should be available for warm-ups prior to each round each day, UNLESS A DELAY IN THE TIME SCHEDULE DETERMINES OTHERWISE.**

**WRESTLERS ACCESS TO EVENT/FLOOR LEVEL:** The Southeast stairway continues to be closed and off limits to wrestlers due to damage to the facility in past years. **The Southwest stairway will continue to be the only access for wrestlers to use to move from concourse level to event level.** WRESTLERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE ANY ELEVATORS IN MIZZOU ARENA.

**STATE PAIRINGS:** The pairings and bracket rotations used for determining placement in the State Championship brackets will be posted on the MSHSAA web site [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) at 8am on Sunday, February 22.

**STATE BRACKETS:** MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships brackets (Girls and Boys) will be posted for public viewing on the Wrestling page at [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) at 8am on Sunday, February 22. To view the State brackets, go to the Wrestling page of the MSHSAA website and select the link titled "Championship Information Central".

**STATE WEIGH-INS AND SKIN CHECKS:** Make absolutely sure you know when weigh-ins begin each day. **All wrestlers must be present in the Weigh-in Holding Area (Section 205) prior to the start of weigh-ins in order to be eligible to weigh-in for the tournament.** (SEE WEIGH-IN SCHEDULE THAT IS POSTED UNDER THE STATE QUALIFIER INFORMATION CATEGORY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WRESTLING PAGE AT [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org))

**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/Nurse Practitioner, Dermatologists or Physician Assistant 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:** The only coolers allowed into the facility must be a Team Cooler and it must be brought in through the Northwest Pass Gate. **“ONE” Team Cooler per team will be allowed.** No small individual coolers will be allowed. No coolers will be allowed in the stands. All Team Coolers must be kept at event level. As the wrestlers go down the hallway, past the locker rooms they will 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 permitted.**

**BACKPACKS/HAND BAGS:** **Please advise your parents, fans/spectators ahead of time that a bag will be checked at the admission gates.** Participants will be allowed to enter the facility with their gear/team bags at the Northwest Pass Gate.

## **CLEAR BAG POLICY FOR MIZZOU Arena**

Fans are encouraged not to bring any types of bags inside SEC venues during games; however, the following outlines bags that are permitted:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12";
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc or similar); and
- Small clutch bags, with or without a handle or strap, that do not exceed 4.5" x 6.5" (approximately the size of a hand).
- An institutionally approved logo no larger than 4.5" x 3.4" may be displayed on one side of a permissible clear bag.

#### **List of Prohibited items at Mizzou Arena:**

1. Animals (except for assistive purposes)
2. Artificial noisemakers
3. Bags, containers, and coolers not in compliance with clear bag policy
4. Banners/signs larger than 2'X 3' (must reflect good sportsmanship and must not be on a pole, or affixed to any part of the facility)
5. Cans and glass bottles
6. Firearms and weapons
7. Laser Lights
8. Outside food or beverage (one sealed water bottle is permitted, and food for medical purposes is permitted with the approval of gate attendant)
9. Portable seats larger than 16" x 18" x 9"
10. Professional-grade audio/video equipment
11. Strollers
12. Umbrellas

#### **MU Clear Bag Policy**

<https://mutigers.com/sports/2017/2/22/clear-bag-policy.aspx>

**MIZZOU ARENA – CLOSED TUESDAY:** The Mizzou Arena will not be open to qualifying teams or the public on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The first opportunity to enter the arena will be Wednesday, February 25<sup>st</sup> at 6am for Class 1-2 Boys/Class 1 Girls coaches, wrestlers and student managers.

**MIZZOU WRESTLING FACILITY:** The MU Wrestling Facility consist of two rooms, the MU practice room and the Regional Training Center (TRC) room (back room). Below are the available times the MU Wrestling Practice Room and RTC Room will be open for state qualifying teams to practice and/or workouts.

- **Tuesday – Practice Room, Available 11am – 6pm (Not Available 7am – 10:30am Closed for MU Practice)**
- **Wednesday – Practice Room & RTC Room, Available, 8am – 3pm Closed from 3pm – 8pm**  
**Note: MU Wrestlers will be involved in individual drills all day but teams are allowed to use the facility**
- **Thursday – Practice Room, Available 11am – 6pm, (Not Available 7am – 10:30am Closed for MU Practice)**
- **Friday – Practice Room & RTC Room, Available All Day, 8am – 9pm**
- **Saturday – Practice Room & RTC Room, Available 11am – 5pm**

**NOTE: Do not use weight room or cardio equipment.**

**NOTE: No food or drink permitted in the MU Wrestling Room and No Wrestlers permitted without supervision by a school coach.**

**STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS:** TrackWrestling.com will be used for administering the State wrestling tournament. There will be laptops set up in the results/interview 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 board in Mizzou

Arena throughout each round. All tournament scores and results will be accessed at [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org) via the Wrestling page and link titled "Wrestling Championship Information Central". This link will be directly tied to the Trackwrestling tournament program. **Suggest coaches bring a laptop, iPad, etc. 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 THE MIZZOU ARENA IS NOT PERMITTED.** Please advise your cheer groups, fans and spectators of the "no signs-banners" policy.

**T-SHIRT DISTRIBUTION PROHIBITED:** Mizzou Arena policies **strictly prohibited** the distribution of t-shirts or apparel on the property of Mizzou Arena. If your school/team has designed and sold State tournament t-shirts, you must distribute that apparel to your wrestlers, fans/spectators, etc. prior to your arrival to Mizzou Arena. Please make sure to advise your school administration and/or booster clubs of this restriction.