

2019 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT NOTICES-REMINDERS

TICKETING/ADMISSION CHANGES: The 2019 Wrestling Championships will be conducted as four separate sessions, in the past there has been five sessions. Four Sessions = Thursday All-Day, Friday All-Day, Saturday Morning, and Saturday Evening. The price of a **Single Session Ticket** for the 2019 Wrestling Championships will remain at \$9.00. However, with the format change to four sessions, MSHSAA will now offer the convenience of a four-punch **All-Session Ticket** for \$36.00 fans and spectators. There will not be a digital ticketing option for the 2019 Wrestling Championships; however, the ticket sales trailer will be able to accommodate credit card purchases.

Passes Out/In – Patrons will be able to exit and re-enter the Arena during each session, but must secure the appropriate hand stamp in order to do so. Re-admittance will not be possible without the hand stamp.

MANDATORY ONLINE COACHES MEETING: Due to the addition of Girls Wrestling to the MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships there will not be an opportunity to hold an onsite Coaches Meeting at Mizzou Arena prior to competition on Thursday, February 14, 2019. **A link to an Online Coaches Meeting will be emailed to all Wrestling coaches on Monday, February 4, 2019. 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 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: Admission of Cheerleaders, Videotaping and Banners Restricted, State Wrestling Reminders, Weigh-in and Event Time Schedule.

School Qualifier Packets: School Qualifier packets and Coaches passes will be available for pick-up at the following times:

Wednesday, February 13th from 4pm – 8pm at the MSHSAA Office (NOT BEFORE)

Thursday, February 14th from 6am – TBA at the Mizzou Arena (Will Call-on North Side of Mizzou Arena)

Passes for Participants and Coaches: Each school that qualifies one or more wrestlers for the state tournament 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. during packet pick-up (as noted above).

Participant Passes: will be issued in the school qualifier 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 the head coach picks up their school qualifier

packet. **The passes for a student manager will cost \$36.00** and will allow admission to all sessions and will permit student managers to enter the arena with the coach and participants. An invoice will 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 student manager passes purchased or issuing student manager passes to an adult(s) will result in the inability to purchase student manager passes. Furthermore, adults in possession of a student manager pass 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 from your school who qualifies 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 12, 2019 by calling or emailing Greg Stahl or Talisha Washington at the MSHSAA office. No onsite changes to the administrator pass list will be allowed.** These administrator passes will be issued at Will Call (North side of Mizzou Arena) by showing photo ID.

Passes for Bus Drivers: Bus drivers may secure pass from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 head coaches are picking up their school qualifier packets at the MSHSAA office on Wednesday or at Will Call on Thursday.

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 and will 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 15-20 minute round trip shuttle. 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.

(NEW) Warm-up Mats/Areas: All warm-up mats will be located on the west end of Mizzou Arena on Concourse level. Monitors showing on deck weight classes will be provide in the warmup area at concourse level for wrestlers to monitor when they should be making their way to the match assignment tunnels. The Southwest stairway is the only access for wrestlers to use to move from concourse level to event level. **The only warmups permitted on the competition mats will be at start of the first round on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as well as prior to the start of the State Finals on Saturday.**

State Pairings: The pairings and rotations for developing state girls brackets will be posted on the MSHSAA web site www.mshsaa.org at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 10, 2019. *NOTE: Due to delayed district tournaments, information for the boys brackets will be released Monday, February 11, 2019 by 10:00 a.m.*

State Brackets: State girls brackets will be posted for public viewing on the Wrestling page at www.mshsaa.org at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 10, 2019. To view the state brackets, go to the Wrestling page of the MSHSAA website and select the link titled "Championship Information Central". *NOTE: Due to delayed district tournaments, information for the boys brackets will be released Monday, February 11, 2019 by 10:00 a.m.*

State Medalists Coaches Meeting: Mandatory coaches meetings will be held as follows:
7:30am – Saturday – Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and Girls 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 207/208) 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 ON THE WRESTLING PAGE AT www.mshsaa.org)

Skin Condition Forms: MSHSAA Skin Condition Forms (Current Year) – 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.

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 13th. The first opportunity to enter the arena will be Thursday, February 14th at 6a.m for coaches, wrestlers and student managers.

Mizzou Wrestling Facility: Below are the available times the MU Wrestling Room will be open.

- **Wednesday** – After 5:00 p.m.
- **Thursday** – 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Friday** – 7:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Closed 10:30 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Saturday** – 7:00a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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

Coaches Meeting: Mandatory coaches meeting will be held as follows:

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Warm-up Mats for Wrestlers: Event floor mats WILL NOT be open for wrestlers at the conclusion of weigh-ins for each session. Warm-up mats provided onsite must be used for all warm-ups, the exception of prior to the state finals. Due the addition of Girls Wrestling to the time schedule, the event floor mats will not be available for warm-ups.

State Tournament Match/Team Results: The state tournament will be ran using TrackWrestling.com; therefore, there will be two laptops 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 center 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 “2019 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 THE MIZZOU ARENA IS NOT PERMITTED. Please advise your cheer groups, fans and spectators of the “no signs-banners” policy.