



2017 NSAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

CenturyLink-Omaha

February 16-17-18, 2017

Pre-Meet Information for Coaches

CALL TO MAT SYSTEM

Announcers at the State Championships in Omaha will no longer be calling each wrestler to the mats. We will utilize the call-to-mat system within Trackwrestling. The large center-hung video board at CenturyLink will have the matches displayed. The announcers will call the audience's attention to mats referencing good upcoming match-ups or matches in progress. This allows the fans to hear the announcers provide information about the wrestlers competing (rank, previous state placer, etc.).

1. **State Tournament Pairings:** Pairings will be available following the completion of district competition on the internet late Saturday evening, February 11, 2017, if all districts are completed as scheduled. Pairings will be posted on the NSAA Homepage (<http://www.nsaahome.org>), on the Wrestling page under "State Tournament Pairings." *If a district tournament is postponed because of weather, the pairings will not be released for all classes until all districts have been completed.*

MATSIDE FLOOR PASS PROTOCOL

Each and every coach that is allowed matside will be required to have a visible lanyard credential (issued by the NSAA). Those lanyard credentials are determined by the same scale that we use to determine the number of wristbands that each school receives which is based on the number of qualifiers:

1--5 qualifiers=2 coach wristbands & 2 coach lanyards
6--9 qualifiers=3 coach wristbands & 3 coach lanyards
10--14 qualifiers=4 coach wristbands & 4 coach lanyards

1. Each school will receive the wristbands (using the same scale) for admittance to the venue, however, the wristbands **WILL NOT** get anyone matside.
2. The entrance to the mat area will be the same as last year where the lanyard is used to gain entrance instead of the wristband.
3. The matside lanyard **CANNOT** be used as a ticket into the venue. Its sole purpose is controlling the area along the mats.
4. The people allowed to utilize the matside lanyard must be listed on the coaches list that was submitted to the NSAA by their school administration. **Those not qualifying for a wristband will need to purchase a ticket to be admitted. They may join the other coaches and use one of their lanyards to access the floor as needed.**
5. **Please wear this lanyard around your neck. It must remain visible at all times when within the boundaries of the matside area (including the coach's corners).** If you do not have the lanyard visible, you will be asked to leave the matside area immediately.
6. Each lanyard is labeled by school and color coded by session and only those teams competing in that session will be allowed in the matside floor area per the NSAA wrestling manual page 24.
7. A school that misuses this matside lanyard will have that lanyard confiscated for the remainder of the 2016 Championship and will need to request, in writing to the NSAA Executive Director, a reinstatement of the lanyard credential for the following year.

Team Check-In

EARLY TEAM CHECK-IN—(FEB 15)-WEDNESDAY Evening 6:30-8:00 PM-- Use **NORTHBOUND** 10th street and pull into the **curb cut out on the west side** (FRONT) of the CenturyLink Convention building. Coaches may pick up their team packets at the **CenturyLink Ticket Atrium on the west (front) side of CenturyLink**. **Enter the doors that are below the skywalk**. DO NOT bring wrestlers inside. No scales will be available Wednesday night.

TEAM CHECK-IN—(FEB 16)-THURSDAY (beginning at 7:00 AM)--Proceed to the “Club Entry” door on the east side of CenturyLink where you will enter. The head coach will be allowed to come in to get the team packet as well as coaches needing wristbands. Once the head coach distributes his team tickets, then they may enter and be hand-stamped. Please have your wristbands on and competitor tickets distributed for CenturyLink personnel to admit you.

You will receive the number of wristbands and lanyards that you qualify for as in the past. We will be getting the names of those allowed to get wristbands or lanyards from your school’s administration as in the past and those names will be attached to the front of your team packet. ONLY those whose names appear on the front of your team packet should be wearing a wristband or lanyard.

Parking permits will be issued as follows:

- 1-6 qualifiers=1 parking permit
- 7-12 qualifiers=2 parking permits
- 13-14 qualifiers=3 parking permits

The NSAA and CenturyLink-Omaha do not guarantee parking spots. Parking is on a first come, first serve basis. No other parking permits will be issued beyond these numbers for each school and these parking permits are to be used only by teams who have qualified for the State Tournament. School vans, cars and mini-buses will be allowed to park in Lot A with this permit. Large school buses will not be allowed to park in Lot A and will have to find parking.

Recommended Coaching Attire for the State Wrestling Championships

In an effort to continuously improve the quality and image of the State Wrestling Championships, we are asking the participating schools to be aware of the attire for the coaching staff. Because we now webcast every match competed in the Championship for the world to see, we are asking the coaches to be conscious of the image that they are presenting as they represent their respective school. Obviously, if the coaches choose to wear a collared shirt with a school logo or even a button-up shirt with or without a tie, that would be up to standard. We are recommending the following **minimum standards**:

1. All coaches wear shirt or jacket that signifies your school in some form.
2. No jeans.
3. No ball caps (we currently do not allow ball caps for the wrestlers on the awards stand).

The Wrestling Championships are one of the most highly attended events for the NSAA each year and as we strive for improving the image of wrestling and the championships, we are asking for your help in this venture. We sincerely appreciate your help in making the Wrestling Championships a great experience for all. Thank you.

COACHES AND WRESTLERS: **PLEASE SHOW RESPECT AND COOPERATE AT ALL TIMES WITH THE CENTURYLINK EVENT STAFF, SECURITY AND THE NSAA CHAMPIONSHIP STAFF. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND ALSO FOR YOUR SAFETY.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: The State Wrestling Championship will be held as scheduled unless severe weather conditions force the NSAA to make schedule and/or tournament format changes.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION: For additional information, go to “Wrestling Championship Central”-- <http://nsaahome.org/wrestling-fan-guide/>. Also see <http://www.visitomaha.com/nsaawrestling/>.