

Wrestling

I GENERAL

A. Wrestling Weight Control Program

All Indiana high school wrestlers shall participate in the IHSAA Wrestling Weight Control Program. The program is designed to determine the minimum weight class a wrestler may participate in throughout the season. The establishment of a minimum weight class is based on a body fat measurement of 7% for male wrestlers and 12% for female wrestlers.

The establishment of a minimum wrestling weight based on 7% body fat for males and 12% for females is required for all high school wrestlers before they compete in interscholastic competition. **The IHSAA does not advocate that a wrestler's established minimum weight is the athlete's best weight, but simply the minimum weight and weight class at which the athlete will be allowed to compete.**

1. Establishing Minimum Weights

a. Skinfold measurements or body composition analyzations will be utilized to determine each wrestler's body fat percentage. Only skinfold measurements taken by IHSAA Certified Skinfold Measurers will be accepted. Schools may obtain a list of approved measurers from the IHSAA secured website at www.ihsaa.net. It is the responsibility of the school to contact a certified skinfold measurer from this list. The athletic director, on behalf of the wrestling coach, may submit body composition analyzations.

b. Prior to being measured for body fat percentages, all wrestlers shall pass a Specific Gravity Urine test. Urine test strips or a refractometer shall be used to certify adequate hydration of the wrestler. A wrestler tested at 1.020 or lower is deemed to have passed the Specific Gravity Urine test.

c. The lowest weight class a wrestler may compete at will be determined as follows:

(1) If the predicted weight, at 7% male/12% female body fat is exactly that of one of the weight classes, that weight class shall be the wrestler's minimum weight class.

(2) If the weight falls between two weight classes, he must wrestle at the higher weight class.

(3) For any wrestler measuring at or above the established minimums of 7%/12% and with a signed parental permission form, the wrestler may wrestle at the weight class in which the 7% male/12% female predicted weight, less 2% of that weight, places him/her. (Example: Wrestler measures 7% body fat at 105 pounds, the wrestler may subtract 2% of 105 pounds [2.1 pounds] from 105 pounds resulting in the sub 7% wrestler to qualify for the 103 pound weight class) This permission must be requested on the IHSAA Parent Permission form which appears at www.ihsaa.org. This permission must be received no later than the last Friday of December (December 26, 2008).

(4) Any male or female wrestler whose body fat percentage at the time of measurement falls below 7%/12% must obtain, in writing, a licensed physician's clearance stating that the athlete is naturally at this sub 7%/12% body fat level. A physician's clearance is for one season duration and expires April 1 of each year. The physician's clearance must be completed on the prescribed form for physician's use found on the IHSAA website at www.ihsaa.org under wrestling. A doctor's note alone is not acceptable. Wrestlers that measure below the established minimum standards of 7%/12% at the time of measurement are not eligible to invoke an additional 2% loss of 7%/12%.

(5) Wrestlers should not wrestle below their established 1½% weekly weight loss figure at any time as determined by the NWCA weight loss plan created for each wrestler whose data has been entered by the school official responsible for such submission. Schools may calculate a daily weight loss figure by taking the 1½% figure and dividing that number by seven and subtracting that total on a daily basis.

2. Elimination of December Certified Weight Report

As per the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book, state associations that have hydration and body-fat testing along with a program to monitor average weight loss of 1 ½ %, may use the minimum weight determined by the body-fat testing as the lowest weight a wrestler may wrestle during the state series instead of at least one-half of their weigh-ins. Therefore, the December Certified Weight Report previously required by the Association is hereby abolished.

3. Individual Weigh-In Record and Qualification for State Tournament Series

The coach shall maintain an individual weigh-in record for each wrestler. A wrestler must achieve six (6) qualifying weigh-ins as prescribed in the 2008-09 Weigh-In Regulations. The weigh-in regulations may be found at www.ihsaa.org or www.ihsaa.net.

B. Suitable Undergarments

During weigh-ins it is the responsibility of the officials to inspect all wrestlers in an attempt to make sure they do not have a communicable skin disease. In order to do that shorts (1) that are not tight-fitting and (2) that have an inseam of more than four inches are **not** acceptable undergarments for weigh-ins.

NOTE: Rule 4-5-4 of the NFHS wrestling rule book provides that the referee, or other authorized person of the same gender, shall supervise the weigh-ins.

C. Interpretation of Rule 4-3-1

Rule 4-3-1 addresses itself to special equipment, which is equipment not normally worn by contestants, such as: face masks, knee braces, etc. This rule does not cover such items as knee pads and socks. The regulation concerning being unadorned is directed primarily at the face mask which, in some instances, has had exotic and grotesque type of markings on it.

D. Two-Pound Growth Allowance

Rule 4-4-4 has been amended to read "a two-pound growth allowance may be added to each weight class **any time after the date of certification.**" In Indiana, the date for the growth allowance shall be January 2, 2009.

E. Penalty Chart Clarification -- Flagrant Misconduct by a Wrestler

The IHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Series is interpreted as a single continuous tournament and not as 4 individual tournaments. A flagrant misconduct ejection disqualifies an individual wrestler for the remainder of the IHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament series at all levels. Flagrant misconduct in a season tournament or multiple dual also disqualifies an individual wrestler for the remainder of that tournament or multiple dual plus the next competition at that level (IHSAA By-Law 8-3). An alternate wrestler, properly certified, may be substituted in the remaining dual matches for a wrestler so disqualified in multiple dual meets only. An alternate may not be substituted in a tournament for a wrestler disqualified for flagrant misconduct. [See also Section II, Letter C for tournament protocol]

F. Conduct of Coaches and Contestants

Use of smokeless tobacco by coaches or contestants shall result in removal of the offender from the meet for both regular season contests and the IHSAA tournament series.

II SEASON REGULATIONS

A. Weight Classifications are: 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215 and 285. The certified, actual weight of each contestant for a weight class must be one of the above weights or less except in the heavyweight class. The maximum weight for the heavyweight contestant will be 285 pounds.

B. To be eligible for the heavyweight class, a wrestler must weigh over 189 lbs. A contestant may wrestle at the weight class they qualify for by virtue of their weigh-in for that event or one weight class higher only. **The use of a sweat box, hot showers, whirlpools, rubber, vinyl and plastic suits, or similar artificial heat devices for weight reduction purposes is prohibited. The use of diuretics and/or other drugs for weight reduction is prohibited.**

C. **Parent Consent and Release Form** – Each wrestling coach shall observe and follow the information contained in Form D (IHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Examination) concerning the restriction placed on loss of weight by each individual participant.

D. **Weight Allowance**

1. A two-pound growth allowance may be added to each weight class on or after January 2, 2009.
2. When there are consecutive days of competition, there shall be a one-pound allowance granted each day for all wrestlers up to a maximum of two pounds. Wrestlers on all teams in the competition receive this allowance. A minimum of 48 hours advance notice is required for your opponents. Rule 4-5-5.

E. **Weigh-In – Dual Meet and Tournament**

1. The weigh-in must be conducted by the meet referee/s at the meet site on the day of the meet.
2. Contestants shall weigh-in wearing no more than a suitable undergarment, and their actual weight shall be recorded in ink on the individual weigh-in sheet and initialed by the referee. A wrestler may:
 - a. wrestle in any weight class for which he makes weight, or
 - b. wrestle in the next higher weight class above his actual weight class.
3. The provision for state associations to establish weigh-in procedures for subsequent days of tournaments has been removed. All regular and post-season tournaments will now be following the two-hour weigh-in stipulation for each day of the tournament.
4. Schools shall follow the weigh-in procedures listed below for dual meets and tournament events:

Rule 4-5 WEIGHING IN (NFHS Wrestling Rules Book – 2008-09)

Art. 1 Contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh in shoulder-to-shoulder, a maximum of one (1) hour before the time of a dual meet, or a team's first competition each day in a multiple dual-meet event is scheduled to begin. When a preliminary meet is followed by a varsity meet weigh-ins may, by mutual consent, precede the preliminary meet.

Art. 2 Contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh in shoulder-to-shoulder at the tournament site a maximum of two (2) hours before the first session of the day.

Art. 3 For any event, all contestants shall be present in and remain in the designated weigh-in area at the time established by the meet administration. Contestants shall not leave the designated weigh-in area unless permission is granted by the meet administration. The weigh-in shall proceed through the weight classes beginning with the lowest weight class and end immediately upon the completion of the highest weight class. When all wrestlers for a weight class have had an opportunity to weigh-in and the next class is called, that class is closed. A contestant shall weigh in for only one weight class during the weigh-in period. If only one (1) scale is available, a contestant may step on and off that scale two (2) times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in the scale. If multiple scales are available, a contestant may step on and off the first scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in that scale. If the contestant fails to make weight on the first scale, the contestant shall immediately step on each available scale one (1) time in an attempt to make weight. During time off the scale(s), activities that promote dehydration are prohibited.

Art. 4 The referee, or other authorized person of the same gender, shall supervise the weigh-ins.

Art. 5 When there are consecutive days of team competition, there shall be a one (1) pound additional allowance granted each day for all wrestlers up to a maximum of two pounds. In order to be granted this one (1) pound additional allowance, a minimum of 48 hours advance notice is required for the opponent(s). *The acceptable person(s) to receive that notice shall be the head coach, principal or athletic director. Competitions that are postponed for one calendar day or more, for reasons beyond the control of the participating school(s), or practices that cannot be held in these situations due to school policy shall be treated the same as competitions when there are consecutive days of competition in terms of the 1-pound allowance, with the exception of the required 48-hour notice.*

Art. 6 A contestant representing a school in an individually bracketed tournament shall be named by weight class prior to the conclusion of the weigh-in.

Art. 7 All contestants shall weigh in wearing no more than a suitable undergarment. Any contestant, who has been authorized to wear an artificial limb, shall weigh in with the artificial limb.

Art. 8 Any contestant failing to make weight during the weigh-in period shall be ineligible for that weight class. **That contestant may weigh-in at a higher weight class.**

F. **Weigh-In Sheets and Scorebooks** – Weigh-ins should be recorded in ink on a weigh-in sheet and each coach should be given a copy.

Officials must sign the weigh-in sheets after the completion of the weigh-in verifying its accuracy. The officials should not sign the scorebook until the meet has been completed. A referee's signature in the scorebook verifies the final score of the meet. It is not an official weigh-in sheet and should not be accepted as a verification of a wrestler's weight for the meet.

G. Competition in dual meets shall be conducted by a random draw of weight classes. A random draw for championship final matches for an individual tournament, regular season and/or state high school championship series, may be used for competition. (Rule 1-1-2 – NFHS Wrestling Rules Book) NOTE – A random draw for championship final matches in the IHSAA individual tournament series is NOT TO BE USED. Championship matches throughout the individual tournament series shall be conducted in weight class order beginning with the 103 pound weight class. The draw shall take place immediately following the conclusion of weigh-ins. Subsequent matches will follow in the traditional order. In multi-dual events, the sequence determined by the draw will be followed for that day's subsequent meet competition; the subsequent dual meet shall begin one weight class beyond the starting weight class of the previous round. (Rule 1-1-2 – NFHS Wrestling Rules Book).

H. The IHSAA strongly recommends (1) 1 adult supervisor be at the scorekeepers-timers bench for each season meet and (2) that the scorekeeper for both teams be seated at the scorers' bench.

I. **Written Documentation – Skin Lesions**

In Indiana, current written documentation from a physician shall be interpreted to be no more than seven days old and specify (1) the location of the suspected condition or disease and (2) that it is not communicable. This documentation shall be on the prescribed IHSAA Skin Lesions form ONLY. The "Physician's Release for Wrestler to Participate with Skin Lesions" document can be found on the IHSAA web site under wrestling at www.ihsaa.org. A doctor's note alone is NOT acceptable.

J. **Videotaping/Filming – Regular Season**

1. Participating Schools – taping/filming may be permitted by: (a) only one individual authorized by the participating school principal, (b) when a student from that school is actually participating, and (c) provided there is a designated area available at the host school.
2. Parents – parents may videotape/film any match that their child is participating. Parents or other non-school personnel may not videotape/film any match for the purposes of scouting. (IHSAA By-Law 9-18.3)
3. Any film/videotape may not be used to review decisions of contest officials.

2008-09 Wrestling Tournament Series

General Rules

The following rules and regulations for the 2008-09 Wrestling Tournament Series have been adopted and are subject to change if the Executive Committee should deem it necessary. These General Rules apply to both the 71st Annual Individual Tournament and the 14th Annual Team Tournament.

I. MANAGEMENT

A. **Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States**

1. Sponsorship, operation and management of the tournament rests solely with the IHSAA through the Executive Committee. Total responsibility for the local arrangements has been delegated to the center school. If a dispute, claim or cause of action should arise out of the contest or tournament which was not the result of any intentional or negligent act or omission of the center school or its local

arrangements, and provided further that the center school has acted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHSAA, then the IHSAA agrees to assist the center school defend such dispute, claim or cause of action by providing legal advice, legal representation, and defending the center school; the responsibility of the IHSAA herein shall not attach until the center school formally places the IHSAA on notice of the dispute, claim or cause of action, and makes demand upon the IHSAA for legal advice, representation, or a defense.

2. The center school shall provide and be responsible for tickets, ticket takers/sellers, ushers, announcers, scorers, timekeepers, all necessary equipment for conducting the game or contest, necessary facilities for the competing teams and those directly affiliated with the competing teams (such as the principal, athletic director, coaches, student managers, etc.), facilities for spectators/fans and crowd control (hereinafter known as the local arrangements).
3. When confronted with an injunction or restraining order contrary to Executive Committee rules and/or Association By-Laws, the center school will immediately postpone the tournament and contact the Commissioner for further instructions.

B. **State Finals** – The Executive Committee has designated Assistant Commissioner Bobby Cox as Tournament Administrator.

C. Emergency Contacts – in the event of an emergency, the Executive Staff may be reached by cellular phones: Ress 317-339-4450; Cox 317-339-4452; Gardner 317-339-4451; Searcy 317-339-4453; Wynns 317-339-4454.

II PUBLIC PRAYER POLICY – at all IHSAA tournament sites, the public address system is to be used for announcements approved by the IHSAA and those necessary for the administration of the tournament. There shall be no oral prayers delivered over the public address system, or initiated by the host school at IHSAA tournament events. During the regular season, it is the prerogative of the host school to determine whether a prayer is delivered.

III TOURNAMENT RULES

A. **Official Rules** – The current rules as published in the National Federation Wrestling Rules and as further modified by the IHSAA, shall govern.

B. **Weight Classifications** are 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215 and 285. The certified actual weight of each contestant for a weight class must be one of the above weights or less.

1. **Weighing-In** – A contestant may NOT wrestle in a class lower than the class entered on the sectional entry list. He/she may NOT wrestle in a class higher than the class immediately above his/her entered weight class.

C. **Disqualifications** due to technical violation, illegal hold, stalling or misconduct of contestants and unnecessary roughness does not eliminate a contestant from further competition in the tournament series. **Disqualification for flagrant misconduct and/or unsportsmanlike conduct eliminates a contestant from competition at the next level of the tournament series. Interpretation: (1) If a coach or wrestler would receive a flagrant misconduct penalty or an unsportsmanlike conduct ejection during the sectional, he would be suspended for both the team regional (if his team is participating) and the individual regional. If his team advanced to the team semi-state, he would be eligible to compete in the team semi-state. (2) If the ejection occurred at the team regional, the suspension would be served at both the individual regional and the team semi state. (3) If the ejection occurred at the team semi state, the suspension would extend through the individual state tournament and team state tourney. (4) An unsportsmanlike ejection at any level in the individual tournament eliminates a competitor from that tournament series because you cannot advance to a higher level without competing successfully at the previous level.**

D. **Length of Matches/Overtimes** – All matches shall be 6 minutes in length, divided into 3 periods of 2 minutes each with no rest between periods. Consolation matches shall consist of 3 periods, the first of which will be 1 minute in length, and the 2nd and 3rd periods each 2 minutes in length. **NOTE: In the individual regional tournament only, the consolation match that determines third place shall consist of 3 periods of 2 minutes each.** In case of a tie after the 3 periods, the contestants shall wrestle overtime as prescribed in the 2008-09 National Federation Wrestling Rules Book. Rule 6-7-1, 2 & 3 on pages 35 & 36.

E. **Sideline Coaching – NFHS Wrestling Rules Book – Rule 2-2-1 & 2 – Pages 12 & 13.**

1. For dual meets, all team personnel, including coaches, other than actual participating contestants shall be restricted to an area which is at least 10 feet from the edge of the mat and scorer's table, where facilities permit.
2. During tournament competition, a maximum of two team personnel (coaches and/or non-participating contestants) will be permitted on chairs at the edge of the mat. It is permissible to allow coaches on the corner of the mat in a restricted zone. In tournaments where coaches are permitted on the corner of the mat, the restricted zone shall be defined by either a contrasting line marked on the mat with paint or tape or a contrasting colored surface under the chairs. The restricted zone shall be no closer than 5 feet to the edge of the circle. Coaches shall be seated at least 10 feet from the scorer's table, where facilities permit.

F. **Time-Out**

1. Refer to the 2008-09 NFHS Wrestling Rules Book; Rule 5-29-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 on pages 30-31.

IV OFFICIALS

A. Bench officials, etc. are to be selected by the center principal and tourney director. Only qualified adult help shall be used as official scorekeepers and timers.

B. Officials will be selected by the IHSAA Executive Committee.

V PROGRAMS – Souvenir programs provided by the center school shall be the only program distributed at the tournament and no solicitations or advertisements are permitted except for that required by the IHSAA as per corporate sponsor obligations.

VI RESTRICTIONS – Principals shall inform student and adult fans of the following tourney restrictions. It shall be the responsibility of each high school principal to see that these restrictions are enforced.

- A. Balloons, signs and banners and/or posters, etc. are not permitted.
- B. Noisemakers are not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to cowbells, air horns, "thundersticks", clapping devices, etc.
- C. The use of bands at IHSAA wrestling tourneys is not permitted.
- D. No live animal mascots are permitted.
- E. Line-up lanes of fans shall not be permitted in the competition area at any time.

VII MEDIA

A. Radio-Television Coverage – All requests shall be made to Associated Sports Productions, Inc., 30 S. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 190, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633-1461). Stations from cities or areas of the participating schools shall be given first consideration with others being considered in order of requests, according to accommodations. Limit: 2 passes per station.

B. Newspapers

1. For **Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-States** – Advanced written requests must be filed with the center principal allowing a maximum of 2 passes per newspaper.
2. For **State – Advanced requests must be filed with the IHSAA.**

C. Photographers

1. General

Photographers MAY use electronic flash/strobe cameras during the progress of a sporting event as long as, in the opinion of the contest officials, the flash does not hinder the actions of or endanger the contestants. The final decision as it relates to photography rests with the judgment of the contest official. School administrators have the authority to designate certain areas from which photographers may operate during a contest.

2. School Photographers – School photographers may be granted credentials under the following guidelines.

- a. Each school competing in an IHSAA tournament may obtain 1 student photographer pass for the contest in which their school is participating for the school's yearbook and/or newspaper staff. Each individual or school shall be responsible for providing an admission ticket.
 - b. The photographer should be dressed appropriately and 'neutrally' (not in blatant school colors, hats, etc.) where he/she is working.
 - c. The photographer shall not display conspicuous partisan support during the contest.
 - d. The photographer shall avoid contact with participants and coaches and inappropriate involvement with the crowd during the contest.
 - e. The photographer shall not interfere with the action of the match.
 - f. Advanced requests for photographer credentials must be filed with the center principal for sectionals, regionals or semi-states and with the IHSAA for the state finals no later than 5 days prior to the day of the tournament.
 - g. Failure to follow these guidelines will cause the school to lose its photographers privileges for that tournament.
3. All Other Photographers
 - a. For Sectionals, Regionals and Semi-States, advanced written requests must be filed with the center principal.
 - b. The number of photographers and their locations shall be determined by the center principal.
 - c. For the State Finals – Advanced requests must be made with the IHSAA.

VIII POLICY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM, VIDEO AND AUDIO AT TOURNAMENT EVENTS

- A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. – The IHSAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all IHSAA Audiovisual Work, which includes all still photographs taken of IHSAA Tournament events, all film, videotape and audiotape of IHSAA Tournament events and the live audio and visual broadcasts of IHSAA Tournament events. Still photography, filming, video taping and audio recording is prohibited at IHSAA Tournament events, except as expressly and specifically authorized by the IHSAA. **Under no circumstances may photographs taken during IHSAA tournament series contests be sold without the expressed written permission of the IHSAA.**
- B. All video, broadcast, title and broadcast rights for IHSAA Tournament events are the exclusive property of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. IHSAA Tournament events cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the IHSAA.
- C. Participating Schools
 1. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to take still photographs of IHSAA Tournament events.
 2. Representatives of participating schools are authorized to film, video tape and audio tape IHSAA Tournament events, only if the principals of the participating schools receive advanced permission from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
 3. Still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes may not be used to review decisions of game officials.
 4. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
 5. Any videotaping, filming, and taking still photography is not an authorized Tournament expenditure and, if done, is the sole expense of the participating school.
- D. Media
 1. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video and audio clips of IHSAA Tournament events for print and electronic news coverage.
 2. Members of the media must obtain advanced permission from the host school principal to take still photographs and to film, video tape or audio tape at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
 3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
 4. The filming or taping of the majority of a Tournament game or meet is prohibited, unless prior approval is secured from Associated Sports Productions, Inc., 36 S. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 190, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Phone: 317-633-1462; Fax: 317-633-1461).
 5. Videotape or film taken at any IHSAA Tournament shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
 6. The station will not lend, give away or sell the film or videotape, in whole or in part, except only for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the IHSAA requests for use by the Association.
 7. It is specifically understood and agreed that, in every case where excerpts of any game or games are used in connection with such television programming, the action of the game or games shall not exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs should contact Associated Sports Productions (317-633-1462) to make prior arrangements.
 8. No live reports will be permitted during the time an event is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the event.
- E. Spectators
 1. Individual spectators are authorized to personally take still photographs at Tournament events, for strictly personal use.
 2. Individual spectators are authorized to personally film, video tape and audio tape portions of IHSAA Tournament events, for strictly personal use, only if advanced permission is obtained from the host school principal at sectional, regional or semi-state sites, or from Jason Wille at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601) for state championship events.
 3. Under no circumstance may still photographs, films, videos or audio tapes, in full or in part, be used for any commercial purpose, unless authorized by, and a rights fee has been paid to, the IHSAA.
 4. Any still photography, filming, video taping and audio taping shall be conducted from the seating area, or, if space is available, from a designated area.
- F. Purchase.

The IHSAA has an exclusive licensing arrangement for the marketing of still photography, films and videotapes, for certain Tournament events. Please refer questions about or requests regarding the purchase of these items to Mike Wilson at the offices of the IHSAA (317-846-6601).

IX REPORTING STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- A. Following completion of the event, host sites are required to e-mail the final results (team and individual) as an attachment to the IHSAA at **results@ihxaa.org**. Please e-mail that same address with postponements and updated times if necessary. PLEASE DO NOT FAX!

71st Annual Individual Tournament

I TOURNAMENT DATES

Sectionals – Saturday, January 31, 2009

All sites – Use Schedule #1 or contact the IHSAA Office for special considerations.

Regionals – Saturday, February 7, 2009 – Use Schedule #2 or contact the IHSAA office for special considerations.

Semi-States – Saturday, February 14, 2009 – Use Schedule #2a

State – Friday, February 20 & Saturday, February 21, 2009 – Use Schedule #3

NOTE: Session I – Friday, February 20; Sessions II and III – Saturday, February 21

II TIME SCHEDULE (Prevailing time of Center School)

Schedule	Session	Time	Weigh-In Begins
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#1	^ I	9:00 a.m.	7:00 - 7:30 a.m. as determined by host school.
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Continuous sessions conducted throughout the day adhering to Note #1 below.

#2	^ I	9:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
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Continuous sessions conducted throughout the day adhering to Note #1 below.

#2a	I	9:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
	II	45 min. after completion of Session I	
	III	45 min. after completion of Session II	
#3	** I	6:00 p.m.	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	II	9:30 a.m.	8:30-9:00 a.m.
	III	5:00 p.m.	Finals begin at 7:30 p.m.

^ Wrestle down to 4 contestants in each weight class at this session.

** All 224 state tourney participants shall weigh-in at Session I and the remaining 112 participants shall weigh-in at Session II.

NOTE #1 – No contestant shall wrestle 2 matches in any tournament with less than 45 minutes rest between such matches.

NOTE #2 – When a conflict exists between the above time schedule and the availability of center facilities, a change may be requested by writing to Bobby Cox of the IHSAA staff.

III CENTERS AND ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS

Sectionals

Notify the IHSAA immediately if your school does not plan to enter or if your school plans to enter and is not assigned.

- 1. East Chicago Central (10):** East Chicago Central, Hammond, Hammond Bishop Noll, Hammond Clark, Hammond Gavit, Hammond Morton, Highland, Lake Central, Munster, Whiting.
- 2. Calumet (10):** Calumet, Gary Roosevelt, Gary Wallace, Gary West Side, Gary Wirt, Griffith, Hobart, Lake Station Edison, Merrillville, River Forest.
- 3. Crown Point (8):** Andean, Boone Grove, Crown Point, Hanover Central, Kankakee Valley, Lowell, North Newton, Valparaiso.
- 4. LaPorte (8):** Chesterton, Glenn, Knox, LaPorte, Michigan City, New Prairie, North Judson, Portage.
- 5. Mishawaka (9):** LaVille, Mishawaka, Mishawaka Marian, Penn, South Bend Adams, South Bend Clay, South Bend Riley, South Bend St. Joseph's, South Bend Washington.
- 6. Plymouth (9):** Bremen, Culver Academies, Culver Community, Plymouth, Rochester, Tippecanoe Valley, Triton, Warsaw, Wawasee.
- 7. Twin Lakes (11):** Cass, Caston, Frontier, Logansport, North White, Pioneer, Rensselaer Central, South Newton, Twin Lakes, West Central, Winamac.
- 8. Lafayette Jefferson (10):** Attica, Benton Central, Carroll (Flora), Delphi, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lafayette Central Catholic, Lafayette Jefferson, McCutcheon, Seeger, West Lafayette.
- 9. Elkhart Memorial (8):** Concord, Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, Fairfield, Goshen, Jimtown, Northridge, NorthWood.
- 10. Westview (10):** Angola, Central Noble, DeKalb, East Noble, Fremont, Howe Military, Lakeland, Prairie Heights, West Noble, Westview.
- 11. Carroll (Fort Wayne) (11):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Churubusco, Columbia City, Eastside, Garrett, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Northrop, Leo, Whitko.
- 12. New Haven (10):** Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Fort Wayne Elmhurst, Fort Wayne Snider, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Harding, Heritage, Homestead, New Haven, Woodlan.
- 13. Peru (9):** Huntington North, Maconaquah, Manchester, North Miami, Northfield, Peru, Southwood, Wabash, White's.
- 14. Oak Hill (10):** Eastbrook, Eastern (Greentown), Kokomo, Madison-Grant, Marion, Mississinewa, Northwestern, Oak Hill, Taylor, Western.
- 15. Jay County (9):** Adams Central, Belmont, Blackford, Bluffton, Jay County, Norwell, South Adams, Southern Wells, Union City.
- 16. Delta (10):** Daleville, Delta, Monroe Central, Muncie Central, Muncie Southside, Randolph Southern, Wapahani, Wes-Del, Winchester, Yorktown.
- 17. Crawfordsville (9):** Covington, Crawfordsville, Fountain Central, North Montgomery, North Vermillion, Rockville, South Vermillion, Southmont, Turkey Run.
- 18. Zionsville (12):** Carmel, Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Fishers, Frankfort, Hamilton Southeastern, Lebanon, Rossville, Sheridan, Western Boone, Westfield, Zionsville.
- 19. Hamilton Heights (12):** Alexandria, Anderson, Anderson Highland, Elwood, Frankton, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Lapel, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights, Tipton, Tri-Central.
- 20. Lawrence Central (12):** Indiana School for the Blind, Indianapolis Arlington, Indianapolis Arsenal Technical, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Broad Ripple, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Howe Academy, Indianapolis Manual, Indianapolis Seccina, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central (Indianapolis).
- 21. Decatur Central (13):** Ben Davis, Brebeuf Jesuit, Decatur Central, Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis Attucks, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Indianapolis Northwest, Indianapolis Washington, Park Tudor, Perry Meridian, Pike, Southport, Speedway.
- 22. Warren Central (10):** Beech Grove, Eastern Hancock, Franklin Central, Greenfield-Central, Mount Vernon (Fortville), New Palestine, Roncalli, Shelbyville, Triton Central, Warren Central.
- 23. Shenandoah (11):** Blue River Valley, Cambridge City Lincoln, Centerville, Hagerstown, Knightstown, New Castle, Northeastern, Richmond, Rushville, Shenandoah, Tri.
- 24. South Dearborn (9):** Batesville, Connersville, East Central, Franklin County, Greensburg, Lawrenceburg, Milan, South Dearborn, Union County.
- 25. Avon (10):** Avon, Brownsburg, Cascade, Cloverdale, Danville, Greencastle, North Putnam, Plainfield, South Putnam, Tri-West Hendricks.
- 26. Mooresville (8):** Center Grove, Franklin, Greenwood, Indian Creek, Martinsville, Monrovia, Mooresville, Whiteland.
- 27. Northview (9):** Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Edgewood, Northview, Owen Valley, Sullivan, Terre Haute North, Terre Haute South, West Vigo.
- 28. Jennings County (9):** Bedford North Lawrence, Brown County, Columbus East, Columbus North, Jennings County, Madison, Seymour, Scottsburg, Southwestern (Hanover).
- 29. Jeffersonville (10):** Charlestown, Christian Academy of Indiana, Corydon Central, Eastern (Pekin), Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, New Albany, New Washington, Providence, Salem.
- 30. Southridge (10):** Crawford County, Forest Park, Jasper, Mitchell, North Knox, Paoli, Pike Central, Southridge, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington.
- 31. Castle (9):** Boonville, Castle, Gibson Southern, Heritage Hills, Princeton, South Spencer, Tecumseh, Tell City, Wood Memorial.
- 32. Evansville Central (9):** Evansville Bosse, Evansville Central, Evansville Harrison, Evansville Mater Dei, Evansville Memorial, Evansville North, Evansville Reitz, Mount Vernon, North Posey.

Regionals

- 1. Calumet:** Calumet, East Chicago Central.
- 2. LaPorte:** Crown Point, LaPorte.
- 3. Rochester:** Mishawaka, Plymouth.
- 4. Logansport:** Lafayette Jefferson, Twin Lakes.
- 5. Goshen:** Elkhart Memorial, Westview.
- 6. Carroll (Fort Wayne):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), New Haven.

7. **Peru:** Oak Hill, Peru.
8. **Jay County:** Delta, Jay County.
9. **North Montgomery:** Crawfordsville, Zionsville.
10. **Pendleton Heights:** Hamilton Heights, Lawrence Central.
11. **Perry Meridian:** Decatur Central, Warren Central.
12. **Richmond:** Shenandoah, South Dearborn.
13. **Mooresville:** Avon, Mooresville.
14. **Bloomington South:** Jennings County, Northview.
15. **Jeffersonville:** Jeffersonville, Southridge.
16. **Castle:** Castle, Evansville Central.

Semi-States

1. **Merrillville (at Merrillville H.S.):** Calumet, LaPorte, Logansport, Rochester.
2. **Woodlan (at Allen County Coliseum):** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Goshen, Jay County, Peru.
3. **New Castle (at New Castle H.S.):** North Montgomery, Pendleton Heights, Perry Meridian, Richmond.
4. **Evansville Reitz (at Roberts Stadium):** Bloomington South, Castle, Jeffersonville, Mooresville.

State

Conseco Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis: Merrillville, Woodlan, New Castle, Evansville Reitz.

IV ADMISSIONS

Actual competing contestants, student manager, coach, assistant coach, athletic director and principal shall be admitted free. Alternates who do not participate must pay admission.

A. Sectionals

1. Season ticket \$5.00

B. Regionals

1. Season ticket \$6.00

C. Semi-States

1. Final session only \$6.00
2. Season ticket \$9.00

D. State

1. Session ticket \$8.00
2. Season ticket \$20.00

E. Pre-School Children

1. **When seats are reserved:**
 - a. No charge for a pre-school child who is with his/her parent/s and will not occupy a reserved seat.
2. **When seats are not reserved:**
 - a. No charge for a pre-school child who will be seated with his/her parents throughout the session.

F. News Media

At the sectional, regional and semi-state levels, members of the news media may be admitted at no charge by presenting proper identification. For the state finals, advanced requests must be filed with the IHSAA.

V ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS

Only those schools with full membership in the Association are eligible to enter.

VI ENTRIES

A. Entry List

1. Member schools entering the wrestling tournament series shall submit their entries to the IHSAA electronically at www.ihsaa.net on the WR tab by using the *Create/Update Wrestling Entry* link. The entry is due NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009, without penalty. Specific instructions on entry procedures may be found on the WR tab at the link entitled *Tournament Entry Instructions*.

B. CHANGES PRIOR TO DEADLINE

1. Schools retain the ability to change their entry list at any time prior to the deadline by re-entering www.ihsaa.net and modifying their entry as prescribed in the instructions.

C. CHANGES VIA TELEPHONE PRIOR TO DEADLINE

1. Telephone IHSAA and make the change with the secretary (Cathy Smith) responsible for wrestling.
2. The IHSAA will then send a copy of the change/s to the center school **unless** the change cannot arrive at the center school before the tournament is scheduled to start. In this case, the IHSAA will telephone change to center school.
3. The participating school making the change **SHALL ALWAYS** call the center school giving the change to the tourney director.
4. If the center school does not receive confirmation of the change from the IHSAA the day prior to the start of the tourney, the tournament director at the center school SHALL contact the IHSAA.

D. CHANGES AFTER DEADLINE

1. Corrections/Additions
 - a. Wrestling – accepted with \$100.00 prior to end of seeding/pairings/draw, if reported to IHSAA Executive Staff member. Residence phone: Ress 317-877-2804; Cox 317-569-7362; Gardner 765-221-9151; Searcy 812-333-6058; Wynns 317-466-9908. Cellular phone: Ress 317-339-4450; Gardner 317-339-4451; Cox 317-339-4452; Searcy 317-339-4453; Wynns 317-339-4454.

E. Each principal is responsible for checking the eligibility of entrants before permitting them to participate.

F. A notification from the Association Office will acknowledge receipt and correctness of each entry list.

G. Principals and coaches are urged to read and double check the entry list to be sure that:

1. all necessary information is provided and
2. each contestant is entered properly.

H. Schools are requested not to complete an entry list unless they fully intend to enter a sectional tournament. If for any reason, after filing an entry list, it becomes necessary to withdraw, notify the IHSAA Office and center principal immediately.

I. **Participating schools are strongly encouraged to e-mail their entry lists to wrestling@ihsaa.org. Entry lists may be faxed, however, it is strongly recommended that this be done well in advance of the deadline date. It is very difficult to obtain an open line on the day of the deadline.** If the form is e-mailed or faxed, **do not** send the original unless requested to do so by the IHSAA.

VII SCORING – Individual and team scoring shall be decided according to Rule 9 in the current Wrestling Rules. Team scoring will be calculated only at the sectional level. Six places shall be awarded at the sectional. Only four places shall be awarded at the regional and semi-state levels.

VIII AWARDS – Are provided by the IHSAA. No others shall be given.

A. Sectionals

1. Trophy
 - a. to the championship team
2. Ribbons

- a. to contestants placing 1st thru 6th place in each weight class.
- B. Regionals & Semi-States
 - 1. Ribbons
 - a. to contestants placing 1st thru 4th place in each weight class.
- C. State
 - 1. Medals
 - a. to contestants placing 1st thru 8th place in each weight class.
 - 2. Ward E. Brown Mental Attitude Award
 - a. A plaque will be presented, by the Executive Committee, to an outstanding senior participant who must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in wrestling. Nominations must be initiated by candidate's principal and coach.

IX ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- A. Prior to the sectional seeding meeting each contestant shall meet the following special eligibility requirements:
 - 1. To enter in his/her weight class he/she must have achieved a minimum of 6 qualified weigh-ins throughout the regular season as prescribed in the 2008-09 Weigh-In Regulations that can be found at www.ihsaa.org or www.ihsaa.net. NOTE: A weigh-in at a multiple dual or tournament shall be counted as 1 weigh-in of the required six even if the tournament contains more than 1 day of wrestling.
 - 2. The above requirements shall not be reduced without expressed written consent of the IHSAA. NOTE: Additional team members in each weight class may be weighed in at meets for the purpose of meeting minimum weight classification requirements for the state tournament series.
 - 3. A student may weigh in at a meet even though he/she may not be eligible to compete in that meet.
 - 4. An individual weigh-in sheet is to be completed for each wrestler by the coach and shall be presented at the sectional seeding meeting upon request.
- B. The IHSAA copy of the sectional entry list is the official copy.
 - 1. A wrestler entered on the official entry list may be entered in his/her listed weight class or in the class immediately above his/her listed weight class at the seeding meeting.
 - 2. After the seeding meeting, no wrestler entered and seeded or placed by draw may change weight classes during the individual tournament.

X PAIRINGS AND SEEDING

- A. Sectional pairings and seeding will be made at 7:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the sectional tournament at the center school.
 - 1. Each participating school in that sectional may have only 1 representative voting. Positions of contestants from schools not represented will be drawn by lot.
 - 2. Six contestants shall be seeded in each weight class. Coaches are required to bring their official team scorebook and all of their weigh-in sheets. A coaches' failure to have his official team scorebook and his weigh-in sheets shall result in his school's entries being unseeded unless a majority of the other coaches present wish to seed the offending school's wrestlers.
 - 3. If a school does not have an entry in a weight class, then a forfeit shall be entered for that school in that weight class. EXCEPTION – When a school enters two (2) or less wrestlers in the IHSAA tournament series, the vacant weight classes created by this school's entry into the tournament shall NOT cause a forfeit in the vacant weight classes.
 - 4. A copy of the Official Entry List from each school shall be in the hands of the tourney director at the time of the seeding meeting.
 - 5. Each coach shall specify to the Tourney Director his entrants for each weight class prior to the seeding meeting. **If no representative is present at the seeding meeting, the first contestant listed on the official entry list who is eligible in a particular weight class will be entered in that weight class.**
 - 6. Pairings at this meeting shall be by lot after the seedings are made. These pairings shall be final and will not be redrawn.
 - 7. Only qualified alternate/s may be substituted after the seeding meeting. A qualified alternate is defined as any wrestler who meets the following criteria:
 - a. possesses six (6) qualified weigh-ins throughout the regular season,
 - b. has not been seeded nor placed by draw at the IHSAA sectional seeding meeting,
 - c. is legally entered in his weight class or the weight class immediately above his weight class and is then eligible in either weight class.
 - 8. If it becomes necessary to replace a seeded wrestler after the conclusion of the seeding meeting, the following procedures shall be implemented:
 - a. all seeded wrestlers below the vacated spot shall move up one seeded position. The alternate shall be placed at the #6 seeded position.
 - b. if an alternate is not available to be placed at the 6th seeded position, the last unseeded wrestler drawn shall be placed in the 6th seeded position.
- B. Suggested Procedures to Follow at the Sectional Seeding Meeting
 - 1. Equipment and Supplies: Chalkboard, numbers and shaker bottle; sufficient chairs and tables; sufficient blank bracket sheets for each weight class and coach. Brackets will also be needed for classes in which all schools do not enter.
 - 2. Have the head coach stand, introduce himself and his assistant and tell what school they represent.
 - 3. Follow the conduct of tournament recommendations in the Official Wrestling Rules—Rule 10.
 - 4. Each coach is to prepare a complete individual record of his wrestlers to be seeded including opponents' names, schools and match scores.
 - 5. Coaches should strive to keep open minds when seedings are being decided. The main objective of seeding is to have outstanding wrestlers separated in the brackets so that they will not meet each other until the finals. Seeding shall be based upon the wrestler's proven ability and not upon the desire for unwarranted advantage.
 - 6. Consideration for determining seeded wrestlers is given in order of importance:
 - a. Head to head competition; (The wrestler with the most head to head wins gets the seed. If they have beaten each other an equal number of times, then the winner of the last match gets the seed.);
 - b. Record against common opponents;
 - c. A returning champion or runner-up in the same weight class;
 - d. A contestant with the best overall record (winning percentage) who has wrestled at least 10 matches;
 NOTE: A wrestler with less than ten matches may not be seeded ahead of a wrestler with at least ten matches and a winning record unless he/she meets criteria in a, b or c. A wrestler with a losing record may not be seeded unless he/she meets criteria a, b or c unless there are less than six (6) wrestlers in the bracket.
 - 7. A seeded contestant shall have the same opportunity to draw for a bye as other contestants in his bracket.
- C. **Regional, Semi-State and State Finals Draw**
 - 1. The center principal shall arrange the two sites if for the regional and the four assigned sites for semi-state in alphabetical order, then number these two or four sites in consecutive order.
 - 2. If a change of site becomes necessary, the newly assigned site will remain in the same numerical order at the original site.
 - 3. Each champion in each weight class will be referred to as A, each runner-up as B, the 3rd place contestant will be referred to as C and the 4th place contestant will be referred to as D.

4. The assignment of qualified contestants to the various weight classes will be made by the center principal after receiving the official pairings from the IHSAA Office prior to the regional, semi-state and state finals. Schools having wrestlers participating at each of these levels are asked **not to call the center school** until Tuesday afternoon preceding that level of the tourney.

D. State Tournament Bracketing

1. All 1st place and 4th place winners in each of the weight classes of the 4 semi-states will be paired to wrestle in session I on Friday, February 20, 2009. Also, 2nd place and 3rd place winners in each weight class will be paired to wrestle in Session I.
2. Session II will consist of the quarter-final, semi-final and consolation rounds determining placement matches in the evening session.
3. Session III will consist of the consolation (3rd thru 8th place) and championship matches.

XI FINANCIAL TERMS

A. Sectionals and Regionals

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the center school from the gross receipts. **Expenses for hospitality rooms are not considered as authorized expenditures.**
2. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – NONE
3. Balance
 - a. Center School – \$100.00 for sectional; \$150.00 for regional
 - b. Tourney Director – \$100.00
 - c. IHSAA shall reimburse center school when a deficit occurs.
 - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the center school.
4. The center school shall furnish a complete financial report to the IHSAA and each participating school within one week after the completion of the tournament.

B. Semi-States

1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the center school from the gross receipts. **Expenses for hospitality rooms are not considered as authorized expenditures.**
2. A transportation allowance will be paid for actual qualifying participants **if in attendance** (coach, assistant coach, student manager, etc.) based upon the number of qualifying individuals, from each participating school according to the following schedule.

No. Participants Per Mile Non-Part. in Attendance

1-3	.20	2
4-7	.40	3
8-12	.60	3
13-14	.80	3

3. Meals – A meal allowance is authorized for actual qualifying participants and a specific number of non- participants **if in attendance** (coach, assistant coach, student manager, etc.) based upon the number of qualifying individuals, from each participating school according to the following schedule.

Mileage		No. of Partic.	Non-Partic.
1-120 miles	\$5.00/person	1-3	2
121-250 miles	\$9.00/person	4 or more	3
251 miles +	\$12.00/person		

4. Balance

- a. Center School – \$200.00
- b. Tourney Director – \$200.00
- c. IHSAA shall reimburse center school when a deficit occurs.
- d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the center school.

5. The center school shall furnish a complete financial report to the IHSAA and each participating school within one week after the completion of the tournament.

C. State

1. A transportation allowance will be paid for actual qualifying participants and a specific number of non participants (coach, assistant coach, student manager, etc.) based upon the number of qualifying individuals, **if in attendance**, from each participating school according to the schedule below. Round trip mileage shall be ascertained from the mileage chart contained in the IHSAA Fall Bulletin.

No. Participants Per Mile Non-Partic. in Attend.

1-3	.20	2
4-7	.40	3
8-12	.60	3
13-14	.80	3

2. Meals – A meal allowance is authorized for actual qualifying participants and a specific number of non participants (coach, assistant coach, student manager, etc.) based upon the number of qualifying individuals, if in attendance, from each participating school according to the schedule below.

Mileage		No. of Partic.	Non-Partic.
1-120 miles	\$5.00/person	1-3	2
121-250 miles	\$9.00/person	4 or more	3
251 miles +	\$12.00/person		

3. Lodging

No. Participants	Stipend
1-4	\$ 60.00
5-8	\$ 90.00
9-12	\$120.00
13-14	\$150.00

NOTE: Mileage will be allotted for both days for schools in the 1-120 mile range in lieu of the lodging.

XII ADVANCEMENT

A. **Sectionals to Regionals** – The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place contestants in each weight class will advance to the regional.

1. **Alternates** – If it becomes necessary to provide an alternate for any contestant eligible to advance, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. The alternate may be officially weighed in immediately after the end of the official weigh-in period.
 - b. The 1st alternate will be the 5th place contestant in that weight class from that site.
 - c. The 2nd alternate will be the 6th place contestant in that weight class from that site.
 - d. When a 1st place contestant is unable to make weight or weigh-in and wrestle, the 2nd place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated and the 3rd place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated by the 2nd place contestant.
 - e. When a 2nd place contestant is unable to make weight or weigh-in and wrestle, the 3rd place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated and the 4th place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated by the 3rd place contestant.

- f. When a 3rd place contestant is unable to make weight or weigh-in and wrestle, the 4th place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated and the 5th place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated by the 4th place contestant.
 - g. When a 4th place contestant is unable to make weight or weigh-in and wrestle, the 5th place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated.
 - h. Flagrant Misconduct – The advancement procedure above shall also apply when a contestant has been disqualified for flagrant misconduct and is not permitted to advance to the next level of tournament.
- B. Regionals to Semi-States** – The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place contestants in each weight class will advance to the semi-state.
- 1. **Alternates** – If it becomes necessary to provide an alternate for any contestant eligible to advance, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. The alternate may be officially weighed in immediately after the end of the official weigh-in period.
 - b. *The 1st alternate will be the last individual defeated by the champion who did not advance by placing.*
 - c. When a 1st place contestant is unable to make weight or weigh-in and wrestle, the 2nd place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated, the 3rd place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated by the 2nd place contestant, and the 4th place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated by the 3rd place contestant.
 - d. When a 2nd place contestant is unable to make weight or weigh-in and wrestle, the 3rd place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated and the 4th place wrestler shall be advanced to the position vacated by the 3rd place contestant.
 - e. When the 3rd place contestant is unable to make weight or weigh-in and wrestle, the 4th place contestant shall be advanced to the position vacated by the 3rd place contestant.
 - f. Flagrant Misconduct – The advancement procedure above shall also apply when a contestant has been disqualified for flagrant misconduct and is not permitted to advance to the next level of the tournament.
- C. Semi-States to State Finals** – The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place contestants in each weight class will advance to the state finals.
- 1. **Alternates** – If it becomes necessary to provide an alternate for any contestant eligible to advance, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. The alternate may be officially weighed in immediately after the end of the official weigh-in period on Friday evening.
 - b. The only alternate will be the 5th place contestant in that weight class from that site.
 - c. The 5th place alternate will be the last individual defeated by the champion who did not advance.
 - d. If it becomes necessary to provide an alternate for any contestant eligible to advance, the same procedure as used for the semi-state will be used for the state finals.
- D. Schools who have contestants qualified and unable to compete must notify their Tourney Director as soon as possible prior to each level of the tournament.**

14th Annual Team Tournament

I TOURNAMENT DATES

Sectionals – Saturday, January 31, 2009

The championship team in the individual sectional tournament shall be the only school that advances to the regional round of the team tournament.

Regionals – Wednesday, February 4, 2009 (6:00 p.m.)

State – Saturday, February 28, 2009 (10:00 a.m.)

II CENTERS AND ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS

Regionals

1. **Portage:** Calumet, Crown Point, East Chicago Central, LaPorte.
2. **Jimtown:** Elkhart Memorial, Mishawaka, Plymouth, Westview.
3. **Adams Central:** Carroll (Fort Wayne), Delta, Jay County, New Haven.
4. **Peru:** Lafayette Jefferson, Oak Hill, Peru, Twin Lakes.
5. **North Montgomery:** Crawfordsville, Hamilton Heights, Lawrence Central, Zionsville.
6. **Greencastle:** Avon, Decatur Central, Mooresville, Northview.
7. **Seymour:** Jennings County, South Dearborn, Shenandoah, Warren Central.
8. **Jasper:** Castle, Evansville Central, Jeffersonville, Southridge.

First round regional pairings will be drawn along with the first round state finals pairings on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the IHSAA office.

State

Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood: Adams Central, Greencastle, Jasper, Jimtown, North Montgomery, Peru, Portage, Seymour.

III ADMISSIONS

A. Actual competing contestants, student manager, coach, assistant coach, athletic director and principal shall be admitted free. Alternates who do not participate must pay admission.

Regionals – \$6.00

State – \$8.00

B. Pre-School Children will not be charged so long as the child is seated with his/her parent/s throughout the tournament.

C. News Media – At the regional and semi-state levels, members of the news media may be admitted at no charge by presenting proper identification. For the state finals, the 2008-09 IHSAA State Finals Media Pass will be honored for admission to all state finals events with the exception of boys and girls basketball, football, individual wrestling and boys and girls track. However, an advanced written request must be filed with the IHSAA so that seating arrangements can be made.

IV AWARDS

A. Regionals

Trophy Plate -- to the championship team school.

B. Semi-State

Trophy Plate -- to the championship team school

C. State

1. Trophy

a. to the championship team school

b. to the runner-up team school

2. Medals

a. 24 to the contestants and staff of the championship team school

b. 24 to the contestants and staff of the runner-up team school

c. 24 to the contestants and staff of the two semi-final teams that did not win

V DRAW

Pairings for the State Finals will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2009 in the IHSAA office. Pairings can be found on the IHSAA web page (www.ihsaa.org) approximately one hour after the draw begins.

VI ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- A. To enter in his/her weight class he/she must have achieved a minimum of 6 qualified weigh-ins throughout the regular season as prescribed in the 2008-09 Weigh-In Regulations that can be found at www.ihsaa.org or www.ihsaa.net. NOTE: A weigh-in at a multiple dual or tournament shall be counted as 1 weigh-in of the required six even if the tournament contains more than 1 day of wrestling.
- B. The above requirements shall not be reduced without expressed written consent of the IHSAA. NOTE: Additional team members in each weight class may be weighed in at meets for the purpose of meeting minimum weight classification requirements for the state tournament series.
- C. In order to wrestle at any level of the team tournament, each participant's name must be entered on the Official Entry List that was filed with the Commissioner NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.
- D. Each team may weigh in a maximum of 24 wrestlers at each level of the team tournament.
- E. Participants in the team tournament will receive an additional one pound allowance at the team regional and the team semi state events only. **This additional allowance is not valid for any portion of the individual tournament.**
- F. Wrestlers must be ready to report to the scorers table immediately when called by the referee. The wrestler to be sent to the scorers table first, who then cannot be withdrawn or replaced, will be determined by the pre-meet coin toss.
- G. If a school submits an entry for a weight class prior to the start of a match and subsequently forfeits that weight class, that weight class shall be forfeited throughout the rest of the team tournament series.
Note: A wrestler does not have to wrestle in the sectional in order to be eligible to compete at other levels of the tournament. Likewise, a participant is not required to wrestle at the same weight class for each match of the team tournament series.

VII FINANCIAL TERMS

- A. Regionals
 1. Tournament expenses such as officials, help, etc. shall be paid by the center school from the gross receipts. **Expenses for hospitality rooms are not considered as authorized expenses.**
 2. Transportation, meal and lodging allowance – NONE
 3. Balance
 - a. Center School – \$100.00
 - b. Tourney Director – \$75.00
 - c. IHSAA shall reimburse center school when a deficit occurs.
 - d. Receipts from concessions shall be retained by the center school.
 4. The center school shall furnish a complete financial report to the IHSAA and each participating school within one week after the completion of the tournament.
- B. State
 1. Transportation – Participating schools shall receive an allowance of \$1.00 per mile per team for one round trip. Round trip mileage shall be ascertained from the mileage chart contained in the IHSAA Fall Bulletin.
 2. Meals – A meal allowance is authorized for 14 participants plus 3 non-participants (coach, assistant coach and student manager).
1-120 miles -- \$5.00 per person
121-250 miles -- \$9.00 per person
251 miles and over -- \$12.00 per person
 3. Lodging – A stipend of \$720.00 per team is authorized (if used).
 4. Expense Stipend – \$300.00 for each participating school.

VIII ADVANCEMENT

- A. This is a single elimination tournament. The winning team shall advance to the next round of the tournament.
- B. In the event of a tie for the **sectional championship title, or for second place and advancement to the regional**, the tie breaker is as follows:
 1. The greatest number of champions
 2. The greatest number of wrestlers in the championship match
 3. The greatest number of third-place finishers
 4. The greatest number of wrestlers in the semi-finals
 5. The most weight classes in which a wrestler competed
 6. If a tie still exists, revert to tie breaker criteria below.
- C. Team Tiebreaker – When two teams finish in a tie in head to head competition during the team tournament, the following criteria shall be applied in order to determine advancement (NFHS 2008-09 Wrestling Rules Book, Pages 48 & 49).
 1. The team whose opposing players or team has been penalized the greater number of team points for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be declared the winner.
 2. The team having won the greater number of matches (including forfeits) shall be declared the winner.
 3. The team having accumulated the greater total number of falls, defaults, forfeits and disqualifications shall be declared the winner.
 4. The team having the greater number of technical falls shall be declared the winner.
 5. The team having the greater number of major decisions shall be declared the winner.
 6. The team having the greater number (total match points) of first-point(s) scored shall be declared the winner.
 7. The team having the greater number of points for near-falls shall be declared the winner.
 8. The team having the greater number of takedowns shall be declared the winner.
 9. The team having the greater number of reversals shall be declared the winner.
 10. The team having the greater number of escapes shall be declared the winner.
 11. The team whose opponent has been penalized the greater number of points for stalling.
 12. The team whose opponent has been warned more often for stalling.
 13. The team whose opponent has the greater number of points for all other infractions (i.e. - false starts).
 14. If none of the above resolves the tie, a flip of a disk will determine the winner.

IX TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Teams advancing from semi-state tournaments will be requested to immediately provide a formal picture of the varsity team. Information on how to do so will be provided at the appropriate date and time.