THE 83rd ANNUAL
IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS
February 19-20, 2021
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Session 1 | Friday | First Round 106-145 | 11 am ET
Session 2 | Friday | First Round 152-285 | 7 pm ET
Session 3 | Saturday | Quarterfinals 9:30 am ET, Semifinals to follow
Consolations 5 pm ET & Finals 7:30 pm ET

State Finals Brackets via TrackWrestling.com | State Championship Records Book

Two hundred twenty-four (224) wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday. Due to facility restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, two sessions will be used with weight classes 106-145 beginning at 11 am ET and weight classes 152-285 beginning at 7 pm ET. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9:30 am ET and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 5 pm ET and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 pm ET.

Team scoring will begin with Friday night's preliminary matches. Scoring, per National Federation (NFHS) rules, will go to eight places and, additionally, two (2) advancement points will be awarded per match for a championship bracket victory while one (1) point is earned for advancement in the consolation bracket.

Finally, points will be awarded to the top eight place-winners: 1st place: 16 points; 2nd place: 12 points; 3rd place: 9 points; 4th place: 7 points; 5th place: 5 points; 6th place: 3 points; 7th place: 2 points; 8th place: 1 point.

Five of last year's state champions including three who will defend last year's crown in the same weight class and another who seeks a third consecutive title headline this year's field with the goal of adding more to their resume this weekend.

Perry Meridian senior Alex Cottey (32-2) is the defending champ at 113 who will be looking to compete in his fourth state championship match on Saturday night. He was runner-up at 106 as both a freshman and sophomore.

Blake Boarman (28-1), an Evansville Mater Dei senior, is the defending winner at 138 pounds. Boarman was the state runner-up at 120 two seasons ago.

Senior Evan Bates (34-0) of Chesterton also returns as last year's state champion in the 220 class.

Crown Point junior Jesse Mendez won the 126 pound crown as a freshman and the 132 class last year as a sophomore. He'll chase a third state championship, this time in the 138 division where he's 30-0 this season.

Cathedral junior Zeke Seltzer was last year's 120 pound winner and has stepped up to 126 where he is 29-0 this year. He'll also look to advance to his third straight championship final having finished as the runner-up at 113 two seasons ago.

Bates, Mendez and Seltzer, all undefeated this year, lead a group of 24 wrestlers who enter the weekend without a loss.

Defending State Champion
Indianapolis Cathedral is the three-time defending state champion after winning the school's fourth wrestling crown last year. The third-ranked Fighting Irish are coached by Sean McGinley and boast three semi-state champions of their six participants this weekend.
NOTABLES

One hundred seven (107) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Perry Meridian leading the way with nine qualifiers followed by Chesterton, Crown Point and Penn with eight each. Chesterton leads the state with seven semi-state champions with Evansville Mater Dei tallying five. A total of 307 schools and 5,361 were entered into this year's state tournament at the sectional level.

State Champions in the Field (5)

113: Alex Cottee (12) Perry Meridian | Defending champ at 113; 2019 runner-up at 106; 2018 runner-up at 106

126: Zeke Seltzer (11) Indianapolis Cathedral | Last year's state champion at 120; 2019 runner-up at 113

138: Jesse Mendez (11) Crown Point | Last year's champ at 132; 2019 champ at 126

138: Blake Boarman (12) Evansville Mater Dei | Defending champ at 138; 2019 runner-up at 120

220: Evan Bates (12) Chesterton | Defending champ at 220

State Runners-Up in the Field (5)

113: Isaac Ruble (11) Bellmont | Last year's runner-up at 106

126: Cheaney Schoeff (10) Avon | Last year's runner-up at 113

152: Matthew Koontz (11) Perry Meridian | Last year's runner-up at 132

152: JaJuan Anderson (12) Warren Central | Last year's runner-up at 145

170: Bryer Hall (12) East Central | Last year's runner-up at 152

Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (24)

113: Isaac Ruble (11) Bellmont (25-0)

120: Lane Gilbert (10) Sullivan (27-0)

126: Zeke Seltzer (11) Indianapolis Cathedral (29-0)

126: Landon Bertsch (11) Bluffton (22-0)

132: Ian Heath (12) Leo (30-0)

138: Jesse Mendez (11) Crown Point (30-0)

145: Elijah Chacon (12) New Haven (32-0)

152: Aidan Hardcastle (12) Oak Hill (36-0)

152: James Conway (11) Floyd Central (27-0)

152: JaJuan Anderson (12) Warren Central (32-0)

160: Broderick Baumann (11) Evansville Mater Dei (26-0)

160: Robert Major (12) Carmel (37-0)

170: Bryer Hall (12) East Central (30-0)

170: Pate Eastin (12) Penn (30-0)

182: Gavin Layman (12) Chesterton (37-0)

182: Gabriel Sollars (11) Evansville Mater Dei (26-0)

195: Hayden Filipovich (12) Indianapolis Lutheran (40-0)

195: Eli Pack (12) Culver Academies (18-0)

195: Brach Harrington (12) Greencastle (37-0)

220: Tristan Ruhlman (12) Bloomington South (23-0)

220: Evan Bates (12) Chesterton (34-0)

285: Mariere Omonode (11) West Lafayette (13-0)

285: Evan Shafer (12) Connersville (37-0)

285: Leighton Jones (10) Brownsburg (29-0)

GOSHEN’S ROGER GRIFFITH NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLING OFFICIAL

Roger Griffith is the recipient of the 2020-21 Interscholastic Athletic Official Award for excellence in the sport of wrestling.

Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association, recognizes an outstanding official in each sport during the school year. Officials selected for this distinction have gone above and beyond to serve their association, community, and the IHSAA. Each have shown exceptional qualities of leadership, dedication, and loyalty to their sport, our student-athletes, and their fellow officials.

Roger is a member of 7 officiating associations in Indiana. He serves as a committee representing the officials associations. In Indiana there are 24 associations made up of men and women who assist in providing wholesome, worthwhile, and healthy activities for the student athletes in our state. State-wide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.

Roger Griffith is a professional official in Wrestling, Football, and Softball. He’s been a licensed Wrestling official for 21 years and has worked in 19 sectionals, 13 semi-states, and 5 state finals. He currently resides in Goshen with his wife Anne.

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2021 Sectional Championship Teams (32)

Bellmont, Boonville, Brownsburg, Carmel, Center Grove, Centerville, Charlestown, Chesterton, Columbus East, Cowan, Crown Point, East Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Garrett, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Leo, Merrillville, Noblesville, Northridge, Oak Hill, Penn, Perry Meridian, Portage, Prairie Heights, Rensselaer Central, Rochester, Terre Haute South, Warren Central, Wawasee, Zionsville.

2021 Regional Championship Teams (16)

Bellmont, Brownsburg, Carmel, Columbus East, Crown Point, East Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Garrett, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Merrillville, Northridge, Penn, Perry Meridian, Western

2021 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)

Chesterton, Evansville Mater Dei, Oak Hill, Perry Meridian
2020-21 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS
Oct. 2-3 GIRLS GOLF
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel
Team: Evansville North
Individual: Macy Beeson, Lapel

Oct. 16-17 BOYS TEAM TENNIS
North Central HS, Indianapolis
Team: Carmel

Oct. 17 UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL
Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield
Team: McCutcheon

Oct. 23-24 BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES
North Central HS, Indianapolis
Singles: Ajay Mahenthiran, North Central
Doubles: Srisanth Malpeidi | Jones McNamar, Carmel

Oct. 30-31 BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER
Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield
Fishers HS, Fishers
Class A Girls: Lafayette Central Catholic
Class A Boys: Providence
Class 2A Girls: FW Bishop Dwenger
Class 2A Boys: Evansville Memorial
Class 3A Girls: Noblesville
Class 3A Boys: Chesterton

Oct. 31 BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute
Girls Team: Carmel
Girls Indiv: Karina James, Lowell
Boys Team: Columbus North
Boys Indiv: Izaiah Steury, Angola

Nov. 7 VOLLEYBALL
@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie
Class A: Pioneer
Class 2A: Barr-Reeve
Class 3A: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger
Class 4A: Yorktown

Nov. 27-28 FOOTBALL
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis
Class A: Covenant Christian (Indianapolis)
Class 2A: Western Boone
Class 3A: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard
Class 4A: Roncalli
Class 5A: Indianapolis Cathedral
Class 6A: Center Grove

WINTER SPORTS
Feb. 12-13 GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis
Team: Carmel
Feb. 19-20 WRESTLING
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis
Feb. 26-27 BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis
Feb. 26-27 GIRLS BASKETBALL
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis
March 3 GYMNASTICS
Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie
April 3 BOYS BASKETBALL
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

SPRING SPORTS
June 4 BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington
June 5 UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington
June 5 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington
June 4-5 GIRLS TEAM TENNIS
North Central HS, Indianapolis
June 11-12 GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES
Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis
June 11-12 SOFTBALL
Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette
June 15-16 BOYS GOLF
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel
June 18-19 BASEBALL
Victory Field, Indianapolis

FINAL WRESTLING POWER POLL
INDIANAMAT.COM (1/29/21)
1. Evansville Mater Dei 96
2. Crown Point 88
3. Indianapolis Cathedral 83
4. Chesterton 80
5. Perry Meridian 76
6. Brownsburg 65
7. Center Grove 59
8. Warren Central 54
9. Avon 42
10. Bloomington South 38
T11. Franklin Community 34
T11. Penn 34
13. Carmel 33
14. East Central 32
T15. Floyd Central 28
T15. Western 28
17. Columbus East 27
18. Carroll (Fort Wayne) 24
T19. Culver Academies 22
T19. River Forest 22

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