

## **Instructions for Teams Entering the TSSAA Individual Wrestling State Championships and the TSSAA Girls' Wrestling State Championships**

**Please read carefully:**

### **Concessions/Food Brought Into the Arena**

Concession stands will be available. Teams and spectators will be able to bring coolers into the facility, however, **the Williamson County Ag Expo Center no longer permits the use of any electrical appliances (Crock-pots, microwaves, etc.) in the arena. Please plan accordingly!** Parents wishing to deliver food to participants will have to pay admission in order to gain access to the arena.

### **Mat & Schedule Changes**

We have rotated which classifications will wrestle on which mats this year. A color-coded map of the arena floor indicating who will wrestle on which mat is attached.

### **Arrivals and Weigh-Ins**

Beginning at 12:00 PM CST on Thursday, wrestlers and coaches may come through the first set of doors to the arena on the right hand side. Access to the floor will be determined by tournament personnel. Coaches who have not picked up their team packets will need to do this at this time. Once you have picked up your team packet, coaches will need to put on their wristbands. This will enable you to be admitted into the arena. Upon entering the arena, you will need to proceed with your wrestlers to the right hand side of the arena on the mezzanine level. This will be the holding area for the weigh in. The holding area on the mezzanine level is considered an extension of the weigh in room. At 1:00 PM CST we will close the holding area and begin weigh-ins. No wrestlers will be allowed into or out of the holding area once weigh-ins begin. Wrestlers will be directed to the weigh-in room by weight class. We will need your cooperation and patience to ensure that things run smoothly.

On Friday and Saturday, gates will open for wrestlers and coaches at 7:00 AM CST. Division I AAA, A-AA, and Division II weigh-ins will begin at 8:00 AM CST both days, with Girls' weigh-ins following at 9:00 AM CST.

### **Checking Weight and Distribution of Team Packets**

Coaches may pick up their team packets at the arena from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM CST on Wednesday, February 14th. It is not required that you pick up your packet at this time, however, we encourage you to do so if you are in town. This will help to minimize the congestion at the credential gate on Thursday. Scales will be available for wrestlers to check their weight during the times indicated on Wednesday afternoon. Gates will open at 12:00 PM CST on Thursday, February 15th. **Please be considerate of staff setting up for the championships and do not attempt to enter the arena prior to 12:00 PM.** Coaches may pick up their packets at this time if they have not done so already. Packets for Division II, Division I A-AA and Girls teams will also be available on Friday morning before weigh-ins.

### **Procedures for Arena Entry and Access to the Arena Floor**

Coaches must wear wristbands to access the arena floor. Wrestlers will need to have their hand stamped. Wrestlers will not be issued wristbands. The hand stamp will be the credential wrestlers will use at the gate for admission as well as for access to the arena floor. You will need to have your wrestlers' hands stamped when they arrive at the arena. If the ink begins to fade, you may want to have your wrestler re-stamped as the weekend progresses before the ink fades completely. Wrestlers may be re-stamped provided that some of the ink from the original stamp is visible. Wristbands and hand stamps will also give you admission into the facility on Friday and Saturday. Wristbands should be distributed to all coaches and worn as soon as they are received in the team packet or prior to arriving at the gate. Coaches and team personnel will use the same wristband for the entire tournament. Do not take the wristband off until the tournament is over. We

will not replace a wristband unless an old wristband is brought to the gate by the person asking for the replacement.

### **Coaches' Wristbands**

The number of wristbands that each school will receive will be based on the number of coaches that each school has registered online in the TSSAA Portal. If the coach is visible on the online directory for your school on the TSSAA website, then he or she has been registered. You will be given a wristband for each coach that is registered online. You will also be given one extra wristband to use as you wish. You should plan to use this extra wristband for anyone who will accompany the team to the bench area that is not a coach (statistician, video-operator, manager etc.). Remember, only two individuals are allowed in each corner regardless of each individual's role. There will be no additional wristbands given. Remember, each school also receives two complimentary TSSAA Championship Event Cards. These cards were sent to each school's administration at the beginning of the school year and may be used for admission.

### **Non – Participating Wrestlers**

Wrestlers competing for TSSAA schools who will not be competing in the championships will be admitted free to the championships when accompanied to the gate by the coach. The wrestlers will need to receive a hand stamp at that time. Your school's TrackWrestling roster will be at the gate and will be used for verification.

### **Team Managers**

Team managers **will not** be admitted free of charge. Schools may choose to use the extra wristband from their team packet to accommodate a team manager, however, no additional wristbands will be given. If your manager is a non-participating wrestler, we will grant him or her entry after verification with the TrackWrestling rosters. Any other team manager will need to purchase a ticket.

### **Athletic Trainers**

Vanderbilt Sports Medicine will provide athletic trainers for this event. School athletic trainers who have registered for and received the "School Athletic Trainer" credential will be admitted at the team entrance with that pass. Any other athletic training staff that you wish to be on the floor with your team must use your extra wristband. Vanderbilt staff will not be available until 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of wrestling each day. They will not supply tape for shoelaces.

### **Ticket Prices/Online Ticket Purchasing**

**Admission is \$10.00 per day.** The TACA (Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association) Card will be accepted at the gate. Admission will be given only to the holder of the card when presented with a matching ID. TSSAA Championship Event Cards will be accepted at the gate. These cards only permit the card holder entry to the tournament. Both of these cards will need to be presented at the Wrestlers/Coaches/Media entrance on the right.

### **Traffic**

Traffic can be an issue on I-65 South heading toward the Arena. You should plan for traffic to become very congested between 3:00 – 4:00 PM on Thursday and Friday in the Cool Springs area. Teams staying south of the arena will need to plan accordingly when trying to access I-65 North on Friday morning. Please take the time to study your route and leave in plenty of time to arrive for weigh-ins.

### **Parking**

**Parking for the event will be \$5.00.** School buses and 15-passenger vans will be directed to a designated parking area and will not be charged for parking. All other vehicles parking in the main lot will be charged \$5.00. You will receive one parking pass in your team packet to be used as

you wish. **If you have wrestlers that are driving individually to the tournament, they should expect to pay to park.** Although TACA cards and TSSAA Championship Event Cards can be used for admission into the event, they will not be accepted in lieu of the parking fee.

### **Hospitality Room**

Coaches with wristbands, officials in uniform, and media with proper credentials are the only persons allowed in the hospitality room. TACA will provide drinks and some light snacks in this area. You will not be allowed to remove food or drinks from the hospitality room.

### **Cheerleaders**

Cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted into the arena free of charge. They will not be allowed onto the wrestling floor. **This includes the championship finals.** One cheerleading coach accompanying the team will be admitted free of charge. The coach and cheerleaders need to enter through the pass gate as one group.

### **Verification of Winners (TrackWrestling)**

It is very important that you check with the score table immediately after each match to ensure that the correct wrestler has been declared the winner and advanced in the tournament bracket. Prior to TrackWrestling this required the winning wrestler to sign a bout sheet. Since there are no longer bout sheets, it is important to remember this step in order to prevent the wrong wrestler from advancing in the bracket.

### **Celebration of Finalists/Presentation of Medalists**

Finalists will be introduced Saturday night prior to the championship finals. If you have wrestlers that qualify for the finals you will need to have them arrive at the arena no later than 4:15 on Saturday night to prepare for this event. Finalists will have the opportunity to warm up from 3:30 - 4:30. Finalists must begin assembling at their designated area at 4:30.

Winners of semifinal matches will be taken to a designated area on the arena floor for a picture immediately following their semifinal match. This will be used to build graphics for the big screens during the finals. It is very important that we get pictures of all semifinal winners. We will have someone on each semifinal mat to direct the winners to the right location after the match.

### **Medalists**

Division I AAA, A-AA, Girls' and Division II will place six wrestlers. All medalists for these divisions will be awarded medals on the awards stand in between championship matches on Saturday night.

### **Program**

Each participating school will receive one complimentary program containing brackets for all divisions.

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Head Table

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| <p><b>Mat 12</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>A-AA Rd 1, Quarters</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>A-AA Cons Rd 1, Cons Quarters</p> | <p><b>Mat 10</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>A-AA Rd 1, Quarters</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>A-AA Semis, Cons Rd 1, Cons Quarters</p> <p><b>Sat 10am</b><br/>A-AA Cons Semis, 5th</p> | <p><b>Mat 8</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>AAA Quarters, Cons Rds 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>AAA Cons Quarters</p> <p><b>Sat 10am</b><br/>AAA Cons Semis, 5th</p> <p><b>Sat 5pm</b><br/>A-AA Finals</p> | <p><b>Mat 6</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>AAA Quarters, Cons Rds 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>AAA Semis</p> <p><b>Sat 10am</b><br/>DII Cons Semis, 5th</p> <p><b>Sat 5pm</b><br/>Girls' Finals</p> | <p><b>Mat 4</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>DII Quarters, Cons Quarters*</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>DII Semis</p> <p><b>Sat 11am</b><br/>Girls' Cons Semis, 5th</p> | <p><b>Mat 2</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 11am</b><br/>Girls' Quarters, Cons Quarters*</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>Girls' Semis</p> |
| <p><b>Mat 11</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>A-AA Rd 1, Quarters</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>A-AA Cons Rd 1, Cons Quarters</p> | <p><b>Mat 9</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>A-AA Rd 1, Quarters</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>A-AA Semis, Cons Rd 1, Cons Quarters</p> <p><b>Sat 10am</b><br/>A-AA Cons Semis, 3rd</p>  | <p><b>Mat 7</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>AAA Quarters, Cons Rds 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>AAA Cons Quarters</p> <p><b>Sat 10am</b><br/>AAA Cons Semis, 3rd</p> <p><b>Sat 5pm</b><br/>AAA Finals</p>  | <p><b>Mat 5</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>AAA Quarters, Cons Rds 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>AAA Semis</p> <p><b>Sat 10am</b><br/>DII Cons Semis, 3rd</p> <p><b>Sat 5pm</b><br/>DII Finals</p>    | <p><b>Mat 3</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 10am</b><br/>DII Quarters, Cons Quarters*</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>DII Semis</p> <p><b>Sat 11am</b><br/>Girls' Cons Semis, 3rd</p> | <p><b>Mat 1</b></p> <p><b>Thurs 3pm</b><br/>AAA Rd of 32, Rd of 16, Cons Rds 1 &amp; 2</p> <p><b>Fri 11am</b><br/>Girls' Quarters, Cons Quarters*</p> <p><b>Fri 6pm</b><br/>Girls' Semis</p> |

\*Denotes change from 2017 Schedule

Admission Gate