

TO: Athletic Directors of Teams Participating in WPIAL Team Wrestling Championships

FROM: Jim Collins, Assistant to the Executive Director

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RE: 2010 WPIAL Team Wrestling Championships

Congratulations! The outstanding performance of your team has earned your team the right to participate in the 2010-team championships on February 1- 6, 2010. To facilitate your participation, please read the following information carefully and circulate to your head wrestling coach and other appropriate personnel.

1) DRESSING ROOMS AND TEAM ACCOMODATIONS

Dressing rooms will be assigned each team upon arrival by the site manager.

2) WEIGH-INS AND SKIN CONDITION CHECKS

Weigh-ins and skin condition checks for all matches will begin promptly one hour before the start of the first scheduled match of each session. All wrestlers must be in the weigh-in area when weigh-ins begin. **The head coach is required to bring two (2) copies of the OPC Weigh-In sheet to the weigh-in (one for themselves and one for their opponent).** All participating schools are reminded that the completed **PIAA COMMUNICABLE SKIN DISEASE FORM** will be required for any wrestler desiring to return to competition after having been diagnosed as having a communicable disease or is suspected of having a communicable skin disease or any other condition that makes participation appear inadvisable. This form can be found on page 5 in the rules and regulations section of the 2009-10 PIAA Handbook. Physician authorization must be included on the form at the weigh-in. Any tournament physician on-duty is not authorized by PIAA to complete the form. If a condition is present, the completed form with documentation and physician's signature must be present at the weigh-in.

3) EXHIBITION DUAL MATCHES DURING TEAM TOURNAMENT

Teams participating in the WPIAL team championships are **not permitted** to wrestle exhibition matches on any day/date preceeding their participation in a team tournament match. For **AAA**, Exhibition matches are not permitted on Monday, February 1, Wednesday, February 3, and Friday, February 5, 2010. For **AA**, exhibition matches are not permitted on Tuesday, February 2, and Friday, January 5, 2010. Of course, only teams remaining in the tournament are subject to the above restrictions.

4) PRELIMINARY (PIGTAIL) MATCHES/GROWTH ALLOWANCE

All pigtail matches will be held on Monday, February 1, 2010. For AAA, as a result of pigtail matches, **a one (1)-pound allowance will be granted** to all wrestlers on all sixteen (16) teams in the AAA preliminary and quarterfinal matches on Tuesday, February 2. **In the event, inclement weather necessitates the postponement of any scheduled match, adjustments will be made.**

5) HOME TEAM

The team at the top of the bracket will be designated as the "home team" in all rounds of the team championships.

6) TEAM WARM-UP PERIOD

Each team will be allotted a 10-minute warm-up period prior to their team match

7) TICKET SALES

General admission tickets will be sold at the match site beginning no later than one hour before the start of the first match at each site. Ticket prices are as follows:

AAA and AA Preliminary thru Semifinal round:	Students-\$4.00	Adults-\$6.00
AA and AAA Finals:	Students-\$5.00	Adults-\$7.00

The price of a student ticket includes any k-12 grade student. Pre-kindergarten children are admitted free of charge. The paid admission entitles the spectator to watch all matches in the same classification at the same site. There is no pre-sale of tickets.

8) COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS

Complimentary admission will only be granted to holders of green "WPIAL Courtesy Passes". A maximum of 25 members of the team party, including coaches, and non-participating personnel as well as cheerleaders in uniform shall be admitted free-of-charge provided they arrive as a unit and are identified by their coach or adult sponsor. These groups must be accompanied and supervised by the head wrestling coach and adult cheerleader sponsor. Bus drivers must purchase a ticket for admittance.

9) TIE BREAKER

The WPIAL has adopted the NFHS criterion in order to advance a team in the championships in the event a tie score exists at the completion of wrestling. The tie-breaking system specified in the 2009-10 wrestling rule book will be followed. Refer to Rule 9-2-2 on page 48 of the rule book.

10) EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE

Each team is requested to bring their team trainer and all necessary training supplies to their match. The site manager will arrange to have an efficient medical back-up planned.

11) COACH/BENCH PERSONNEL AND DECORUM

Teams are advised that extraneous bench personnel will not be permitted on the bench. All personnel on the bench must be in uniform or have a team role (coaches, statistician, trainer, etc). The head coach is responsible for the actions of the wrestlers and bench personnel. The coach is expected to act in a professional and sportsmanlike manner and control his team at all times. The Restrictive Coaching Rule will be in effect. **Coaches are expected to dress in an appropriate and professional manner.**

12) THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem will be played before the first match of each session.

13) SIGNS

Signs are permitted provided they are in good taste. Radios and other noise making devices are not permitted. The Principal or his designee will be responsible for enforcing this policy.

14) DAMAGES

Schools are advised that they will be held responsible for any property damage done to the facility by their personnel. The head coach or a designated assistant should be the last person out of the locker room after checking the facility.

15) CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY PRESENTATION

Immediately following the post-championship match "hand shake", the head coach should assemble his team at their bench area for the trophy presentation. The runner-up team will be awarded their trophy first immediately followed by the championship team. The head coach should give the WPIAL Manager the names of the athletes or coaches who will accept the trophies.

16) SOUVENIR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS

A limited supply of 2009 WPIAL Team Champion long sleeve t-shirts will be available at the tournament site for \$16. The WPIAL will process mail orders for \$17 per shirt for a minimum order of 3 shirts per school. Mail-order shirt forms are available in the "Merchandise" link of the WPIAL web site.

17) SUPERVISION

The principal or his designated school representative, along with the WPIAL manager, site manager and site security are responsible for the conduct of spectators as it pertains to representatives from his school and or school community. The school representative should notify the WPIAL manager upon arrival of his seat location during the match. The WPIAL manager will contact the school representative to resolve problems with his school's spectators.

18) PIAA INFORMATION

The top two finishers in AA and top three finishers in AA will qualify for the PIAA team wrestling tournament. The WPIAL champion will advance directly to quarterfinal round at the Giant Center Arena in Hershey on February 12, 2010. The WPIAL runner-up teams will participate in a first round match on February 9. A representative of each team that qualifies a team to the 2009-10 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships must complete the electronic team information form found on the PIAA web site www.piaa.org; prior to participating in its first PIAA team wrestling championship contest. The official PIAA Certificate of Eligibility form for wrestling on which the head coach has initialed the minimum weight classification for each of his wrestlers, an appropriate team photo, and team information form must be submitted to Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA First Associate Executive Director, no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, February 8, 2010. There are no exceptions. The PIAA has also posted an informational memorandum for coaches and contestants on their website (www.PIAA.org).

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS