

2011-12 Bismarck Tournaments

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TO: State Wrestling Coaches and Athletic Directors
FROM: Jim Haussler, State Tournament Manager
RE: Preliminary Tournament Information
DATE: January 27, 2012

The 54th anniversary of the North Dakota State Wrestling Tournament will be held at the Bismarck Civic Center on February 16-18. **To celebrate the anniversary, all Hall of Fame members will attend a social at the Bismarck Elks on Friday evening and will be recognized on the arena floor on Saturday afternoon. Additionally, all past state champions in attendance will be individually recognized on Friday afternoon.**

1. **PICTURE REQUEST:** Team photos and cutlines will be pulled from the NDHSAA website by **12:00 PM CT, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st**. Please make sure to make any necessary updates by February 1st.
2. **DUAL ROSTER REQUEST:** A roster request form for teams qualified for dual competition is attached. This form must be returned by **12:00 PM CT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH** to: pkambeitz@gmail.com
3. **NAME TAG REQUEST:** Please complete the attached name tag information. This form must be returned by **12:00 PM CT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH** to: gina.stroh@gmail.com
4. **PRACTICE:** By NDHSAA rules, teams are not allowed to practice on the tournament site the day prior to the tournament. Coaches are encouraged to practice at home or utilize practice sites, along their travel route, as nearly all Bismarck-Mandan mats are being utilized for the tournament. The only available practice space in Bismarck-Mandan will be at Mandan High School (Lorell Jungling, AD-751-6577) or the University of Mary (Kevin Forde-355-8337).
5. **COACHES MEETINGS:** There will be a meeting for all wrestling coaches at **CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL (1000 E CENTURY AVE)** on **Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m.** Please enter through main doors located on the west side of the building. All coaches will meet as a group in the **Auditorium** for general information after which **"A" coaches** will meet in the **PE CLASSROOM** and **"B" coaches** will remain in the Auditorium. Team packets will be available at the Wednesday night coaches meetings and at weigh-ins on Thursday morning.
6. **SCHEDULE:** A copy of the tournament schedule is attached.
7. **PARKING & ENTRY:** Lot A (west lot) will be used as the drop-off and parking area. The quickest way to Lot A is to go to 5th Street just west of the Exhibition Hall. A parking pass for this lot will be included in your team packet.

All participants (coaches, wrestlers, managers and cheerleaders) must enter the facility through west Door E-42 throughout the entire tournament.

You must have your name tags with you for entry (name tags will be included in your team packet).

8. **TICKETS:** Group season ticket orders of 12 or more went on sale on January 2nd - Note that orders can be faxed, delivered, or postmarked starting on that date. Download the group order form at www.bismarckciviccenter.com. Group orders sent prior to January 2nd will be processed after all orders are received following the January 2nd start date. Individual season tickets will go on sale to the public on January 17, 2012 at 10:00 AM, and can be purchased through Ticketmaster online at www.ticketmaster.com or Charge By Phone at (701) 222-2121, and at all Ticketmaster Outlets. Daily tickets for all three days will go on sale at the Bismarck Civic Center on Thursday, February 16th – Saturday, February 18th starting at 7:30 a.m. each day.

Note: There is a convenience charge for purchasing tickets from Ticketmaster.

Adult Season Reserved

\$38.00 + \$3.00 venue charge = \$41.00

Adult Season Unreserved

\$30.00 + \$3.00 venue charge = \$33.00

Adult Daily Reserved

\$14.00 + \$1.00 venue charge = \$15.00

Adult Daily Unreserved

\$12.00 + \$1.00 venue charge = \$13.00

Student Season Unreserved

\$15.00 + \$3.00 venue charge = \$18.00

Student Daily Unreserved

\$6.00 + \$1.00 venue charge = \$7.00

9. **WARM-UPS:** Warm-up area will be in the Exhibition Hall. This will provide the participants an area to run, wrestle and lounge. Please inform your athletes of this policy and help us from embarrassing situations in enforcing this procedure. Thank you for your assistance.

10. **COOLERS AND FOOD:** The Civic Center management does allow food in the Exhibit Hall of the Civic Center. Coolers may be checked in and food may be consumed in the Exhibit Hall. Coolers and food must remain in the Exhibit Hall throughout the tournament. **THE CIVIC CENTER HAS THE SAME POLICY AS THE FARGODOME.**

11. **WEIGH-INS & SKIN CHECKS:** Skin checks will begin at 8:00 am on Thursday, February 16th in the Exhibit Hall. At the Wednesday coaches meeting the schedule and procedure for skin tests and weigh-ins will be reviewed. We are encouraging coaches to have any doctor's slips for skin testing with them at the weigh-in. Weigh-in and skin tests will be scheduled using the listing of teams from the dual tournament bracket. A curtained area in the Exhibition Hall will be used for official weigh-ins. See the schedule for skin check and weigh-in times.

12. **DRESSING ROOMS:** Participant dressing rooms and showers are located in Locker Rooms 3 & 4, along the lower east side of the Civic Center. During competition when your team occupies a locker room the area will not be locked or secure.

13. **CHEERLEADERS:** Cheerleaders will dress in Locker Room 1 on the lower east side. Banners and signs are to be hung using string or wrestling tape. When you arrive, please check with tournament management for your designated sign area. Cheerleaders are requested to find a secure area to store any valuables, as the locker room area will not be locked or secure.

14. **TRAINERS:** Medcenter One's Sports Medicine will provide trainers for all sessions. The trainers will be located in southeast corner of the lower level of the arena. Please bring your supply of tape. A scale will be available for wrestlers to check their weights at the trainers location throughout the tournament.

15. **PARADE OF ATHLETES:** The Parade of Athletes will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday night. Teams will be lined-up at 5:30 p.m. in the hallway between the Civic Center and the Exhibition Hall (lower north side). All athletes are asked not to wear caps and to remain standing throughout the introductions.

16. **HOSPITALITY:** There will be a hospitality room available for coaches only in Murdoch Room at the Civic Center.

17. **TOURNAMENT BRACKET UPDATE:** Friday and Saturday morning fans can purchase an updated tournament bracket booklet for \$2.00.

18. **FCA HUDDLE/WAY IN:** The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is planning a gathering on Friday morning after weigh-ins. A special guest speaker has been arranged for those who wish to attend. The gathering will be around the mats in the Exhibit Hall.

19. **WEB SITE:** The tournament web site is: activities.educ8.org
Please inform you parents and fans of this web site prior to the tournament so that those unable to attend the tournament can view the up-to-the-minute results.

We are looking forward to being your host at this tournament. If you have any questions prior to the tournament, please call me at 323-4080.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Name tag form (must be returned to gina.stroh@gmail.com by **12:00 PM CT on Sunday, February 12th**).
- Roster Request form for teams qualified for dual competition (must be returned to pkambeitz@gmail.com by **12:00 PM CT on Wednesday, February 8th**).
- NDHSAA Wrestling Regulations
- Tournament Schedule
- State Wrestling Medical Information
- NDHSAA Concussion Policy
- NDHSAA Transfer of Care Form
- Civic Center School Hospitality Request Form