



Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union

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TO: Athletic Directors and Coaches of 2023 State Wrestling Qualifiers

Congratulations on your athletes's advancement to the IGHSAU State Wrestling Tournament! Listed below is information applicable to your school's participation in this year's tournament. Questions can be directed to Erin Kirtley @ erin@ighsau.org

--- Visit [State Wrestling Tournament Central](#) page on IGHSAU website! ---

State Tournament Venue

The 2023 State Wrestling Tournament is February 2-3 at Xtream Arena in Coralville.

State Tournament Admission / Advance Ticket Sales

Tickets are available starting **Friday, January 27th at 10:00 am** through XtreamArena.com, the IGHSAU website, or charge-by-phone at 319-569-4500 for \$15 plus online fees. Through Paciolan, wrestling fans will have the ability to purchase their tickets in advance and have them securely delivered via email to print at home, or through mobile delivery to their phones. Mail and UPS delivery options will not be made available.

General admission tickets will still be available at the Xtream Arena Box Office for \$15/day throughout the event. Admission will be charged for those kindergarten age and older. Accepted forms of payment are cash or credit/debit cards. Xtream Arena Box Office does not accept personal checks. Please notify your fans of this. Those wishing to leave the Xtream Arena and return the same day must scan their ticket at the specified stations prior to leaving the arena for re-admittance to Xtream Arena later that same day.

Spectator Parking

Public Parking is available at the **South Parking Lot** off Quarry Road (SE of Xtream Arena, S of Coralville Conference Center) and the **North Parking Ramp** (N of Hyatt Regency Hotel). All street parking is 2-hour parking. Detailed parking maps available on the IGHSAU website under [Wrestling Tournament Central](#).

Team and Pep Bus Parking

Buses and vans carrying teams to the Green State Family Fieldhouse, will drop off on the south side of Xtream Arena (see map on [Wrestling Tournament Central](#) page). Once passengers have unloaded, drivers proceed south on E 2nd Ave to E 7th St where they will park. One driver per bus will be admitted

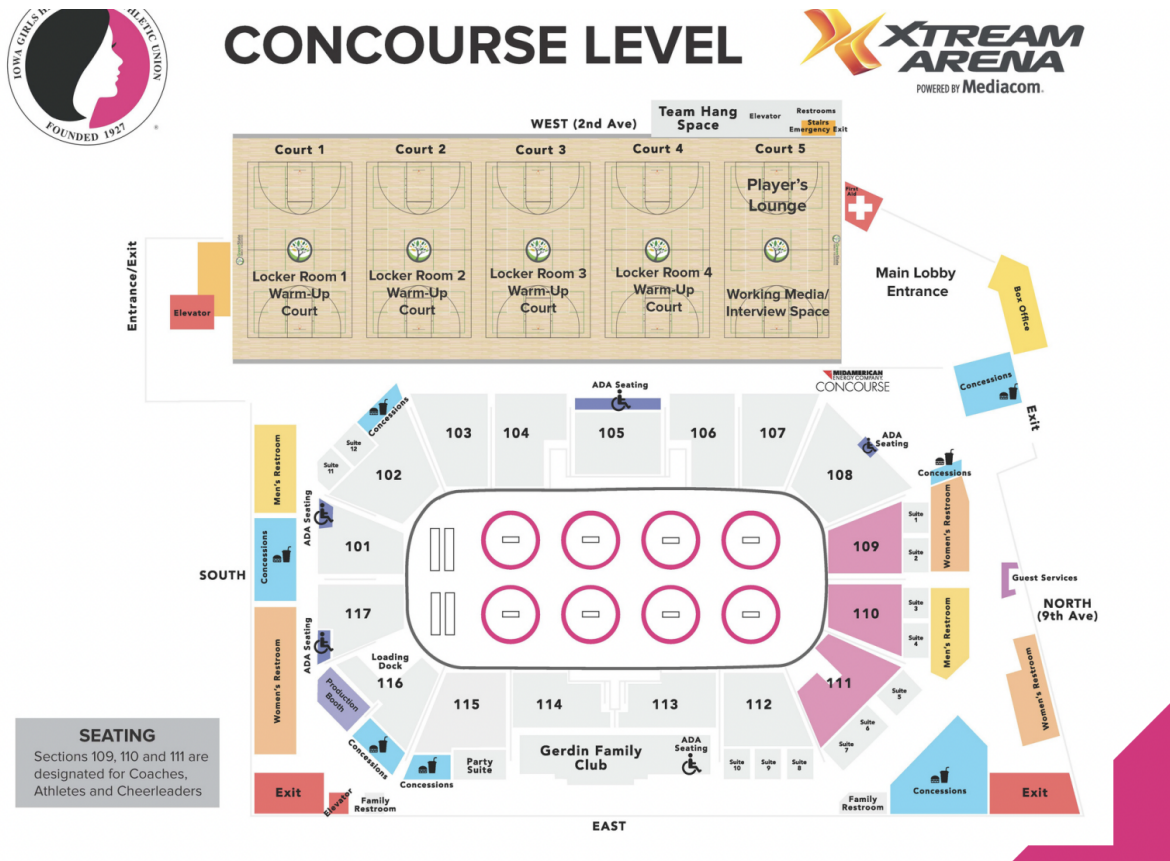
through the Team Gate free of charge. Bus drivers are required to sit in the general admission bowl seating.

Spectator Seating

All seating is general admission. A seating map for spectators can be found on the [Wrestling Tournament Central](#) page on the IGHS AU website. Xtream Arena ushers will assist spectators with seating/court information. Administrators from each school are expected to monitor fan behavior of their fan sections.

Coach/Athlete/Cheerleaders Arena Seating

Coaches and athletes competing in the tournament and their respective cheer squads will be able to watch state tournament action from the arena bowl in sections 109 & 110. Cheerleaders and their sponsors will be in section 111. There will be entrance to the arena floor on the bottom of sections 109/110. Credentials must be visible to pass back and forth through this secured space.



School Administrators

School administrators are allowed to use their Administrator Pass during the State Tournament.

Administrators must present their pass and a photo ID at the Team/Media Pass Gate. Administrator passes provide complimentary admission for the administrator and one guest.

Cooley's Corner

The IGHSAU is hosting a hospitality area for all administrators of participating teams and participating head and assistant coaches Thursday-Friday. Student-athletes are not allowed in Cooley's Corner. Light snacks and beverages will be provided each day. Coaches and administrators must have their credentials on for admittance. Food and drink may not be taken out of Cooley's Corner. Cooley's Corner is in the Party Suite, located in the southeast corner of the Arena (accessible via the concourse).

Team Pass Gate Admission

Athletes and coaches must check-in at the Team/Media Gate located at the Green State Family Fieldhouse, on the south side of Xstream Arena. Athletes and coaches must enter the pass gate together. Participants staying in the on-site hotels must still enter the arena through the team pass gate as a team. The state credentials for athletes/coaches/medical personnel will be picked up upon entry on day one at the pass gate. This credential is necessary for BOTH days of the tournament.

State Tournament Team Roster

State Tournament Roster must be submitted on Monday, January 30th @ 10:00 am. The State Tournament Roster is in the online forms section of Bound under the IGHSAU tab. Athletes participating in the state tournament are the only individuals put on the roster. The head coach plus three (3) assistant/volunteer coaches are allowed on the roster for programs who qualify between 1-8 athletes. Programs who qualify nine (9) or more athletes are allowed a total of four (4) assistant/volunteer coaches in addition to the head coach. Athletic Director's must provide an electronic signature on the form, stating they verify the approved coaching staff and numbers.

There will be no additional wristbands available for purchase. Additional athletes, managers, or other team personnel are not allowed to enter through the team pass gate and must purchase general admission tickets for the event.

Athletic Trainers

If your athletic trainer plans to have floor access during the event, they must be one of the members listed on the team pass gate in the medical personnel space provided. When the athlete they are assisting is not competing, they may not be mat-side. Athletic trainers are able to sit within the arena bowl where coaches and athletes are also seated.

Approved athletic trainers must enter at the Team/Media Gate located at the Green State Family Fieldhouse, on the south side of Xstream Arena. This opportunity is limited to one trainer per school. University Iowa Sports Medicine athletic trainers will be seated mat-side during the tournament. The athletic training room is in the middle of the locker room hallway.

Locker Room / Team Hang Space

Locker rooms will be available for changing and showering throughout each day. Athletes are responsible for their own towels. Please do not store bags and personal belongings in the locker room unattended. There will be a designated hang space for lounging, games and entertainment.

Release of State Tournament Brackets

All brackets will be released for public viewing at noon on Sunday, January 29th.

State Tournament Coaches Webinar

There will be a webinar regarding details for the state tournament on **Sunday, January 29th @ 7:30 pm**. A link for this webinar will be emailed to all coaches and ADs. This will be recorded and posted for viewing on Monday, January 30th. If you do not have athletes participating in this event, please disregard.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 2

6:00 AM- Green State Fieldhouse -Athlete Pass Gate doors open to athletes/coaches/cheerleaders

7:00 AM - Weigh-ins (athletes, line-up at 6:45am)- Court 4 of Green State Fieldhouse

**Warm-up mats available on Courts 2-3 in Green State Fieldhouse

Morning Session - 8 mats 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

First Round, Second Round & 1st Wrestleback

Evening Session- 8 mats 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Quarterfinals & 2nd Wrestleback o 3rd Wrestleback

Friday, February 3

6:00 AM- Green State Fieldhouse -Athlete Pass Gate doors open to athletes/coaches/cheerleaders

7:00 AM - Weigh-ins (athletes, line-up at 6:45am)- Court 4 of Green State Fieldhouse

**Warm-up mats available on Courts 2-3 in Green State Fieldhouse

Morning Session- 6 mats 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Semi-Finals & 4th Wrestleback o 5th Wrestleback o 6th Wrestleback o 7th place matches

Evening Session/Finals- 3 mats 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Awards Presentations o Grand March o Championship, 3rd place, 5th place matches o Presentation of place winners (all weight classes)

Awards Presentations

Medals will be awarded to the 1st-8th place finishers for all weight classes. Team trophies will be awarded to the 1st-3rd place teams.

All place finishers will need to report to the Green State Fieldhouse weigh-in area (Court 4) at 5:15pm on Friday even to go through the Grand March rehearsal.

Cheerleaders

Up to six uniformed cheerleaders, one sponsor/coach are allowed floor access for the session in which their athlete(s) is competing. Cheerleaders will be admitted through the Team Pass Gate, provided they are in proper uniform. Upon check-in, they will receive wristbands that must be worn through the duration of the event, both days. If they do not have any athletes participating in a session, they will not be allowed entrance through the Team Pass Gate and must purchase general admission tickets.

Media Interview Protocol

Following each match, teams are given a five-minute cooling-off period in their locker rooms. At that point, the head coach and athletes **selected by the media coordinator are REQUIRED to report to the interview area on Court 5 in the Field House. Jason Eslinger or an IGHSAU staff member will escort coaches and players to the interview area.** Schools are allowed to conduct radio interviews with their school's local radio station prior to reporting to the interview.

Credentials For High School Newspaper or Yearbook Staffs

School publications must email their request for ONE person to jasoneslinger@ighsau.org by 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 30th. These requests MUST come from a school administrator. The link to apply for credentials can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

Videotaping and Videographer Information

There is no video recording allowed at the Wrestling State Tournament.

IGHSAU State Championship Media Credential Policy

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union shall grant, at the discretion of management, media access credentials for its state championship events to radio, television, print and on-line media to those organizations or companies which routinely provide coverage during regular season play for either teams or individuals which are participating in the tournament, or which regularly offer general coverage of the sport. The number of credentials issued to each organization or company shall be held to the discretion of management. **(Private talent evaluators, scouting services and commercial photographers shall not be granted access to areas of any venue restricted for media access.)**

Streamed and Televised Matches

The IGHSAU will stream the entire wrestling tournament as part of the IGHSAU Digital Network powered by MidAmerican Energy. Links to that event will be available on the IGHSAU website the day of the event (s).

Official Tournament Programs and Merchandise

State Tournament merchandise and programs will be sold on the main concourse and the ticket office lobby at the State merchandise stands. Tournament merchandise will also be available for purchase online. The link will be made available on the IGHSAU website - www.ighsau.org. Programs will be sold on the main concourse and the Box Office lobby. Programs are \$5.

Hotels

Participating schools will arrange their own plans for travel, meals, and lodging while at the tournament. Coralville CVB has provided information regarding available hotel/motel accommodations. This can be found on the IGHS AU website on the Wrestling Tournament Central page.

Banners, Noisemakers, Helium Items, Spectator Attire

Balloons, banners, signs, light or laser pens, or any paper debris (including confetti) are strictly prohibited. Objects that provide a safety concern (pom-poms on sticks, etc.) are prohibited. Artificial noisemakers such as air horns, megaphones, cowbells, thunder sticks, etc. are not allowed. Xtream policy prohibits pounding on seats. All spectators must wear a shirt and shoes during IGHS AU-sponsored tournament matches. Shirts must be worn in a proper manner and shall not promote obscene or inappropriate content.

If you have questions, please contact Erin Kirtley at (405) 334-2547 (C), 515-401-1830 (O) or erin@ighsau.org.

See you in Coralville!

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