



# *Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union*

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## **TO: Athletic Directors and Coaches of 2024 State Wrestling Qualifiers**

Congratulations on your athletes' 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 Gerlich: [erin@ighsau.org](mailto:erin@ighsau.org)

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

### **State Tournament Venue**

The 2023 State Wrestling Tournament is February 1-2 at Xstream Arena in Coralville.

### **State Tournament Ticket Admission**

Tickets are available starting **Saturday, January 27th at 10:00 am** through [XstreamArena.com](http://XstreamArena.com), and on the IGHSAU website. 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 Xstream Arena Box Office, unless the event has sold-out online through digital ticketing. Please check with the Xstream Box Office in advance if you have questions or concerns about tickets. Admission will be charged for children kindergarten age and older. Accepted forms of payment are cash or credit/debit cards. Xstream Arena Box Office does not accept personal checks. **Please notify your fans of this.** Those wishing to leave the Xstream Arena and return the same day must scan their ticket at the specified stations prior to leaving the arena for re-admittance to Xstream Arena later that same day.

Thursday, Morning Session- \$12 + fees

Thursday, Evening Session- \$12 + fees

Friday, Day Ticket (includes finals) - \$15 + fees

### **Spectator Parking**

Public Parking is available at the **South Parking Lot** off Quarry Road (SE of Xstream 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 Xstream Arena (see map on [Wrestling Tournament Central](#) page). Once passengers have unloaded, drivers proceed south on E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to E 7<sup>th</sup> 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 IGHSAU 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**

Due to capacity needs, there will not be guaranteed arena seating for coaches and athletes competing in the tournament and their respective cheer squads. Some seats will be held at the bottom of Section 117 and 101 if possible for those with coach/athlete credentials. There will be entrance to the arena floor on the bottom of sections 117. Credentials must be visible to pass back and forth through this secured space and may not be shared.

### **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 Xtream 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 BOUND on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 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 four (4) assistant/volunteer coaches are allowed on the roster for programs who qualify between 1-7 athletes. Programs who qualify eight (8) or more athletes are allowed a total of five (5) 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 are 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.

### **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.

### **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, if available. Approved athletic trainers must enter at the Team/Media Gate located at the Green State Family Fieldhouse, on the south side of Xtream 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.

### **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).

### **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 and view the live streaming of the tournament.

### **Release of State Tournament Brackets**

All brackets will be released for public viewing at noon on Sunday, January 28th.

### **State Tournament Coaches Webinar**

There will be a webinar regarding details for the state tournament on **Sunday, January 28th at 7:00 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 29th. If you do not have athletes participating in this event, please disregard.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Thursday, February 1**

7:00 AM- Green State Fieldhouse -Athlete Pass Gate doors open to athletes/coaches/cheerleaders

8:00 AM - Weigh-ins (athletes, line-up at 7:45am)- Court 4 of Green State Fieldhouse

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

#### **Morning Session - 8 mats 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

First Round, Second Round & 1st Wrestleback

#### **Evening Session- 8 mats 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

2nd Wrestleback - Quarter-finals - 3rd Wrestleback

## **Friday, February 2**

7:00 AM- Green State Fieldhouse -Athlete Pass Gate doors open to athletes/coaches/cheerleaders

8:00 AM - Weigh-ins (athletes, line-up at 7:45am)- Court 4 of Green State Fieldhouse

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

### **Morning Session- 6 mats 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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

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

Awards Presentations - Grand March - Championship, 3rd place, 5th place matches - 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.

### **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 wrestler are **REQUIRED to report to the interview area on Court 5 in the Field House. Jason Eslinger or an IGHS AU staff member will escort coaches and wrestler 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**

**Student Publications: Student credentials for the State Wrestling Meet are limited to students-only. Due to limited space, one media credential will be issued per school.** School publications must email their request to Jason Eslinger ([jasoneslinger@ighsau.org](mailto:jasoneslinger@ighsau.org)) by 4:30, Monday, January 29. These requests **must** come from a school administrator. Student media must enter at the media entrance at the Green State Family Fieldhouse entrance, located at the south end of Xstream Arena.

### **Videotaping and Videographer Information**

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

### **IGHS AU 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 IGHS AU will stream the entire wrestling tournament as part of the IGHS AU Digital Network powered by MidAmerican Energy. Links to that event will be available on the IGHS AU 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 IGHS AU website - [www.ighsau.org](http://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 Gerlich at (405) 334-2547 (C), 515-401-1830 (O) or [erin@ighsau.org](mailto:erin@ighsau.org).

See you in Coralville!

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