

Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation

Information about competing in the IKWF - 2018-19

Parents, Guardians, and club coaches should be aware of the following **IMPORTANT** items when purchasing your son's or daughter's USA Wrestling athlete membership and participation in IKWF events.

1. **All wrestlers who WERE NOT issued an athlete membership during the 2017-18 season** must include a copy of their birth certificate.
2. **To be eligible for any IKWF event, the attached form and payment (for all wrestlers) and a copy of a birth certificate (for new wrestlers) MUST be submitted to the IKWF office 2 weeks prior to competing in said event.** *Example: To wrestle in December 1, 2018 events, the above information MUST be submitted (postmarked) to the IKWF office by **November 17, 2018**.*
3. **The IKWF is a club-based organization.** This means once you have declared a club for your son or daughter, he/she is a member of that club for the entire IKWF competition season. The designated head coach of your club has the final say in your son's or daughter's participation in any IKWF event.
4. **Any wrestler who purchases their membership for preseason training purposes, has until November 24, 2018 to declare their IKWF club affiliation. Failure to declare a wrestler's club affiliation by November 24, 2018 will result in ineligibility in the IKWF State Series. Parents, guardians, or club coaches should send an email to ikwf@ikwf.org with a wrestler's club affiliation.**
5. **Any wrestler who purchases an athlete membership after November 24, 2018** has ten (10) days from the date of purchase to declare their IKWF club affiliation or they will be ineligible for the IKWF State Series.
6. **IKWF by-laws allow wrestlers to request a club transfer after the above November 24, 2018 deadline.** Please see **WRESTLER CLUB TRANSFER REQUEST** on the **MEMBERSHIP** page of **WWW.IKWF.ORG**. **The deadline to submit a club transfer request is January 1, 2019.**
7. **The "IKWF Age" of all wrestlers in the IKWF is determined by their age on September 1, 2018.**
8. **All wrestlers must be a member of an IKWF charter club to participate in any IKWF event.**
"Unattached" wrestlers **cannot** compete in any IKWF event (including the state series).
9. **State Series Eligibility Deadline:** A wrestler's membership form, payment, and a copy of a birth certificate for new wrestlers **MUST** be submitted to the IKWF office by **February 4, 2018** (postmark date).
10. **In compliance with Part VI, Section B, Line 13 of Federal Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, the IKWF requests that any suspicious activity that a member, a members' parent or guardian witness, be reported to Jeff Tolbert at jtolbert@ikwf.org.**

ATTENTION!

Please remember the following when completing the attached form:

- 1) Please provide all requested information.
- 2) A parent or a guardian **MUST** sign the form.
- 3) Payment must be included with the form.
- 4) **NEW WRESTLERS** - A copy of his/her birth certificate must be included with the form.

**SEND COMPLETED FORM, PAYMENT, AND COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR NEW WRESTLERS TO:
IKWF, 4932 Wilshire Blvd, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 (make all checks payable to IKWF)**

