

Important Information for All 2018 USA Wrestling - Ohio Tournaments

1. USA Wrestling – Ohio will be continuing their policy of having **all memberships obtained via internet or online access**. Go to our website at www.usawrestling-ohio.org to view the details and purchase your cards. You will still be able to buy your competitor's card at any USAW-Ohio sponsored event, but you will need proof of age to purchase your card, you will still need to go home and print your card out after the event, and cards will cost more per card than purchasing them through your club or online. **DUE TO THE BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT, ALL COACHES CARDS MUST BE PURCHASED ON-LINE ONLY– ALLOW AT LEAST TWO WEEKS FOR YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK TO BE COMPLETED.**
2. Our first qualifier will be held April 7th at Mount Union College and the last will be May 12th at Western Brown High School. The STATE KIDS/SCHOOLBOY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP at Elyria HS will be held April 28th. On Saturday May 19th both the STATE GRECO AND FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIP will be Otterbein University. Greco will be Saturday with Freestyle starting Saturday night and finishing Sunday Morning.
3. The UNIVERSITY and UWW CADET NATIONALS will again be held at the University of Akron May 31st -June 3rd . Please plan on attending and helping at this NATIONAL event. More information is available at our website at www.usawrestling-ohio.org.
4. Registration and weigh-ins for all 2018 USA Wrestling - Ohio Qualifier Tournaments and the State Kids Championships will be held **the evening before the tournament from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and the morning of the tournament from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM** at the tournament site for wrestlers competing in **Greco-Roman** and/or **Freestyle**. Greco-Roman competition will start promptly at **9:00 AM**. Wrestlers competing in **Freestyle only** may also weigh-in during these times.
5. Registration and weigh-ins for all 2018 USA Wrestling - Ohio Qualifier Tournaments and the State Kids Championships will also be held **the morning of the tournament from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at the tournament site for additional wrestlers competing in **Freestyle only**. Freestyle competition will start at approximately **12:00 Noon** (but possibly as late as 2PM) depending on the length of the Greco-Roman competition.
6. Registration and weigh-ins for the USA Wrestling - Ohio Cadet/Junior/Open **Greco-Roman State Championship** will be held **the morning of the tournament ONLY from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM**. Greco wrestling will start promptly at **9:30AM** at the State Championship. Weigh-ins for the Cadet/Junior/Open/Women **Freestyle State Championship** will be from **1:00-2:00 PM ONLY on Saturday, May 19th with Freestyle Wrestling starting One hour after the Greco tournament ends and completing on Sunday, May 20th**. The Freestyle competition **on Sunday** will begin at 9:30 AM and run to conclusion. **ANY WRESTLER WHO WEIGHS-IN AND WRESTLES TO COMPLETION IN THE GRECO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DOES NOT NEED TO WEIGH-IN AGAIN TO COMPETE IN FREESTYLE.**
7. **ALL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.** If your parent or guardian will not be at the tournament with you, you **MUST** print an entry form from the USA Wrestling - Ohio web site (www.usawrestling-ohio.org) and have it signed by a parent or guardian **before** you will be allowed to register.
8. To qualify for the Cadet or Junior State Greco and Freestyle Tournaments, a wrestler must place in the top 6 places at any of the **seven (7)** qualifiers (in the corresponding style). He/she can wrestle at any weight they chose to wrestle at the State Championship providing they make that weight class the day of the tournament. **NOTE: Women do not have to qualify to the State tournament but MUST be present at the State tournament or follow the established policy on petitioning to go to be a part of the Cadet and Junior National Teams. NO Exceptions!** Please contact Robin Rayfield at (419) 583-6924 (between 7PM and 9PM) regarding medical waivers.
9. Any wrestler that finished Top 2 at OHSAA state in 2018 automatically qualifies for the USA-Ohio State Championships. Any wrestler who finished Top 2 at OAC state automatically qualifies for the USA-Ohio State in their proper age category. In order to compete those wrestlers must contact Robin Rayfield at (419) 583-6924 no later than April 29th.