



JANUARY 2024 ISWA
NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!! To all our Clubs, Wrestling Leaders, and Wrestlers. At the beginning of every New Year, The ISWA thoughts turn gratefully to all those who make our Organization a GREAT one. The dedication of all those we serve is the foundation of our success, therefore 2023 seems to be a great time to once again say thank you for your support. We wish you a year of happiness and prosperity.

“JOHN HURRLE MEMORIAL AWARD”

Each year, the I.S.W.A. sponsors the "John Hurrle Memorial Award", named in his honor. This award will be presented at the 2024 Fall Coache Clinic and at the ISWA's Award Ceremony. This is a change from years past. Nominations for this award are accepted from our member clubs and the ISWA board members. The intention is to select an individual who has made an "Outstanding Contribution" to the sport of Amateur Wrestling in the State of Indiana. This may be either an adult volunteer or coach. John Hurrle, one of the original founders of the Indiana State Wrestling Association, coached for many years at Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis. John was devoted to wrestling and to the kids in Indiana. John's motto was "DO IT FOR THE KIDS!" John served on the ISWA Board of Directors from 1978 until his passing in 1991. The "John Hurrle Memorial Award" was established shortly after his death in honor of his many years of service.

Past recipients include: Mike McCarthy (2023), Cheryl Merchant (2022), The Miller Family (2021) Beth Lybarger (2020) Lou Silverman (2019), Pat Culp (2018), Renee Schoettle (2017), Dave Errett (2016), Louis & Sharon Rossbottom (2015), Tom Clark (2014), Danny Struck (2013) Jan & Sue Hesser (2012), Chris Lynch (2011), Jim Tonte (2010), Bob Kopnisky (2009), Paul Green (2008), Tom Dolly (2007), JD Minch (2006), Royce Deckard (2005), T. Howard Jones Jr. & Robert Hasseman (2004), Dick Neal (2003), Rex Peckinpaugh (2002), Alan Goddard (2001), Francis Knue (2000), Mary Friedt (1999), John Schattner (1998), Mike & Sharon Dowden (1997), Rollie Hoover (1996), Bud Palmer (1995), Charles McNamara (1994), Larry Bergstrom (1993), and Phil Strader (1992).

If you know of someone who is deserving of this award, please fill out the nomination form, that was emailed to your club representative by Feb. 29th, 2024. Only one (1) vote per club or board member will be accepted. *Note: All applications must bear a name and title or they become void. Please do not send multiple nomination forms. You can also find this form here: <https://www.iswa.com/awardsandresults>

2023.2024 Club Charters

If you have not renewed your 2023-2024 club membership, please do so ASAP! It is required now that you now renew online at www.usawmembership.com. Remember, if you are practicing and have not sent in your club charter and fee you are not covered by liability insurance. A current USAW card must be added to the application. Lastly USAW does not insure any home dwelling/residency locations for all wrestling activities.

ISWA Middle School Dual Team State Championship

Registration Opens Jan. 2nd, 2024 9 am. Registration opens the first Tuesday of January. Only current club charters can register online within [www.usawmembership.com-Event Schedule-2024 ISWA MS State Duals Event Link](http://www.usawmembership.com-Event-Schedule-2024-ISWA-MS-State-Duals-Event-Link). First come first serve-first 16 teams will be accepted. **2024 ISWA MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE TEAM REGISTRATION CHAMPIONSHIPS SUNDAY, January 28th at Ft Wayne War Memorial Coliseum will be hosting this years event.**

Looking for an Event?

Did you know that all ISWA/USAW Sanctioned Events with ISWA/USAW can also be found on www.themat.com and www.iswa.com. Over 200 clubs and over 4,000 USAW members visit our website in search of local club events. National Events and Team Indiana trips can also be found on our website. The ISWA website provides multiple locations for clubs to advertise their sanctioned events. The “Event Schedule” tab and all of ISWA/USAW social media links along with events listed on www.themat.com. To find events in around the state simply go to www.iswa.com, under “TOURNAMENT” scroll down to “Event Schedule” this page lists events along with a tournament ad, if provided. Clubs if changes are made on your event details please notify the ISWA office of updates or changes.

ISWA Office

Need Your Help? The ISWA office is available Monday - Friday from 9am-3pm by calling (317)780-1885 or by email office@iswa.com.

2024 ISWA PUBLICATION

The Indiana Amateur Wrestling News, containing detailed information regarding our program, is scheduled to be mailed to one ISWA member household. The 2024 publication highlights the past season and notes upcoming events.

2024 ISWA Events

All 2024 ISWA State Final events can be found on our website www.iswa.com/eventschedule. The ISWA hosts the following state events: ISWA Elem State Duals, Middle School State Duals, Folkstyle State Finals and Womens Folkstyle State, ISWA Freestyle & Womens Freestyle State Finals, ISWA Greco State Finals. USAW 2024 Kids Nationals & Central Regionals is hosted in Ft Wayne, Indiana.

Coaching MAT SIDE at all ISWA State Final Events Require a current USAW Wrestling Leader card, a background check and Safe Sport Certification.

NEXT ISWA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the ISWA Board of Directors will be held Sunday, February 11th, 2024 In Beech Grove at the ISWA office 5715 Churchman Avenue, Suite “L”, Indianapolis IN 46203 Tournament Meeting Time: 11 am Monthly Meeting Time: 12:00 P.M. Zoom link can be found online at [www.iswa.com-About Us-Meeting-Minutes-Policies](http://www.iswa.com-About-Us-Meeting-Minutes-Policies).