



2024 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Annual Bid Meeting Review

We require every club hosting an event to attend the Annual Bid Meeting. Thank you to the clubs that were in attendance!

The state is divided in 5 sections. The Section Directors contact information is listed below. We look forward to helping our wrestling memberships grow this year! Coaches, we are here for you as well.. As always you can find us online at www.iswa.com or by emailing off@iswa.com 24/7.

2024-25 Club Membership

Just a reminder that the USA Wrestling membership year runs from September 1 through August 31 of each year. Your club liability insurance will no longer be in effect after that date. Membership renewals are now open. USAW still requires, to charter a club, a current USAW Wrestling Leader membership must be listed on the club charter to renew. Again this year, coaches and officials are required to complete a Safe Sport refresher course before renewing their USAW card. Background checks are only good for one (1) year, so make sure you are up to date and if not allow ample time to complete the following steps this season to renew your club charter and coaches cards. If your club plans to hold practices, camps or other club activities on or after 9/1/24, please submit your club charter online at usawmembership.com. Insurance certificates can be found within the membership site under certificates.

2024-2025 Athlete Membership

As of September 1, 2024 all members wishing to purchase a *current Athlete membership card* will be directed to USA Wrestling's membership system. The card is \$55. To purchase your card, please go to www.usawmembership.com

Please make sure your information is current within the membership site: address, contact number and your club affiliation. New members please note after creating an account for a new member age verification is required. This verification will allow members to remove "pending" on USAW card and avoid carrying birth certificates to tournaments. Simply email a copy of a birth certificate, passport or state ID/Drivers License to: office@iswa.com. All pending cards must be verified before any/all state finals. Once the office receives proof of birth, your card will be verified and will no longer show pending in the system. Also, you will receive notification from the office that your card has been verified. You may then go on to the USA system and print your updated card.

Attention all Coaches wishing to coach mat side at all ISWA State Finals!

All coaches who wish to coach mat side at all ISWA State Final events are required to hold a USAW Wrestling Leader membership. This process can take several days so it's best to prepare early! ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A BACK-GROUND CHECK THROUGH USAW. After background check processes coaches will log into their USAW account and COMPLETE SAFE SPORT REFRESHER this is a FREE course required to renew your coaches card. Once Safe Sport is added to your profile coaches can then purchase or renew their USAW Wrestling Leader Membership.

2024-2025 ISWA/USA Event Schedule can be found online here at

<https://www.iswa.com/eventschedule> you can also visit www.themat.com to preview all sanctioned events.

USA Wrestling Preseason Nationals Registration is Open

The USA Wrestling season kicks off with the Cliff Keen/USA Wrestling Preseason Nationals, in November. This event at the Iowa Event Center is an exciting event. REGISTRATION details, Cut off deadlines, eligibility can all be found online at: www.themat.com

Upcoming ISWA Board Meeting Dates tentatively set for the following dates:

Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th, Dec 8th, Feb 9th, Apr 13th, May TBA, June TBA, July TBA, Aug 2nd