

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

General admission tickets are \$8 per session or \$20 for both days and available at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse Ticket Office. Pre-school children admitted free of charge.

GATES OPEN

Gates open to spectators one hour before each session begins both days (5 pm ET on Friday, 8:30 am ET Saturday morning and 4 pm ET Saturday afternoon).

PARKING

There are multiple parking options throughout the downtown area that are within walking distance of the Fieldhouse. The Virginia Avenue Garage, which charges a fee and is located directly to the east of the venue, connects to the Fieldhouse from the third floor of the garage via a walkway over Delaware Street. The entrance to the Virginia Avenue Garage is located off of Maryland Street.



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TELEVISION & VIDEOSTREAM

Saturday night's state championship bouts will air live on [Fox Sports Indiana](#) beginning at 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT with the following hosts of the telecast:

- Play-by-Play Mark Jaynes
- Color Analyst Mike Goebel
- Mat Reporter Greg Rakestraw

Friday night's first round and all of Saturday's quarterfinal, semifinal and consolation matches will be videostreamed live at [TrackWrestling.com](#) via subscription fee.

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THE 79TH ANNUAL IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS

February 17-18, 2017

Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Session 1 | **Friday** | First Round, 6 pm ET

Session 2 | **Saturday** | Quarterfinals, 9:30 am ET, Semifinals to follow

Session 3 | **Saturday** | Consolations, 5 pm ET & Finals, 7:30 pm ET

Two hundred twenty-four wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9:30 am ET / 8:30 am CT and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 5 pm ET and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 pm ET.

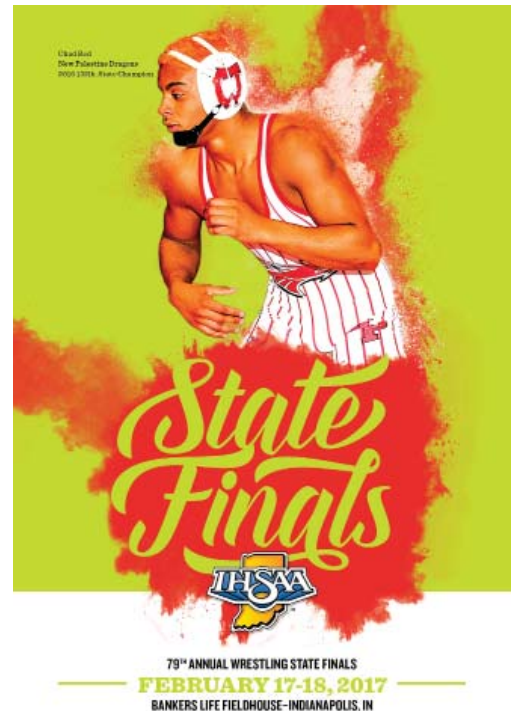
Team scoring will begin with Friday night's preliminary matches. Scoring will go to eight places and, additionally, two (2) advancement points will be awarded per match for a championship bracket victory while one (1) point is earned for advancement in the consolation bracket.

Finally, points will be awarded to the top eight place-winners: 1st place: 16 points; 2nd place: 12 points; 3rd place: 9 points; 4th place: 7 points; 5th place: 5 points; 6th place: 3 points; 7th place: 2 points; 8th place: 1 point.

■ Six defending or former state champions are part of this year's field led by Lowell senior Colton Cummings who will attempt to become the 36th wrestler in state history and first from his school with at least three state crowns. He is 25-2 on the season and competing in the 126 pound class after winning the 113 title last year and the 106 crown in 2015.

■ One hundred twelve (112) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Brownsburg's and Portage's eight qualifiers and seven each from Indianapolis Cathedral and Yorktown leading the way. Chesterton and Yorktown led the state with four semi-state champions each last weekend.

■ **Defending State Champion**
Warren Central is the defending state champion after winning its second crown in school history a year ago (also 1980). The Warriors of head coach Jim Tonte, who became the first coach to lead two different schools to the state title (also Perry Meridian in 2011, 2012, 2013), have two entries this weekend including 195 pound semi-state winner and last year's state runner-up Tristen Tonte (36-1) and semi-state runner-up at 113 pounds Skylour Turner (30-5).



NOTABLES

Defending State Champion

Warren Central (Second championship 1980, 2016).

State Champions in the Field (6)

113: Asa Garcia (10) **Avon** | 2016 champ at 106.

126: Colton Cummings (12) **Lowell** | 2016 champ at 113; 2015 champ at 106.

132: Jeremiah Reitz (12) **Griffith** | 2014 champion at 106; 2016 runner-up at 120.

145: Brayton Lee (11) **Brownsburg** | 2016 champ at 138.

152: Joe Lee (11) **Evansville Mater Dei** | 2016 champ at 145; 2015 runner-up at 138.

220: Mason Parris (11) **Lawrenceburg** | 2016 champ at 220.

State Runners-Up in the Field (5)

120: Christian Mejia (11) **Elkhart Memorial** | 2016 runner-up at 113.

120: Ty Mills (11) **Brownsburg** | 2015 runner-up at 106.

145: Kasper McIntosh (11) **Portage** | 2016 runner-up at 145.

170: Burk VanHorn (12) **Franklin Community** | 2016 runner-up at 160.

195: Tristen Tonte (12) **Warren Central** | 2016 runner-up at 195; 2015 runner-up at 195.

Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (18)

106: Brayden Curtis (10) **Yorktown** (39-0).

113: Asa Garcia (10) **Avon** (38-0).

126: Graham Rooks (11) **Columbus East** (42-0).

132: Jeremiah Reitz (12) **Griffith** (36-0).

145: Brayton Lee (11) **Brownsburg** (42-0).

145: Boone Welliever (12) **Southmont** (40-0).

152: Kyle Hatch (12) **Warsaw** (47-0).

152: Joe Lee (11) **Evansville Mater Dei** (32-0).

160: Alston Bane (12) **Richmond** (47-0).

182: Lucas Davison, 11) **Chesterton** (38-0).

195: Andrew Davison (12) **Chesterton** (38-0).

195: Kyle Shaffer (12) **South Putnam** (46-0).

GREG MOE NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLING OFFICIAL

Greg Moe of Brazil is the recipient of the 2017 Interscholastic Athletic Official Award for excellence in the sport of wrestling.

Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the National Federation of



Interscholastic Officials Association, recognizes and honors an outstanding official in each of 11 sports during the school year.

After being licensed for 29 years, Greg has of-

ficiated more than 15 Wrestling State Finals (including Individual and Team).

Greg is a member of the Calumet Officials Association, where he is the current co-chairperson. He was selected for this honor by a committee representing the official's associations across Indiana.

220: Gunnar Larson (12) **Avon** (39-0).

220: Corbin Maddox (12) **Daleville** (47-0).

220: Mason Parris (11) **Lawrenceburg** (49-0).

285: Evan Ellis (12) **Eastern (Greentown)** (42-0).

285: Isaiah McWilliams (11) **South Bend Washington** (46-0).

285: Wade Ripple (12) **Mt. Vernon** (45-0).

2017 Sectional Championship Teams (32)

Bellmont, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Cass, Castle, Center Grove, Chesterton, Columbus East, Crown Point, Elkhart Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Franklin County, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Merrillville, New Haven, North Montgomery, Oak Hill, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Perry Meridian, Peru, Plymouth, Portage, Prairie Heights, Roncalli, Shenandoah, Southridge, Yorktown.

In Indiana there are 26 associations made up of men and women who give up much of their personal time to assist in providing wholesome, worthwhile, and healthy activities for the student athletes in our state. Statewide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.

Greg is a 1989 graduate of Jasper High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education (Physical Education/Health) from Indiana State University in 1978, where he also was a member of the wrestling team. Greg also earned a Master's degree from Ball State. Originally from Minnesota, he participated in the 1973 Football State Finals and the 1974 Wrestling State Finals for Caledonia High School. Greg and his wife of 39 years, Christine, have four children – Becky, Trevor, Todd, and Lance.

2017 Regional Championship Teams (16)

Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus East, Crown Point, Evansville Mater Dei, Franklin County, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Oak Hill, Penn, Perry Meridian, Portage, Prairie Heights, Yorktown.

2017 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)

Brownsburg, Chesterton, Indianapolis Cathedral, Yorktown.

2016-17 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Sept. 30-Oct. 1	GIRLS GOLF <i>@ Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Evansville North Indiv: Holly Anderson, Columbus North
Oct. 14-15	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>@ North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 21-22	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>@ Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i> Singles: Patrick Fletchall, Carmel Doubles: Ethan McAndrews/Jay Natarajan, Carmel
Oct. 29	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>@ Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Class A Boys: Mishawaka Marian Class A Girls: Andean Class 2A Boys: Evansville Memorial Class 2A Girls: Penn
Oct. 29	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>@ LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i> Girls Team: Carmel Girls Indiv: Taylor Schwartz, DeKalb Boys Team: Carroll (Fort Wayne) Boys Indiv: Curtis Eckstein, Oldenburg Acad
Nov. 5	VOLLEYBALL <i>@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie</i> Class A: Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christ. Class 2A: Wapahani Class 3A: Yorktown Class 4A: Indianapolis Cathedral
Nov. 25-26	FOOTBALL <i>@ Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i> Class A: Linton-Stockton Class 2A: Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter Class 3A: Fort Wayne Concordia Luth. Class 4A: Roncalli Class 5A: Westfield Class 6A: Carmel

WINTER SPORTS

Feb. 10-11	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Feb. 17-18	WRESTLING <i>@ Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 24-25	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 25	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>@ Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 11	GYMNASTICS <i>@ Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
March 25	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>@ Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>

SPRING SPORTS

June 2	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>@ Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 3	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>@ Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 3	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>@ Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 2-3	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>@ North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 9-10	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>@ Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 10	SOFTBALL <i>@ Ben Davis HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 13-14	BOYS GOLF <i>@ Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 16-17	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

WRESTLING COACHES POLL (FINAL)

1.	Brownsburg (6)	120
2.	Warren Central	114
3.	Perry Meridian	106
4.	Evansville Mater Dei	104
5.	Penn	96
6.	Portage	88
7.	Bellmont	81
8.	Crown Point	73
9.	Carmel	70
T10.	Avon	56
T10.	Prairie Heights	56
12.	Lawrence North	50
13.	Columbus East	38
14.	Indianapolis Cathedral	35
15.	Jimtown	24
16.	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	23
T17.	Hamilton Southeastern	21
T17.	Yorktown	21
19.	Center Grove	20
20.	Castle	17
Others: Bloomington South 15, New Palestine 9, Hobart 8, Merrillville 6, Jennings County 4, Franklin Community 3, Delta 1, Lafayette Jefferson 1.		

INDIANAMAT.COM POWER POLL (1/15/17)

1.	Brownsburg
2.	Perry Meridian
3.	Avon
4.	Portage
5.	Evansville Mater Dei
6.	Yorktown
7.	Penn
8.	Indianapolis Cathedral
9.	Castle
10.	Carroll (Fort Wayne)
11.	Carmel
12.	Warren Central
13.	Bellmont
14.	Merrillville
15.	Zionsville
16.	Roncalli
17.	North Montgomery
18.	Chesterton
19.	Columbus North
20.	Prairie Heights

MEDIA INFORMATION

Tournament Administrator: Robert Faulkens, Assistant Commissioner
Tournament Director: J.D. Minch

Media Credentials: Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 16, at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Please note that the 2016-17 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential will NOT allow admission to this event as a specific credential is required – no exceptions. Legitimate working news media should apply for credentials by e-mailing (with name of individual applying) IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: gmail.com, yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Approved requests will be left to claim by the individual at media will-call at Bankers Life Fieldhouse beginning at 3 pm ET on Friday. Identification is necessary to pick up credentials.

Media Parking: There is no designated parking area for media for this event though there are numerous parking options within a short distance of Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The Virginia Street parking garage, which charges a fee, is directly to the east of the venue.

Media Entrance: The media entrance is in the southeast corner of Bankers Life Fieldhouse adjacent to Delaware Street. The door is marked for Employees and Media and is located at the opposite end of the building from the public entrance. Please allow a few extra minutes to pass through security. Media credentials left at will-call are to be claimed at this entrance.

Media Work Room: As in previous years, the media workroom at Bankers Life Fieldhouse will be open both days and be available to working media members throughout Friday evening and all day on Saturday. The work area contains complimentary wireless internet access. Hospitality will be available.

Wireless Access, Ethernet Lines: Complimentary wireless service is provided for all attending media. Please access the “BLF Wifi” wireless signal. No login or password is required. *Some older devices (2.4 GHz) may not be able to access this 5.0 GHz signal.* A successful broadcast connection will require use of the complimentary “BLF Wifi” signal, a dedicated phone line or a hard-wired Ethernet line. Hard-wired Ethernet lines are available at cost by contacting Kevin Messenger (kmessenger@pacers.com). Phone lines may be ordered through AT&T.

Mat Access: As in years past, Bankers Life Fieldhouse will have a barrier set up around the perimeter of the wrestling mat area. During the championship round only on Saturday night will credentialed photographers be allowed inside the hockey boards to shoot action mat-side. Other than that, only participants, coaches and fieldhouse workers will have access to the mat area.

Programs: Copies of the official program containing brackets for each weight class and tournament history will be available in the Media Work Room.

Results: Will be updated continuously throughout both days of the tournament via TrackWrestling.com. Copies of the updated brackets will also be available in the media work room throughout the two days.