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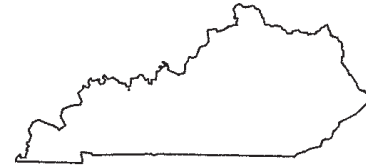
**ARMY ROTC**

**STATE WRESTLING  
TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR PARTICIPATING  
TEAMS**



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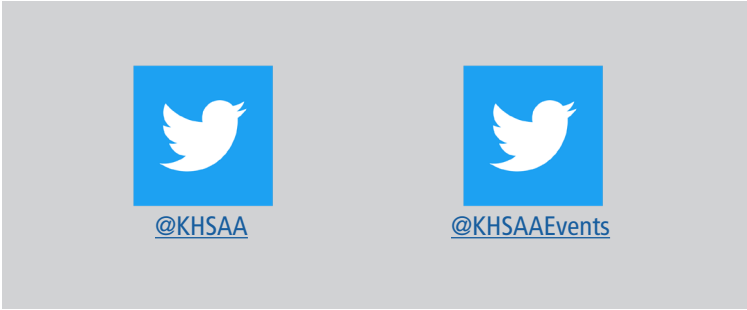
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# 2019 State Wrestling Tournament Instructions

## BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the 2019 State Wrestling Tournament.

The official title reference for the 2019 tournament is the KHSAA State Wrestling Championships sponsored by the U.S. Army ROTC.

Refer to this manual and the important website links included at the end of the document to guide you through preparation for your participation.

## KHSAA CONTACTS

Administrators and coaches should contact Assistant Commissioner Mike Barren ([mbarren@khsaa.org](mailto:mbarren@khsaa.org)) or Assistant Commissioner Sarah Bridenbaugh ([sbridenbaugh@khsaa.org](mailto:sbridenbaugh@khsaa.org)) at the KHSAA offices should they have any questions.

Event Management Specialist Dan White ([dwhite@khsaa.org](mailto:dwhite@khsaa.org)), will also be on site throughout the event to assist you as needed.

Media inquiries should be directed to Communications Director Joe Angolia ([jangolia@khsaa.org](mailto:jangolia@khsaa.org)).

Questions may also be directed to the KHSAA offices at (859) 299-5472 and any member of the staff should be able to refer you to the correct party.

## QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the 2019 State Wrestling Championships, the top four (4) wrestlers in each weight class from the regional tournaments shall qualify for state.

## PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

### CONFERENCE CALL

There will be a brief web conference for coaches and athletic directors at 3 p.m. ET on Monday, Feb. 11.

Schools will be sent additional instructions regarding the call via email once the field is set.

Participants can set up from any location to join the conference.

### ADDRESS/GPS COORDINATES

Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park - 4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, Ky., 40511

(859) 259-4273

GPS Coordinates: 38.1500/-84.5206

Make sure to use 4089 Iron Works Pike, not "Parkway," when utilizing GPS and mapping devices.

The Kentucky Horse Park is located one-half mile east of I-75 off Iron Works Pike (1973) at Exit 120.

### DIRECTIONS

From Downtown Lexington

- Take Newtown Pike (922) northbound approximately 9 miles to Iron Works Pike (1973).
- At the four-way stop, turn left and travel westbound.
- The campground entrance will be on the right in 1.6 miles, and the park's main entrance will be on the right in 2 miles, just past the campground entrance.

From Louisville

- Travel eastbound on Interstate 64 for approximately 70 miles to Interstate 75.



- Take Exit 75 northbound towards Cincinnati (merging traffic will join I-75 traffic in the left-hand lane and will have approximately .5 miles to move to the right-hand lane to get off at Exit 120).
- At the top of the exit ramp, turn right and travel eastbound on Iron Works Pike (1973).
- The park's main entrance will be on the left in .5 miles and the park's campground entrance will be on the left in .9 miles.

### From Northern Kentucky

- Travel southbound on Interstate 75 towards Lexington to exit 120.
- At the top of the exit ramp, turn left and travel eastbound on Iron Works Pike (1973).
- The park's main entrance will be on the left in .7 miles and the park's campground entrance will be on the left in 1.1 miles.

### From South Central Kentucky

- Travel northbound on Interstate 75 towards Lexington to exit 120.
- At the top of the exit ramp, turn right and travel eastbound on Iron Works Pike (1973).
- The park's main entrance will be on the left in .5 miles and the park's campground entrance will be on the left in .9 miles.

### From Eastern Kentucky

- Travel westbound on Interstate 64 towards Lexington to Interstate 75.
- Interstate 64 will merge with Interstate 75 on the east side of Lexington, so take the merged I-64W/I-75N towards Cincinnati/Louisville to Exit 120 at Iron Works Pike (1973).
- At the top of the exit ramp, turn right and travel eastbound.
- The park's main entrance will be on the left in .5 miles and the park's campground entrance will be on the left in .9 miles.

### From Western Kentucky

- Travel the Martha Layne Collins Bluegrass Parkway, drive east.
- Turn left on Man o' War Blvd. and travel northbound for .3 miles.
- Turn right on US-60/Versailles Road and travel eastbound for 1.5 miles.
- Take the ramp on to KY-4 N/New Circle Road and travel 4.1 miles north/eastbound.
- Take exit 8 for US-25/Georgetown Road and turn left onto Georgetown Road and travel northbound towards Georgetown for 5.5 miles.
- At the stop light, turn right onto Iron Works Pike (1973).
- The park's main entrance will be on the left in 1.2 miles and the park's campground entrance will be on the left in 1.6 miles.

## **PARKING**

There is ample on-site general parking.

Kentucky Horse Park will charge a \$5 parking fee.

Teams arriving in a school bus or marked vehicle will be admitted at no charge.

Buses dropping off participants will unload them on the south side of Alltech Arena (Alltech Way).

Spaces will be blocked off to allow buses to drop off participants.

After buses unload, they will proceed to the main parking lot in front of the arena and park in its lower section.

The bus driver can then enter through the pass gate at the participant entrance (Alltech Way) free of charge.



## LODGING

Coaches will arrange lodging for their contestants if needed.

Schools are responsible for all travel expenses, including lodging, for participation in the event.

Have your school's or Board of Education's Sales Tax Exempt Number with you at check-in to avoid sales tax from being added to the hotel bill.

A listing of hotels with rooms being held for the State Wrestling Tournament, including rates, is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

## BYLAW 22 - REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY

You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a principal, coach or another approved individual with the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school.

A segment of that bylaw states:

"The principal, coach or another individual approved by the local Board of Education shall accompany the team to all contests. His or her expenses, when he or she accompanies the contestants, shall be paid in the same manner as those of the contestants. Individuals fulfilling this requirement shall adhere to the requirements of KRS 161.185."

## COMPETITION DATES AND SCHEDULE

### DATES

The 2019 State Wrestling Championships will be held on Feb. 15-16 at Alltech Arena inside the Kentucky Horse Park.

A link to the complete time schedule is located at the end of this document.

### OFFICIAL WEIGH-INS

There will be NO additional growth allowances for any weight class after the regional tournaments.

After the first day of state competition, each weight class will have a ONE-POUND growth allowance added.

- Day One
  - o Official weigh-ins will begin at 8 a.m. ET on Friday, Feb. 15 inside Alltech Arena.
  - o Make sure your travel plans allow for timely arrival as NFHS rules state that all athletes must be prepared to weigh-in at the scheduled time.
  - o In accordance with the competition rules, the scale will close for each weight class when the first competitor of the succeeding class weighs in.
  - o The Scale WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY after the last 285 pound wrestler weighs in.
  - o At approximately 9 a.m., wrestlers will assemble in the staging area for the Parade of Champions. Complete instructions for the parade will be provided to coaches prior to the event.
- Day Two
  - o Official weigh-ins will begin at 8 a.m. ET on Saturday, Feb. 16 inside Alltech Arena.
  - o Make sure your travel plans allow for timely arrival as NFHS rules state that all athletes must be prepared to weigh-in at the scheduled time.
  - o In accordance with the competition rules, the scale will close for each weight class when the first competitor of the succeeding class weighs in.
  - o The Scale WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY after the last 285 pound wrestler weighs in.



## **PRACTICE**

There will be no opportunity for on-site practice time individually or as a team.

## **PRE-TOURNAMENT ON-SITE MEETING**

There will be no coaches' meeting prior to the state tournament.

Instead, use the web conference to ask any questions.

## **ADMISSION INTO VENUE**

### **TEAM ENTRY**

Coaches packets may be picked up at the participant entrance of Alltech Arena starting at 7 a.m. ET on Friday morning.

All wrestlers and coaches need to arrive at the venue together for admission on the south side/lower level of the arena off of Alltech Way. Gates will open for coaches and wrestlers ONLY at 7 a.m.

This includes regional fifth-place finishers who are alternates that must also weigh in to be admitted at no charge.

Each packet will contain participant bag tags that will be used for the wrestlers' admission.

Packets will also contain admission credentials for coaches listed on the school's personnel database on the KHSAA website. This hang tag must be worn at all times, including when desiring to be mat side.

Lost coaches tags will be replaced for \$35. Lost participant bag tags will be replaced for \$20.

### **TICKETS**

Single-day tickets are \$20 each when purchased online or at the arena.

A two-day pass is available online for \$30 using the link included at the end of these instructions.

The two-day pass may also be purchased at the venue for \$35.

Children 10 and under are admitted free.

Gates will open for the general public at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday.

### **COOLERS**

Teams may bring a single cooler into the facility to be kept in the hall adjacent to participant check-in, but not to be brought onto the arena floor.

Per the contract with Alltech Arena, coolers must be brought in the team entrance and not the main gate.

Athletes may bring in their equipment bags, but due to safety concerns, they are subject to being searched.

### **BEDDING**

Air mattresses or other forms of "bed rolls" will not be permitted inside Alltech Arena.

## **VENUE LOGISTICS**

### **DRESSING/LOCKER ROOMS**

One locker room is provided on site that does not have shower facilities.

Participants should arrive at the venue dressed and ready to compete.

### **SIGNAGE/BALLOONS/NOISEMAKERS**

Signs/banners are permitted inside Alltech Arena, but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.

The covering of any corporate signage is not permitted.



Signs must be handheld or attached using masking tape.

Balloons are not permitted inside the facility.

Artificial noisemakers of any kind are not permitted inside the facility per NFHS rules.

## CONDUCTING THE EVENT

### BRACKETS

A complete set of tournament brackets will be available in advance of the championship at [KHSAA.org](http://KHSAA.org).

The KHSAA will not be providing printed copies of the brackets to coaches.

### DRAW

Per the competition rules, the Commissioner shall draw each weight class individually for the pairings at the state tournament.

The base draws will be posted on the KHSAA website on Monday, February 11.

The format will be a blind draw with the 1st-place finisher from each region drawing a 4th-place finisher from another region.

These region champions will not be paired with a 4th-place competitor from their own region in an opening match or be placed in the same bracket with the runner-up from their region.

The 2nd-place competitors cannot draw a 3rd-place finisher from their own region.

As soon as possible and practical, regional results and state tournament entries will be posted on the KHSAA website.

For Saturday's state finals, the sequence of matches will be drawn that morning.

### SCOREBOARDS

Again this year, the KHSAA has been able to secure eight (8) scoreboards for the tournament and their inclusion makes it more enjoyable for coaches, wrestlers and fans alike, and we sincerely appreciate the advertisers who make it possible.

KHSAA staff will make every effort to keep results posted on the video board in the end zone.

In addition, updated scoring will be available via [KHSAA.org](http://KHSAA.org).

## ROSTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Should a school have a wrestler finish in 1st through 4th place in the region and they are unable to compete at the state tournament due to schedule conflicts, injury or other documented reason, school representatives shall notify the KHSAA by noon ET on Wednesday, February 13.

Failure to send proper notification of such a withdrawal will result in a penalty against the school in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 27.

In the case of an athlete being unable to enter and being replaced, the remainder of the bracket will be "rolled-up," and the replacement wrestler will be seeded fourth.

If a vacated bracket position is unable to be filled by an alternate from the same region, the option will roll in random order to another region.

The random order will be determined and announced by the KHSAA and posted on its website.

Coaches are advised to weigh-in any 5th-place regional finisher in case of replacement the day of the state tournament.

## STATE EVENT OFFICIALS

Officials presiding over the event are licensed and assigned by the KHSAA.



## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

The KHSAA requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values and all parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility and perspective.

We remind you that officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

We encourage and appreciate your help in letting this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

## **HEALTH INFORMATION**

### **ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

The Association will use the services of University of Kentucky Sports Medicine to provide trainers for the State Wrestling Tournament.

Athletic training staff will be available beginning one (1) hour prior to each session and remain available throughout the day.

Any school desiring admission of its own certified trainer shall coordinate that with University of Kentucky Sports Medicine staff. Teams will be given instructions on that process during the conference call.

### **PHYSICAL EXAM FORM**

Schools are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

- The Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (Physical Exam Form) for this purpose.
- The form contains appropriate emergency treatment permission and should be brought for each athlete at the competition.

### **VENUE SAFETY**

Persons who attend KHSAA events may be injured as a result of the risks inherent in being a spectator at such events.

Please advise KHSAA or venue personnel of any situation you encounter in which you or a team member feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

Any crowd control problems or acts of violence should be brought to the attention of the event staff, which will contact the appropriate authorities.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

### **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff, venue personnel and Safety Tech EMT services, develop an Emergency Action Plan for this event and the plan will be available upon arrival.

If an athlete or fan is in need of emergency medical attention, contact the nearest KHSAA staff member, official, athletic trainer, EMT or arena staff member so emergency medical services can be reached.

In the event of injury or illness to any competitor, the injured person(s) will be transported to Georgetown Community Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital or the A. B. Chandler Hospital at the University of Kentucky.

An AED will be located inside the arena.

### **INHALER/SKIN**

The KHSAA will provide medical staff to make skin checks during weigh-ins.

If needed, please have an updated KHSAA Form WR111 (Skin Condition Form) available for their review. A link to that form is included at the end of these instructions.





## **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA to make decisions with regards to postponement, rescheduling or cancelation, including getting proper notification to all teams, media outlets and schools.

Staff will utilize the KHSAA website and Twitter to provide updates as well as an emergency text notification system.

The safety of the public and participants will be the most important factor in any decision.

## **TRADEMARK, MEDIA RIGHTS, CORPORATE, TV AND RADIO**

### **MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

#### SCHOOL MEDIA

- Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a full-time staff member or a student for the sole purpose of reporting the events and for taking non-commercial pictures for yearbooks, school publications, etc.
- Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.
- This pass must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online system using Form S1103 which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.
- Due to space limitations and the potential for overcrowding, school media will not be permitted floor access at state wrestling.

#### TRADITIONAL MEDIA

- Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through the KHSAA's online system.
- Applications should be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.
- Freelance photographers will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.

### **MEDIA RIGHTS FEE**

Freelance/commercial photographers and radio stations interested in originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event are subject to a media rights fee.

Information regarding the fee for each event is available through the online credentialing system.

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all State championship rounds of the KHSAA postseason championships belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships.

No member school may approve or sign an agreement that includes rights to state contests (delayed or live).

The Commissioner is the manager of all State Championship play.

### **BROADCAST/TELECAST/WEBCAST**

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA.

At the state level, all negotiations for rights to a delayed broadcast, as well as any live telecast, shall be initiated with the Communications Director, and shall be approved by the Commissioner of the KHSAA.

All rights to State events belong to the KHSAA, as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

The KHSAA, through its agreement with the NFHS Network, is the only entity permitted to produce live video from State Championship events.



No other entity will be permitted to produce video, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use. No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during state level events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live and Periscope (via Twitter®).

### **TEAM BROADCASTS**

By paying the requisite fee, each school qualifying for a KHSAA State Championship event may designate one (1) radio station or website to originate an AUDIO-only broadcast of each game its affiliated school participates in.

An official representative of the participating school shall designate to the KHSAA which station/website will be permitted to broadcast its game using the online system.

The radio station/website shall then apply for championship credentials through the KHSAA's online credentialing system.

Originating stations/websites will be subject to a media rights fee, which will be outlined through the online credentialing system.

### **FILMING**

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

One (1) "Team Video" camera will be permitted in a designated area to tape only that school's contest.

Spectators may film with a hand-held camera from the spectator area, but may not in any manner transmit live video through any resource, including personal social media accounts.

Violators are subject to removal.

### **EVENT MERCHANDISE**

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online post event.

TeamIP is the exclusive vendor of championship apparel, please look for their display at the competition to purchase memorabilia.

No outside merchandise representative of the event may be produced by any other entity and sold or distributed inside the playing facility.

### **POST EVENT**

#### **RESULTS**

Results will be available through TrackWrestling.com and later posted on the KHSAA website.

#### **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

Trophies and awards will be given to the top four (4) teams and top eight (8) individuals in each weight class.

Wrestlers should stay in the awards area immediately following the conclusion of their medal bout in order to participate in the awards presentation.

Participation in the awards ceremony is NOT optional and is an expectation when entering the tournament.

The KHSAA and the Commissioner's Wrestling Advisory Committee have agreed to allow participating coaches an opportunity to participate in the medal ceremony while adhering to the following guidelines:

- One (1) coach for each wrestler may stay in the awards area to assist with the medal presentation with no other coaches permitted.
- Coaches, Athletic Directors and others are not permitted to use cameras or camera phones to take pictures during the awards presentation.
- Only credentialed media members are permitted to take pictures during the ceremony.



- After all awards are completed and venue tear down has begun, credentialed participants and coaches from the top four (4) teams may take additional celebratory pictures.

## **OFFICIAL KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS**

The KHSAA pays for professional photography coverage of the event.

Official championship photos will be available for purchase through the KHSAA's online photo gallery within 72 hours of the completion of the event.

Coaches/parents WILL NOT be permitted access to the floor to take pictures at the awards ceremonies.

## **FINANCES AND EXPENSES**

There is no school reimbursement for this event.

Member schools are responsible for all expenses incurred for participation.

## **IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS**

[KHSAA Wrestling Website](#)

[Competition Rules](#)

[State Schedule](#)

[Advance Tickets](#)

[Media Credential Request Form](#)

[School Media Credential Request Form](#)

[School Broadcast Radio Designation Form](#)

[Skin Condition Form](#)

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