



# **WRESTLING**

**2021 STATE FIRST ROUND  
TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND FANS**

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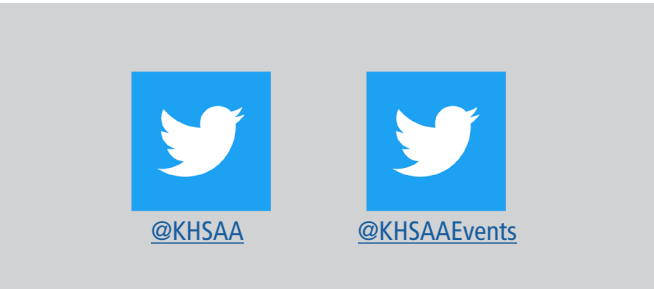
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### BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the 2021 Wrestling State First Round Tournament.

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

The primary contact for wrestling is Assistant Commissioner Michael Barren ([mbarren@khsaa.org](mailto:mbarren@khsaa.org)).

If Mr. Barren is for some reason not available, Assistant Commissioner Sarah Bridenbaugh ([sbridenbaugh@khsaa.org](mailto:sbridenbaugh@khsaa.org)) is the backup contact.

Media, broadcast/webcast and statistics related questions should be directed to the Association's 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 can refer you to the correct party.

### COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The KHSAA's complete "Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Winter Sports & Sport-Activities" document for wrestling can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3qMfBEe>

In addition to wrestling specific guidance, this document includes guidance for all sports, officials and officiating, COVID-19 Medical Evaluation and Return-to-Play protocol, as well as the KHSAA's COVID-19 Return to Play Form. The information in this document should be thoroughly reviewed by all managers, participants and spectators attending a state first round tournament site.

REMINDER - Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 or failing the required temperature check shall not be admitted.

Guidance is categorized into three areas:

- **REQUIRED-** These standards are required at all sanctioned contests.
- **RECOMMENDED-** These standards are best practices during all contests during the pandemic and are therefore recommended for all contests.
- **CONSIDER-** While these items are also best practices during this time, local site discretion should be exercised to determine if these items are practical and feasible for use at the contest.

Differences in the guidance are necessitated by the differences in sports, facilities, geographic areas, and pronounced differences during normal years and magnified this school year.

### MASKS, FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE

**Public Health Standards and General Areas of Consideration for Both Practices and Contests by Students, Staff and all Involved**

#### BASIC MASK/FACE COVERING INFORMATION

All individuals entering a venue before, during, and after a contest shall wear a mask/face covering. (REQUIRED)

All administrators, spectators, workers, coaches and non-competitors, including substitutes and sideline cheerleaders (when not involved in permitted legal stunting) shall wear a mask/face covering at all times. (REQUIRED)

Only the exercising athletes and assigned contest officials in the game on the court/field/mat at that specific moment are exempt from wearing a mask/face covering at all times. (REQUIRED)

A "gaiter" with multiple layers of cloth complies with this requirement provided it is properly worn covering the nose and mouth when the player is not participating and can easily slip down around the neck during participation. (RECOMMENDED)

Anyone who is not engaged in strenuous physical activity is to be wearing a mask/face covering. (REQUIRED)

All spectators and non-competitors in the contest at that moment, must wear masks unless they are eating or drinking at the moment. (REQUIRED)

- At indoor events, masking is required all the time unless eating or drinking at that moment. (REQUIRED)
- If individuals move or are moving to another venue location, they are to wear masks when moving. (REQUIRED)



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At all practices and contests, it is expected that these standards for universal masking be applied (with the exception of the participating athletes and contest officials during actual play) at all facilities and that patrons should be escorted out of the event if they refuse to comply. (RECOMMENDED)

Being more than six-feet away from other individuals does NOT waive the requirement to wear a mask.

### **MASK/FACE COVERINGS DURING WORKOUTS, PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS BY ATHLETES**

A mask/face covering is permitted for all participants at any time.

If a mask becomes saturated with moisture from breathing or sweat, a coach or athlete should change into a dry mask as a wet mask is less efficient at filtering bacteria and viruses.

Masks should only be worn once during practice, workouts, or competition and then replaced with a fresh mask.

All reusable cloth masks should be cleaned ideally in a washer with hot water and soap and then dried before the next use.

Ironing a cloth on the highest setting possible for the material can also assist with disinfection after washing and drying.

There are now multiple commercial reusable mask options available for use during exercise.

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING (ALL REQUIRED WHERE PRACTICAL AND FEASIBLE)**

Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained at all times, where feasible for all involved in the event, but required for spectators at all times.

No hugging, high fives, shaking hands, or fist bumps for support/encouragement.

Behavior shall be modeled by adults, who must also insist on compliance by students.

Indoor sports may need to use lower-level bleachers or multiple levels of seating to ensure social distancing among team members before addressing attendees.

Be mindful as we teach the students, it won't be like this forever!

### **CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER GUIDANCE**

All individuals involved in the athletic program are expected to reference all guidance standards, including those in the sports-specific guidance and the All Sports Guidance document.

If there is an ambiguity between recommended guidelines, the most stringent should apply, and deference shall be given to the KHSAA Return to Play Material as other resources amend their guidance later.

Wrestling coaches, officials, and school administrators will want to study the reminders and information from a variety of sources, including:

- National Wrestling Coaches Association, "Return to Wrestling", <https://bit.ly/35yGyUp>, and
- USA Wrestling "Return to the Mat Guidelines", <https://go.teamusa.org/32OG0rQ> and <https://bit.ly/3mEPm1c>

Portions of the wrestling specific section of the document are included below.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND VENUE SETUP**

#### **PRE-EVENT (ALL REQUIRED)**

The temperature of the wrestlers will be taken before weigh-ins and anything above 100.4 will be a disqualifying temperature.

Rule 4-5 Weigh-in, social distancing must be maintained.

For the State First Round, weigh-ins shall not be done matside.

Each wrestler is to have a set of leg bands that will not be shared with others.

#### **EVENT SETUP**

Have hand sanitizer mat side or sanitizing wipes at the scorer's table. (RECOMMENDED)

Table workers may wear gloves. (RECOMMENDED)

Spacing between mats should be 10 feet, but shall be at least five feet between mat edges. (REQUIRED)

If chairs are used in coaches' corners, require separation to the fullest extent possible. (REQUIRED)

#### **CONDUCT OF EVENTS (ALL REQUIRED)**

Athletes must wear masks/approved face coverings per the guidance document off of the mat surface (before, after, and between subsequent matches).



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Coaches must wear masks/approved face coverings per the guidance document at all times. It shall be unsporting for a coach to remove the mask/approved face covering.

### **PRE AND POST EVENT (ALL REQUIRED)**

Athletes shall wear masks/face coverings in the team and individual staging area before each bout.

Wrestlers may remove their mask/face covering when called to the mat.

Hosts must insist on compliance with social distancing protocols for pre- and post-contest activities.

Coaches and competitors shall assist with the disinfection of the wrestler's equipment after each match.

Eliminate pre- and post-match handshakes with opposing coaches.

Mass awards ceremonies shall not be conducted.

Event results shall not be posted at a venue and recommend all results to be posted online, sent by email, and/or mail.

### **OFFICIATING (MECHANICS) (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)**

Bring personal hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently. (REQUIRED)

Do not shake hands with wrestlers or coaches. (REQUIRED)

Wear masks on and off the mat surface but such is optional during bouts. (REQUIRED)

May wear disposable gloves but if worn, consider changing after each match. (RECOMMENDED)

Officials shall follow all social distancing guidelines (pre and post-meet conferences, talking to coaches, etc.). (REQUIRED)

Rule 3-2-1 Assistant referees should not be used except for matches for medal positioning. (REQUIRED)

### **OFFICIATING (RULES) (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)**

Rule 2-2-2 Maximum of two (2) individuals will be permitted on a chair, mat-side. If chairs are used in coaches' corners, require separation to the fullest extent possible.

Rule 3-3 Signatures will not be required on score sheets, a verbal acknowledgment will be accepted and such acknowledgment is noted by the scorer.

Rule 5-13 Wrestlers do not have to appear on the mat to be awarded a forfeit.

Rule 6-1 Regular matches in dual meets or tournament competition shall allow for a 30-second separation of wrestlers between periods.

Rule 6-5-2 The referee shall indicate the winner.

## **COMPETITION DATES, SCHEDULE AND LOCATION**

### **STATE FIRST ROUND SCHEDULE**

The planned date for the state first round tournament matches to be contested is Saturday, March 20 at four (4) hosts sites, but the date is subject to change based on current events.

### **HOST SITES**

The four (4) State First Round sites are listed below:

- Regions 1 & 2 - Apollo High School, Owensboro
- Regions 3 & 4 - Waggener High School, Louisville
- Regions 5 & 6 - Ryle High School, Union
- Regions 7 & 8 - Martin County High School, Inez



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## PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

### CONTACTING HOST

Schools with wrestlers advancing to the state first round will need to contact the Tournament Manager of their respective site for venue specific information. A listing of those Tournament Managers is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

### PRE-TOURNAMENT, ON-SITE MEETING

There will be no mandatory, pre-competition meeting at the venue.  
Participating teams should contact the host to ask any questions.

### PRACTICE

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

### 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.

## TOURNAMENT MANAGER DUTIES

### TICKETS AND FAN ADMISSION

All wrestling state first round tickets will be sold online via GoFan, the KHSAA's official digital ticket vendor.

There shall be no paper tickets sold at the walk-up gate.

All attendees shall be subject to a temperature check prior to entering the facility.

A link for fans to purchase the digital tickets will be emailed to the Athletic Director of each participating school to be distributed.

After a special pre-sale period, any remaining tickets will be available through [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org).

All state first round ticket prices are \$20 each, plus electronic transaction fees that are not received by the KHSAA.

Children five-and-under will be admitted free, but must still "purchase" the free ticket through GoFan.

No coaches' cards, KHSAA Administrator cards or officials' ID cards shall be honored at the gate.

GoFan's training page for buying and validating the tickets is included as a link at the end of these instructions and linked from the KHSAA website.

Ticketholders may leave the facility and re-enter by showing their validated GoFan digital ticket at the door.

No screenshots shall be honored at any time.

### FINANCIAL REPORTING

Instructions for the completion of the required GE88 Financial Report Form are near the end of these instructions.

Approved expenses are limited to those items contained in these instructions and advance approval from the KHSAA is required before other expenses will be considered.

### PRE-EVENT

Refer to the KHSAA Handbook to review the rules and regulations governing wrestling tournaments and also familiarize yourself with the KHSAA Competition Rules.

Discuss any COVID-19 requirements or adjustments made for the Tournament with the participating schools.

The Tournament Manager is permitted to hire certain specific positions, with specific maximum allowable rates of pay, to staff the tournament, including:

- Tournament Manager (maximum \$150);
- Public Address Announcer – (maximum \$55);





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- Mat Side Table Workers (Maximum of 3) – (maximum \$55 each);
- Trackwrestling Coordinator, if providing complete equipment and service – (maximum \$80);
- Uniform Security at rate agreed by KHSAA prior to contest(s); and
- Medical / Training Services at rate agreed by KHSAA prior to contest(s)

Costs for these specific permitted workers shall be paid by the KHSAA upon receipt of the completed GE88 Form, which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

No other payment for workers or other costs can be made without prior authorization from Assistant Commissioner Michael Barren.

### HOST SITE ADMINISTRATOR

The KHSAA requires a tournament administrator, other than the coach, at the host site.

Since the coach needs to devote full attention to the team, someone other than the coach must deal with any outside difficulties.

### DURING THE TOURNAMENT

Prior to the start of the tournament, home event management shall identify themselves to the participating team's administrators and the officials and establish a designated area where they can be reached in the event of an emergency.

During your sportsmanship announcements, remind fans that foul language and harassment of officials will not be tolerated and could result in being removed from the arena.

Have the officials escorted to the parking lot after the tournament.

## VENUE LOGISTICS

### SIGNAGE, BALLOONS AND NOISEMAKERS

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.

The signs/banners must be handheld or attached in a manner not to damage the existing structure.

The signs/banner shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate game management cues are not permitted inside the facility.

These restricted items include, but are not limited to: air horns, electronic amplifiers, portable sound systems, instruments that require additional electricity, game clock horns and whistles.

Artificial noisemakers (non-mechanical and non-powered) are not permitted.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are not permitted at the event.

Only venue provided amplified music performances are permissible, and only during pre-tournament and natural and planned breaks.

### WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Coaches and athletes are reminded to bring their own water bottles and no community dispensers can be used.

Refer to the "All Sports Guidance" section of the "Healthy at Sports" document (<https://bit.ly/3qMfBEe>) for multiple references to water, hydration and food guidelines.

### DRESSING/LOCKER ROOMS

Participants should arrive at the venue dressed and ready to compete as a locker room will not be available on site.

## ROSTERS, LIMITATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS, TEAM PARTY

### POSTSEASON ROSTERS

Schools have previously logged into the KHSAA website and designated the postseason roster, which is separate from the regular-season varsity roster.

Roster revisions had to be made before the first date of the postseason when online rosters were closed and considered final.



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Only players appearing on the school's postseason roster as of the first date of the postseason are eligible to participate in any round.

The online, postseason roster may be printed from the KHSAA website as the valid listing of available players.

This roster information is also used for advance preparations for state qualifying teams.

### LIMITATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

In the event that a wrestler is not able to participate in the state first round due to injury or other reasons beyond the control of the wrestler, no replacement or alternate wrestlers will take their place and a hole will be left in the bracket following seeding.

All non-competing team members shall be seated in the bleachers or general seating and able to socially distance from other groups.

### ADMISSION INTO VENUE

#### TEAM ENTRY

Teams should contact their respective first-round host for details on when they can enter the facility for weigh-ins.

#### PARTICIPANT ENTRY

The Designated Representative from each school will be emailed admission information for the qualifying wrestlers.

Upon arrival at the arena, a representative of the host site will assist the head coach in validating their participating wrestlers.

Team members outside of the participating wrestlers must purchase a ticket online for entry.

Temperatures shall be taken of all team members prior to entry.

#### TEAM PARTY ENTRY

Due to limitations on attendance, the team party for the state first round will be limited to two (2) coaches, unless the school has qualified six (6) or more wrestlers, which will allow for up to three (3) coaches.

Administrators, managers, statisticians, etc., will be required to purchase a ticket online through GoFan to attend.

The Designated Representative from each school will be emailed admission information for their respective amount of approved coaches.

Once on site, the tickets will be redeemed on the individual's phone at either the main ticket gate or pass gate.

Please do not redeem the tickets prior to arriving at the gate.

Coaches must be listed on the KHSAA school page and have completed all of the Bylaw 25 coaching requirements.

### BYLAW 22 REMINDER

#### REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS

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

### CONDUCTING THE EVENT

#### STATE COMPETITION OFFICIALS

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

The KHSAA will handle all payment for officials.

#### GROWTH ALLOWANCES/WEIGH-INS FOR 2021

For 2021, there will be a ONE-POUND growth allowance added to each weight class after the regional tournaments for those that qualify for the State First Round.

An ADDITIONAL ONE-POUND growth allowance will be added for those that advance to the state championship final site.

- State First Round





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- o Contact your State First Round host for specific weigh-in times on Saturday, March 20.
- 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.
- State Championship Final Site
  - o Official weigh-ins are tentatively set to begin at 8:30 a.m. ET on Saturday, March 27 at George Rogers Clark.
  - 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.

### QUALIFYING FOR STATE FIRST ROUND, SEEDING AND BOUTS

#### QUALIFYING WRESTLERS

The top four (4) wrestlers in each weight class at the region tournaments advance to a seeded slot in the state first round tournament.

In the event that a wrestler is not able to participate in the state first round due to injury or other reasons beyond the control of the wrestler, no replacement or alternate wrestlers will take their place and a hole will be left in the bracket following seeding.

#### SEEDING

State first round tournament brackets will be seeded utilizing the Trackwrestling/FloSports system described below:

The system uses OPC data, as well as past Trackwrestling event placements, and will compare each wrestler to the other wrestlers in the weight class to determine the seeding order.

- There is one (1) point possible for each comparison between two (2) wrestlers.
- This comparison would start with the first criteria listed.
- If there is a tie on the first criteria, it would move to the second, third and so on until a comparison winner is determined.
- If there is a tie after all comparisons, the point is split and each wrestler receives .5 points.
- The wrestler with the most total earned points would earn the highest seed.
  - o Example - If there are eight (8) wrestlers in a weight class, the max points based on seeding comparisons would be seven (7).

State First Round Seeding Criteria (All seeding will be done using Trackwrestling/FloSports data):

- Criteria 1 - Head-to-head competition between contestants
- Criteria 2 - Record against common opponents
- Criteria 3 - Placement at last year's state championships
- Criteria 4 - Current season record

#### FORMAT/SCORING/BRACKETS/ORDER OF BOUTS

The State First Round Tournament will be conducted as a full-wrestleback format (consolation to 3rd place) in each weight class.

The State First Round Tournament will be scored to the top 8 positions.

Each school will carry its team points acquired during the state first round forward to factor into the team standings at the final site.

Weigh-ins and bouts will be conducted in bracket order, beginning with the lowest class.

A sample of the required bracket is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

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

All weight classes will have the 1st seed wrestle the 8th seed, 2nd seed wrestle the 7th seed, 3rd seed wrestler the 6th seed, and the 4th seed will wrestle the 5th seed.



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There will be no consideration for 2021 to the regional finishing position due to the participation variances caused by the pandemic.

There will be no exclusion for wrestlers from the same region meeting in a specific round.

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

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

No one outside of the team is to come onto the playing field. Fans are to stay in the stands before, during and after each contest.

Please make announcements to this effect to the student body during the week before play.

In the event this occurs, a school will be fined or there will be a reduction in a team's expense reimbursement.

Damage to the facility directly attributed to the fans of a particular school will result in a reduction to team reimbursement as well.

### VENUE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

#### COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The host is responsible for adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with normal home event procedures.

#### SECURITY

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Manager and host site to secure adequate police protection and any other security precautions as necessary inside and outside the stadium, in accordance with the security practices policy in the KHSAA handbook.

The KHSAA requires a tournament administrator, other than the coach, at the site as the coach needs to devote full attention to the team.

Unsporting conduct by spectators is a growing concern and the presence of a contest supervisor sends the message that such behavior will not be tolerated.

#### VENUE SAFETY

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

The Tournament Manager, along with the host site, shall make every effort to ensure that the facility is safe for fans, participants, officials, and others who may attend the contest.

### MEDICAL PROVISIONS

The host school is responsible for securing medical coverage for the event, including athletic trainers and alerting local ambulance service.

A physician and/or ambulance should be in place in the event of an emergency, as well as an emergency plan for the transportation of injured athletes.

This information should be communicated to all competing schools.

Managers are also advised to have additional copies of KHSAA Form WR111 in case a physician's review of a skin condition is needed. That form is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

It is strongly recommended that the authorized medical coverage be staffed by individuals who can determine whether or not a suspected concussion has occurred per 160.445(3)(a) and the KHSAA Board of Control policies, page 18 of the document.

It is also strongly recommended that a physician be in place during the weigh-ins to assist with determinations regarding skin conditions and fitness to wrestle in order to remove that duty from the meet officials.



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It is strongly recommended that you provide a health care professional (on site) during the tournament to help with first response situations.

### EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

All state first round hosts shall adhere to the KHSAA guidance document in the event that a COVID-19 symptomatic individual is detected at the event.

Each host is expected to have and maintain an emergency action plan that should be distributed to all teams and incorporated into the public address announcer's script.

Emergency action plans shall be practiced and referred to prior to competition.

Before the start of a contest, the Tournament Manager should identify themselves and establish a designated area where they can be reached in the event of an emergency.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is the duty of the Tournament Manager, in consultation with the KHSAA and officials, to make decisions in regard to restarting or rescheduling in the event of stoppage or postponement, including ensuring all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.

It is imperative that Tournament Managers adhere to the scheduled postseason dates, but inclement weather procedures must be followed. If the severe weather is of great length or intensity, the Tournament Manager, in consultation with the KHSAA, has the responsibility and authority to postpone or cancel the competition.

## MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

### SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Due to restrictions on attendance based on current COVID-19 capacity limits, school media credentials have been eliminated for this event.

### TRADITIONAL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through the KHSAA's online system, which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

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.

All credential applications are subject to denial for 2021 events primarily due to COVID-19 attendance restrictions.

### GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA, and as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

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

Control of media access and location at all levels of postseason play is with the KHSAA.

In general, management of the execution of those assignments is assigned to the host KHSAA school's tournament manager.

No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (district, region, section, semi-state, quarterfinal) without agreement between the schools and approval from the KHSAA, including full compliance with NFHS Network restrictions and the KHSAA's participation within that network.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, semi-state, quarterfinal and state competition, managers shall make allowances for television media to record video of the contests, without play by play, at no charge as long as the sole purpose is for newscast highlights.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, semi-state, quarterfinal and state competition, managers are encouraged to make allowances for other media outlets to be admitted to the contests as long as the sole purpose is for reporting of the actions taking place at the contest and promoting the event.



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Participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed to record the contest, for coaching purposes only, if space is available with such availability at the discretion of the tournament manager and may be required to sign a waiver indicating that the KHSAA shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the video recording.

Any video recording must not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements and cannot be broadcast in any form, including internet and social media.

If space is deemed available, the tournament manager has the right to designate a specific area for video recording and no video recording will be allowed outside of that area.

The determination of space availability is solely with the tournament manager and shall be equitable for all teams.

### 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 SI113 (School Audio Broadcast Designation Form).

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.

### MEDIA RIGHTS FEE

Freelance/commercial photographers and radio stations interested in originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event, if such are permitted with facility capacity restrictions, are subject to a media rights fee.

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

### RADIO BROADCASTS

No host manager of a state first round tournament or school may approve a live broadcast (radio or online) of a contest, as such requests shall be referred to the Communications Director of the KHSAA.

A broadcast, as used in these instructions, is a non-video, audio only, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest.

A rights fee is to be charged to a radio station broadcast team (radio or online) or outlet (radio or online) broadcasting the event.

The mandated minimum fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office on the KHSAA website.

### TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS

The KHSAA is a full member of the NFHS Network and as such, restrictions exist on all postseason levels.

A telecast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest over the air.

A webcast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest distributed using the internet.

For district and region play, a fee schedule shall be approved annually by the Commissioner for any telecast/webcast and only those outlets paying such fee in advance shall be permitted to originate a telecast or webcast.

For district and region play in all KHSAA sports, a majority vote of the participating schools may set a higher fee than the required minimum and such vote may also recommend to the KHSAA that no broadcast be approved.

Any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) shall require the originator to provide a link to the telecast/website not less than 24 hours prior to the origination of the contest, and such link shall permit the Association to add the content to the NFHS Network menu of contests.

Failure of any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) to provide a link for inclusion on the NFHS Network will result in denial of approval.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including semi-state, quarterfinal and state rounds, and is the sole authority for approval of any other.

No entity, unless given prior approval by the KHSAA shall be permitted to produce video telecasts or broadcasts, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No host manager or school may approve live webcast or telecast of a contest, such requests shall be referred to Communications Director of the KHSAA.



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No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live and Periscope (via Twitter®).

The mandated minimum fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office on the KHSAA website.

For all postseason play, all questions regarding live or delayed broadcast or telecast policies, including requests for approval shall be referred to the Communications Director for approval by the Commissioner.

### MUSIC COPYRIGHT

KHSAA schools are reminded to adhere to all music copyright laws.

### EVENT MERCHANDISE

Championship apparel will be available on-site and online for these rounds at [khsaa.teamip.com](https://khsaa.teamip.com). Participating schools will be emailed a link when items are available.

TeamIP is the exclusive vendor of championship apparel. No outside merchandise representative of the event may be produced by any other entity and sold or distributed at the championship venue.

### POST EVENT

### REPORTING RESULTS

The KHSAA will get tournament results through TrackWrestling and no other reports are needed regarding results.

### TROPHIES AND AWARDS

No trophies or medals will be awarded during the state first round.

### FINANCIAL REPORT FORM (GE88)

Each Tournament Manager is to complete and submit Form GE88 (Semi-State/State Round Financial Report) to the KHSAA, including itemized expenses, within one (1) week of the tournament using the link at the end of these instructions.

No expense item may be listed on the form without prior approval from the KHSAA and Tournament Managers are reminded not to pay any visiting team's expenses or officials.

Officials shall be paid by the KHSAA.

Upon receipt of Form GE88, the KHSAA will send checks to the permitted tournament staff, whose names, email addresses and current mailing addresses must be included for each worker.

### EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

There is no school reimbursement for this event.

Member schools are responsible for all expenses incurred for participation.

The KHSAA underwrites the expenses of facility rental, security, first aid, officials and event workers.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAMS ADVANCING

The top two (2) wrestlers from each weight class at each state first round site will advance to the state championship final round.

The championship final round will be held at George Rogers Clark in Winchester on March 27.

State Championship Final Round Instructions for Participants and Fans will be released for those advancing to the final site.

Please be on the lookout for those should participants from your school advance.

### IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Wrestling Site](#)
- [Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Winter Sports and Sport-Activities - Wrestling](#)
- [COVID-19 Media Guidance](#)
- [SI115 - Wrestling Media Credential Request](#)



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- [Current Alignment](#)
- [Competition Rules](#)
- [GoFan Digital Event Tickets](#)
- [GoFan Ticket Training](#)
- [State First Round Tournament Managers Listing](#)
- [GE88 - Semi-State/State Round Financial Report](#)
- [Skin Condition Form](#)
- [Required Model 8-Person Wrestleback to 3rd Place Bracket \(sample is 106\)](#)