



# **WRESTLING**

**2021 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
FINAL ROUNDS INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND FANS**

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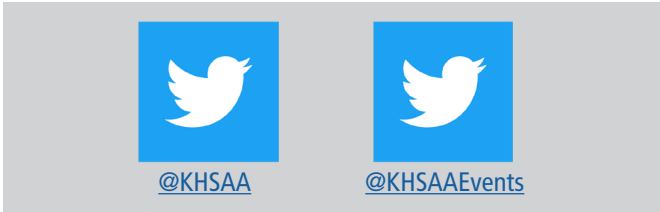
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### BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the 2021 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships Final Rounds.

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.

They, along with Event Management Specialist Dan White ([dwhite@khsaa.org](mailto:dwhite@khsaa.org)), will 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)), who will also be on site throughout the event.

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.

### COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR WRESTLING, INCLUDING STATE FINAL ROUNDS

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 participants and spectators attending a state tournament.

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)

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

At all practices and contests, it is expected that these standards for universal masking be applied (with the exception of the optional nearby participating athletes and contest officials during actual play) at all facilities and that patrons should be escorted



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out of the event if they refuse to comply. (REQUIRED)

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 & OFFICIALS**

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.

### **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.

Weigh-ins will not be done matside.

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

#### **EVENT SETUP**

Table workers may wear gloves. (RECOMMENDED)

Spacing between mats (outer circle) 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).

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.



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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 will not be conducted, even at the state finals.

### **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.

## **QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION AT STATE FINAL ROUNDS**

The top two (2) wrestlers in a full wrestleback to consolation from each weight class at the four (4) State First Round sites advance to the state championship final rounds in Winchester.

In the event that a wrestler is not able to participate at the final rounds 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.

## **COMPETITION DATE, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE**

### **DATE**

The 2021 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships Final Rounds will be held Saturday, March 27, but that date is subject to change based on current events.

### **SCHEDULE**

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

### **VENUE AND ADDRESS**

[George Rogers Clark High School](#)  
[2745 Boonesboro Rd., Winchester, Ky., 40391](#)

## **POSTSEASON ROSTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS/ROLL-UPS**

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



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Schools must use the KHSAA system and not rely on the TrackWrestling Software to maintain the list of rostered wrestlers. The online, postseason roster may be printed from the KHSAA website as the valid listing of available wrestlers. This roster information is also used for advance preparations for state qualifying teams.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS/ROLL-UPS**

In the event that a wrestler is not able to participate at the final rounds 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.

Due to replacement wrestlers not being utilized, there will be no need for bracket roll-ups in 2021.

### **PRE-EVENT AND SITE LOGISTICS**

#### **CONFERENCE CALL**

There will be a brief web conference for participating coaches and athletic directors at 1 p.m. ET on Monday, March 22.

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

Participants can set up from any location to join the conference and are encouraged to join by computer to view pertinent information, maps, etc.

There will be no mandatory, pre-tournament meeting at the venue.

#### **PRACTICE**

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

#### **LODGING**

Schools will arrange lodging for their contestants if needed and 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.

#### **PARKING**

General parking will be available in the main lot in front of the GRC Arena.

Team buses will off-load at the team entrance and then proceed to the team parking area.

#### **BYLAW 22 - REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY**

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.

#### **MATS**

Mats for the State Wrestling Championships Final Rounds were provided by EZ Flex Sports Mats in conjunction with the KWOA and KYWCA. We appreciate the member schools that purchased tournament mats from EZ Flex through the KHSAA Tournament Mat Sale offer.

#### **SCOREBOARDS**

The KHSAA has been able to secure four (4) scoreboards for the tournament and their inclusion makes it more enjoyable for coaches, wrestlers and fans alike, and we sincerely appreciate Kentucky USA Wrestling for making it possible.

KHSAA staff will make every effort to keep results posted on the video boards in the corners of the arena.

In addition, updated scoring will be available via KHSAA.org and TrackWrestling.





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### ADMISSION INTO VENUE

#### PARTICIPANT ENTRY

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

Upon arrival at team check-in, a KHSAA representative will assist the head coach in validating their participating wrestlers on either the coaches' or participants' phones.

Team members outside of the participating wrestlers must purchase a ticket in advance through GoFan for entry.

The process for athlete entry will be the same as used for the State First Round.

#### TEAM PARTY ENTRY-NON PARTICIPANTS

The team check-in gate will open at 8 a.m. ET at George Rogers Clark on Saturday.

All team members and coaches should arrive at the venue together for admission.

The Designated Representative from each school will be emailed admission information detailing the GoFan process for their coaches.

The team party for the state championship final rounds will be limited to free admission for two (2) coaches, unless the school has qualified six (6) or more wrestlers, which will allow for up to three (3) free admission coaches.

Admission for other individuals, including non-competing wrestlers, additional staff or others will require paid admission through [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org).

Once on site, the coaches' tickets will be redeemed on their phone at any gate, but must not be redeemed prior to arriving at the gate.

Due to attendance constraints for 2021, there will be no complimentary admission given to Principals, Athletic Directors, Superintendents, bus drivers, extra coaches, managers, trainers, statisticians, etc. and these individuals will need to purchase a general admission ticket through [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org).

A limit of two (2) individuals may be present in their corner and no additional persons will be allowed in the corners.

Coaches' credentials are not media credentials and do not provide access to take photos or video.

#### TICKET SALES

All state wrestling championship final rounds ticket prices are \$20 each, plus electronic transaction fees that are not received by the KHSAA.

A link for fans to purchase the digital tickets will be emailed to the Athletic Director of each participating school to be distributed, with a maximum of four (4) tickets reserved initially for each competitor.

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

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

Fans are required to purchase their tickets before they arrive to facilitate entry and minimize congregation of those waiting.

There will be no paper tickets sold at a walk-up gate or cash sales.

Ticketholders may leave the facility and re-enter by showing their validated GoFan digital ticket at the door, and patrons desiring to leave and return shall always remain logged in to GoFan.co or have the app running.

No screenshots shall be honored for admission at any time.

#### FAN ENTRY

Everyone must enter and exit through the admission gate which opens at 8:30 a.m. ET on Saturday, March 27.

All attendees will be subject to a temperature and COVID symptom check prior to entering the venue.

Any charges for parking will be included in the ticket fee.

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 will be honored at the gate.

GoFan's training page for buying and sharing tickets is included as a link at the end of these instructions.



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### TEAM COOLERS

Teams may bring a single cooler into the facility only through the team gate to be kept in the auxiliary warm-up gym adjacent to the competition arena, but may not be brought onto the arena floor.

Individual coolers for fans are not permitted.

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

Any equipment bags and all gear must remain with the athlete at all times.

### BEDDING

Air mattresses or other forms of "bed rolls" will not be permitted inside George Rogers Clark High School.

### VENUE SAFETY

Persons who attend KHSAA events may be injured or become ill 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 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.

### VENUE LOGISTICS

#### DRESSING/LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms for changing immediately before or after a match, but not for team conferences, are provided inside the auxiliary gym that do not have shower facilities.

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

#### 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.

#### SIGNAGE, BALLOONS AND NOISEMAKERS

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

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

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

Only venue provided amplified music is permissible, but only during pre-competition, natural and planned breaks.

### CONDUCTING THE EVENT

#### STATE COMPETITION OFFICIALS

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

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

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





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

Official weigh-ins are tentatively set to begin at 8:30 a.m. ET on Saturday, March 27 at George Rogers Clark.

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.

In accordance with the competition rules, the scale will close for each weight class when the first competitor of the succeeding class weighs in.

The Scale WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY after the last 285 pound wrestler weighs in.

### SEEDING

State Championship Final Round 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.
  - 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 final rounds will be conducted as a full-wrestleback format (1st through 8th place) in each weight class.

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

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

A complete set of tournament brackets will be available and updated throughout the event at 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.

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.

## RULES POINTS OF EMPHASIS/CLARIFICATIONS

### COMPETITION RULES

National Federation (NFHS) competition rules will be utilized without exception.

### 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.



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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 final rounds.

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

Any school desiring admission of its own certified trainer shall have to purchase a ticket and will be allowed floor access only during their school's matches.

#### 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.

#### SKIN CHECKS

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.

#### EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff and venue personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for this event and the plan will be available upon arrival from the athletic training staff.

If an athlete or fan is in need of emergency medical attention, contact the nearest KHSAA staff member, official, University of Kentucky Sports Medicine trainer or venue staff so emergency medical services can be reached.

An AED will be located at the team check-in area.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA, in consultation with the host facility, to make decisions in regard 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.

KHSAA officials will make every effort to learn the weather forecast prior to the start of competition as the safety of the public and participants will be the most important factor in any decision.

### VIDEOTAPING, MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

#### KHSAA.TV

All bouts will be webcast through the NFHS Network, available at [KHSAA.tv](https://www.khsaa.tv), and for Gold subscribers to [TrackWrestling.com](https://www.TrackWrestling.com).

Subscription plans for the NFHS Network are available for \$10.99 a month.

A monthly subscription entitles users to every broadcast by the KHSAA and the more than 45 participating state associations.

#### 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.



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At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, semi-state, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made 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, allowances shall be made 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.

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 KHSAA 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 KHSAA 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 KHSAA and shall be equitable for all teams.

### SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Due to restrictions on attendance based on current COVID-19 capacity limits, school media credentials will not be issued for KHSAA Winter Championships.

### 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.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 26 at 5 p.m. ET

Applications should be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.

Complete information should be submitted for all attendees (including unique email addresses and cell phone numbers), as the KHSAA will use these methods to communicate information surrounding the event.

Due to COVID-19 attendance capacity restrictions, media credentials will be limited.

Due to restrictions on attendance, media credentials for commercial and freelance photographers will not be issued for 2021 KHSAA Winter Championships.

At the State Wrestling Championships Final Rounds, the KHSAA will employ a pool photographer, and those images will be provided to media outlets for their usage. No media passes will be issued to individuals that are strictly attending the event to take photographs. Reporters in attendance will not be permitted to take photos/videos mat side, but may do so from their seat or from the upper arena.

Media members will follow all local/state/federal requirements when it comes to PPE, health screening, physical distancing, capacity, etc.

Media members will wear a mask at all times, including broadcasters.

KHSAA Media policies are outlined online at - <https://khsaa.org/news-stats-pubs/media-resources/media-credentials/>

### 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.



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### **MEDIA RIGHTS FEE**

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.

### **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.

All bouts will be webcast through the NFHS Network behind a monthly subscription paywall and for Gold subscribers to [TrackWrestling.com](http://TrackWrestling.com).

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.

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 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.

### **FILMING**

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

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 at the following link - <https://bit.ly/3qSUlfw>.

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 at the championship venue.

### **POST EVENT**

#### **RESULTS**

Results will be available through the wrestling page of the KHSAA website, with updated brackets to be posted as well.

#### **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

There are to be no post-event mass gatherings to present awards and a location designated for pickup of individual and team awards after competition.

The distribution of trophies and medals for deserving teams/individuals will be discussed during the conference call on Monday, March 22 and coaches and fans should be flexible and expect the procedures to be fluid.

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



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### FINANCES AND EXPENSES

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, judges and event workers.

### IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Wrestling Site](#)
- [Competition Rules](#)
- [Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Winter Sports and Sport-Activities - Wrestling](#)
- [KHSAA Media Policies](#)
- [COVID-19 Media Guidance](#)
- [S1116 - Wrestling Media Credential Request](#)
- [Media Rights Fees Payment](#)
- [GoFan Digital Event Tickets](#)
- [GoFan Ticket Training](#)
- [Skin Condition Form](#)
- [Tournament Time Schedule](#)
- [GE04 \(Physical Exam Form\) - \(Spanish Version\)](#)
- [Hotel Information](#)