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TO: High School Principal/Wrestling Coach

FROM: Todd Goolsby, Assistant

RE: 2019 State Wrestling Tournament State Fair Arena, Oklahoma City February 22-23, 2019

DATE: February 18, 2019

Enclosed in this memorandum is information pertaining to the 2019 State Wrestling Tournament. Please copy this information for your records and give the originals to your school's head wrestling coach and cheerleaders/mat maids sponsor(s).

The State Wrestling Tournament will be held in Oklahoma City at the State Fairgrounds Arena on February 22-23, 2019. Reservations for your wrestlers, mat maids, etc., will be your responsibility. Listed below is information regarding the State Tournament.

The pass gate for competing wrestlers, coaches, sponsors, mat maids, and cheerleaders will be located at the west entrance of the State Fair Arena. **Coaches and wrestlers** <u>will not</u> be admitted unless they show their issued pass.

Fill out the OSSAA reimbursement claim and send to the Activities Association immediately following the State Tournament. The amount of reimbursements will be determined at the June 2019 OSSAA Board of Directors Meeting.

The OSSAA complimentary pass gate will be located at the east entrance of the arena. This is the only gate where passes will be honored.

Passes for competing wrestlers and their coaches will be issued Friday morning at weigh-in. There will be a coaches meeting at **7:30 a.m.** At this time, the head coach of each team should pick-up passes for their respective teams. Each team will receive passes for each of their competing wrestlers in the state tournament and coaches passes per number of qualifiers.

These passes are to be used by the coaches and competing wrestlers only, and the pass gate keeper will ask for identification when he thinks it is necessary. Violations of these regulations concerning passes will be considered serious by the OSSAA.

A maximum of two sponsors and a maximum of twelve mat maids/cheerleaders will be admitted free. No exceptions. We will <u>not</u> be issuing passes to mat maids or cheerleaders. They must come through the pass gate on the west side of the arena. Please be sure that all cheerleaders/mat maids are in uniform and accompanied by their sponsor. We need your help on this matter.

Due to the limited space on the arena floor, we will limit the number of cheerleaders to four per mat for all sessions except for the championship finals. We need your cooperation in this matter.

Mat Maids/cheerleading sponsor(s) should be advised that **SPIRIT SIGNS AND SCHOOLS BANNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE HUNG IN THE STATE FAIR ARENA.**

Warm-ups for competing wrestlers will be conducted in the north and south tunnels of the arena. **Coaches must display** their issued pass/wristband and wrestlers must be in uniform to gain entrance to the arena floor.

Coaches must have their issued pass and administrators must show their OSSAA pass in order to enter the hospitality room. Please be courteous in the hospitality room.

Fans wanting to purchase advance tickets to the State Wrestling Tournament at the State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City may call OK Tickets at (405) 948-6800.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City and we are excited about celebrating 98 years of wrestling in Oklahoma.

Attention Coaches:

The OSSAA is offering State Championship participation certificates to all participants of the State Wrestling Competition. You must use the following procedure to expedite the process. Address email to: <u>mliebel@ossaa.com</u> Subject line: State Wrestling Certificates List names in the body of the email: LIST NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS; NO ATTACHMENTS At the end of email: Include coach's name and school mailing address

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We appreciated your cooperation. If you have questions, please call (405) 840-1116.



























