

# Ohio Athletic Committee

“Giving Ohio’s Youth a Sporting Chance”

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From the Ohio Athletic Committee

I hope everyone is having a pleasant summer. While the wrestling season is still months away, I would like to share with you some Ohio Athletic Committee news. This letter is the first in a series of newsletters that will go out to those interested in keeping up with what the Ohio Athletic Committee has in store for the 2008 season. It is designed to keep you informed and to spark conversation about Ohio wrestling. There will be more newsletters to follow periodically throughout the year. We invite you to log on to the OAC web site ([www.ohioathletics.com](http://www.ohioathletics.com)) and send in suggestions and comments via a link provided. Please keep in mind that it is not practical to believe that everything suggested will be acted upon but it does give us insight to what the general wrestling community would like to see for Ohio wrestling. The web site is still under construction but should be open for informational purposes by the end of August.

## **2008 OAC Wrestling Information:**

### **Jr. High**

-This season there will be an additional 2 districts that feed into the State Championships. The 2 new districts will take place at Ohio University in Athens Ohio and Butler High School in Vandalia, Ohio. In addition, the district formerly held in Steubenville will now be held at East Liverpool High School in East Liverpool, Ohio.

-Each district will qualify the top 6 from each weight class to the State Championships. This will create a 48 man bracket, up from the 32 man bracket we have had in recent years.

- The OAC has decided not to continue the 2n chance tournaments.
  
- A 205 lb weight class has been added
  
- The districts will all take place on February 17, 2008.
  
- The entry fee has been reduced to \$32.00. When you enter, \$32.00 will be credited to an account for you to register for one of the many Ohio School of Wrestling (OSW) Training Centers that take place during the summer at various locations across the state. You can learn more about the OSW training center dates and locations on our web site at [www.ohioathletics.com](http://www.ohioathletics.com).
  
- The ticket prices for the State Championships have also been reduced.
  
- We have changed to a credit card payment for all entries. We will no longer be accepting money orders and there will be nothing to mail in to the OAC. This will allow the entry deadline to be extended right up to just a few days prior to the district event. We still encourage early entry to get the weight class and district you would like. If you wait till the last few days to enter, your ideal weight class and or district may be full and you would have to enter a different weight class or district.
  
- **ALL WRESTLERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING A COPY OF THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO THE DISTRICT WEIGH IN.**
  
- Immediately after you enter you will be sent a code that is specific for your registration and you may change the fields below right up till the entry deadline date. Your credit card will be charged at the time of entry. Do not enter more than one time for the district. You will be charged for each time you enter and will not be refunded.

You may change

- a) Weight
- b) Record
- c) District

You may only change weight and district if there is room available in the weight or district you are attempting to enter.

- State tickets and coaching bands may be purchased on line via credit card as well. They are discounted if purchased on-line. The tickets can be picked up at the will call window and coaching bands can be picked up at the pre purchase coaching band table at the State tournament. You will need a photo I.D. to pick up these items.

**High School**

- The High School Non-Divisional State Championship (also known as the Great Eight) will be held at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

- The event is once again open to Ohio high school students only.

- The OAC will be awarding \$10,000 in college scholarship to wrestlers who meet the OAC requirements.

- Entry fee is \$20.00. When you enter, \$20.00 will be credited to an account for you to register for one of the many Ohio School of Wrestling (OSW) Training Centers that take place during the summer at various locations across the state. You can learn more about the OSW camp dates and locations on our web site at [www.ohioathletics.com](http://www.ohioathletics.com).

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- Immediately after you enter you will be sent a code that is specific for your registration and you may change your weight class at any time right up to the entry deadline.

- The top 8 placers in each weight class will be recognized as OAC All Ohio Status and the Champions will appear on the All Ohio Team Poster that will be printed and distributed.

- You can learn more about this Championship event by visiting the OAC web site at [www.ohioathletics.com](http://www.ohioathletics.com)

### **Grade School**

- The Grade School Districts will once again take place on different dates. If you enter an early district and do not qualify, you may enter another district. Do not enter two (2) districts at one time. You will be charged for both entries and will not be refunded.

- One big addition will be a lower age division. It will go as follows:

Division I	January 1, 2001 and later 40,45,50,55
Division II	January 1, 1999 – Dec 31, 2000
Weight classes	45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 85, 105

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Division III	Jan 1, 1997 - Dec 31, 1998
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Weight classes 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 85, 90, 100, 115, 140

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Division IV Jan 1, 1995 -  
Dec 31, 1996

Weight classes 65, 70, 75, 85, 90, 95, 100, 110, 120, 130,  
140,160

- Entry fee remains at \$30.00. When you enter, \$30.00 will be credited to an account for you to register for one of the many Ohio School of Wrestling (OSW) Training Centers that take place during the summer at various locations across the state. You can learn more about the OSW training center dates and locations on our web site at [www.ohioathletics.com](http://www.ohioathletics.com).

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enter one of the remaining districts. Again, it is important to note, you will be charged each time you enter and there are no refunds.

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**Ohio School of Wrestling**

- Last year the Ohio Athletic Committee launched the inaugural season of the Ohio School of Wrestling (OSW). The OSW training centers were a huge success with giving top quality instruction to hundreds of Ohio wrestlers. The instructors for these training centers are all former Ohio high school standouts as well as NCAA College National Qualifiers and All Americans. We have had numerous compliments from high school coaches who had attended the training centers with some of their wrestlers. It would be very beneficial for wrestlers to take advantage of the credit given them for entering an OAC District or State event to apply to the already very affordable training center fee.