



OAC NEWSLETTER

"Giving Ohio's Youth a Sporting Chance"

December 2007
Vol. 1 No. 5

WWW.OHIOATHLETICS.COM

WELCOME BACK!

This OAC Newsletter is the fifth 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 2007-2008 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](http://www.ohioathletics.com) and send in suggestions and comments. 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 OAC will be working with wrestling groups across the state by putting in place 5 tournaments in each of our district areas. The tournaments can take place from April 2008 thru mid January 2009. These tournaments are designed to provide more opportunities for Ohio kids to wrestle. They will also satisfy many suggestions of coming up with a seeding system that is more fair across the state. Grade School, Jr. High and High School wrestlers may participate in these events to earn points toward a seed at the District Tournament or the High School Non Divisional State Tournament. It will also generate a lot of interest through the posting of the wrestler's seed/ranking on our web site. Below is a preliminary outline of the format. Not everything is finalized just yet. If you would be interested in hosting one of these events please contact me ASAP by email (juderoth@ohioathletics.com). These OAC seeding events will generate very good funds for your program. The interest has been outstanding and there are very few hosting opportunities still available.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Welcome Back!	1
Seeding Tournament Preliminary Plans	1
Iron Man Tournament Champions!	2
Ohio School of Wrestling Camps	3
Junior High State Coverage	3
The Officials View	3
OhioWrestling.net	4
Ohio Jr High Tag Team Championships	4

PRELIMINARY PLANS

Some things may be adjusted as we continue to work out all the details. Right now I am making a list of interested parties and will contact them in a couple of weeks with the final plans. If you would like your team, club or organization to be included on the list of interested parties please let me know. It does not commit you to anything at this point. As I have mentioned there are only a few hosting opportunities available and they will more than likely be filled with in the next couple of weeks.

The OAC is going to use a new system for seeding the Jr. High and Grade School Districts for 2008-2009. Over the years, we have had many complaints/concerns about the current system of using the record that is submitted as the seeding criteria. We are working with both existing tournaments and implementing other tournaments that would be considered as OAC seeding events. A wrestler would receive seeding points based on their placement at these events.

1st place = 14 points
2nd place = 10 points
3rd place = 7 points
4th place = 4 point
Participation = 1 point

A wrestler's win loss record from all seeding tournaments that he/she competes in will be recorded. The winning percentage will be calculated. The total seed points will multiplied by the winning percentage to determine the wrestler's Seed/Ranking. We will use this calculation because a wrestler that would earn 2nd place in a tournament and went 4-1 (.750 winning percentage x 10 seed points for 2nd place = seed/ranking of 7.5) should be given a higher ranking than a wrestler that earns 2nd place and went 1-1 (.500 winning percentage x 10 seed points for 2nd place =seed/ranking of 5)

Seeding Criteria for 2009

Grade School District Seed Criteria

- 1) Highest Returning Placer/Highest Ranking (if two 2nd place wrestlers are returning/ one with the higher ranking would get the seed)
- 2) Returning State Qualifier Same Division/Highest Ranking
- 3) Highest Ranking
- 4) Returning State Qualifier Different Division/Highest Ranking
- 5) Highest Ranking

Jr. High District Seed Criteria

- 1) Highest Returning Placer/Highest Ranking (if two 2nd place wrestlers are returning/ one with the higher ranking would get the seed)
- 2) Returning State Qualifier /Highest Ranking
- 3) Highest Ranking

A wrestler can compete in as many of these tournaments as they wish. They could compete at any weight with their seed points accumulated. Their seed points would follow them to whatever weight class they enter for the District tournament. We are paying close attention to the league schedules around the state and will not host a seeding event on the same date as a league commitment in a particular area. There would be no more than 5 tournaments in each district area and the tournaments could take place from April – January, which will spread out the events over the entire year. A wrestler could participate in any of these seed tournaments not just those designated to their district. The OAC web

page will track, post and update after each tournament the wrestler's name, record and seed/ranking for anyone to view.

Host would receive:

- a) \$12.00-13.00 from each entry
- b) Admissions
- c) Concessions
- d) T-shirts (Gameday)
- e) Island Delight
- f) Income from any misc. things

The OAC would provide:

- a) Portion or all the cost of Resin Statue Awards.
- b) Marketing of each tournament through the OAC web site, email data base of wrestlers and coaches (over 6,000 contacts), US postal mailings of same contacts.
- c) Online Registration (Registration can also be done on site)
- d) Hosting on web site with details of each individual tournament and things that may be unique to that tournament.
- e) Hosting of ongoing ranking of wrestlers which will generate more interest in entry to your event

The host site would be responsible with filling out a form that lists the placers and the records of all wrestlers in the tournament and submitting it to the OAC via computer program provided.

IRON MAN TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to these former OAC State Champions and now Ironman Champions!

Hunter Stieber (Monroeville)
David Taylor (St.Paris Graham)
Logan Stieber (Monroeville)
Bradley Squire (Wadsworth)
Collin Palmer (St. Edwards)
Chris Phillips(Monroeville)
Matt Fisher (Perkins)

Congratulations to these former OAC Champions/Placers and now Ironman Runners-up!

Gus Sako (St. Edwards)
Jamie Clark (St. Edwards)
Chase Skonieczny (Walsh Jesuit)
Ben Jordan (Walsh Jesuit)
Cody Boyd (St. Paris Graham)
Brian Rody (St. Edwards)
CJ Margum (Oak Harbor)
James Meder (Parma Valley Forge)
Aaron Sulzer (Holy Name)
Sam White (Massillon Perry)
Seth Horner (Massillon)

Great Novice Tournament

Are there young wrestlers in your club? Do you want to give them a great chance at success in a big tournament? If so, how about giving them a level playing field? You and your first and second year wrestlers are invited to the Wauseon Novice Invitational on January 27, 2007. First and second year wrestlers from all over the state of Ohio have been invited. Our annual event is designed to create a level playing field for young wrestlers in order to increase their chances of staying in the sport. The event will be a round robin tournament and each wrestler will get an award. Please contact me with any questions at 419-335-4339 or at geisenterprises@embarqmail.com. Entry forms are available at www.ohiowrestler.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

OHIO SCHOOL OF WRESTLING

The Ohio School of Wrestling now has 22 camps confirmed and 4 others in process. There are still a limited number of dates/locations available. If you would like to raise funds for your program and bring Ohio's current crop of Outstanding Seniors to your wrestling room, please contact me at juderoth@ohioathletics.com

OSW Openings

- June 16-19: One Northwest Ohio location available
- June 23-26: One Central Ohio location available

- June 30-July 2: One East Ohio location available
- July 21-24: One Southwest Ohio location available
- July 28-31: Four locations available in any area of Ohio
- August 4-7: Four locations available in any area of Ohio
- August 11 -14: Four locations available in any area of Ohio
- August 18-21: Two North Central Ohio locations available

JR. HIGH STATE COVERAGE

We are proud to announce Flowrestling.com will be covering The Jr. High State Championships on line. Now you can watch the States best wrestlers as they showcase their outstanding skills. More information on this will be coming in the near future.



Ohio University Convocation Center

THE OFFICIALS VIEW

From: Larren Wikel, Vice President, South Shore Wrestling Officials Association

As the days become colder, my attention turns toward the coming wrestling season. As a wrestling official, I have had multiple local association meetings and have been to our required rules interpretation meeting. We prepare, as referees, for the return to the mats, by brushing upon our rules knowledge and mechanics.

There have been a few rules changes this season on the high school level that will affect the action and these changes should require

little effort to implement. First, there is another option of starting position on the restart when one wrestler is in the controlling position. The top wrestler may choose to start in the neutral position and the bottom wrestler will be awarded a one point escape and the wrestlers restarted in the neutral position. This may occur at any restart. For instance, after an out-of-bounds, at the start of a period and the wrestler with choice chooses down, after injury or blood, the top wrestler can choose neutral.

Another change in the rules this year requires a wrestler with braces to wear a mouth guard. If the wrestler has a top and bottom row of braces, the guard must protect both the top and bottom teeth.

Sportsmanship has been a point of emphasis every year and it is always the first thing I address in my pre-meet duties and the first item I mention to the captains at the coin-toss. These measures remind the coaches and contestants that we expect the teams to maintain good bench decorum and sportsmanship throughout a contest. But it does not address the spectators.

The contestants are our children. Our sons or daughters, neighbor boys and girls, grandkids and win or lose, they deserve our respect for the effort they put forth in the contest. So I beg you, please applaud the effort, of both participants, and not the result.

OHIO WRESTLING WEBSITE

From: Dan Cosimi, www.OhioWrestling.Net

Wrestlers, coaches, and fans:

Since our website was started in 2005, we've come a long way toward providing the best coverage we can for the wrestling community in Ohio. Now we need your help to keep us going.

Currently I am the only person working on the inner-workings of the website. We have a few staff members who contribute information and material to post on the website, and that is awesome, but we need more people on the

inside and the outside to help keep this website running. If we had double the help, we'd get double the coverage out to you, but we have to work with what we actually have. Some people we've been associated with have expressed to me that they feel slighted because of a lack of coverage. Trust me, we're not slighting anyone, I just don't have the time to cover everything. If we had double the help, we'd get double the work done, but we have to work with what we actually have. Every bit counts.

If you like the job we've done, if you want to see this website grow, if you want better wrestling coverage, if you just want to get your local school some attention, then please join us in promoting and covering our sport and ask your friends and family if they would like to be involved. Our email address is: staff@ohiowrestling.net

Thank you and good luck this season!

2009 Jr High Tag Team

The OAC will be conducting a new event in March 2009, the **Jr. High Tag Team Championships**. The event will take place on Sunday the day after The Jr. High State Championships. This is sure to be something many will be pointing to as the next great thing.

The rules for this event are as follows:

Teammates must be in the same weight class and would wrestle other teams in that same weight class. Example: 2 - 84lb weight class wrestlers would make up one team and would wrestle only, other teams of 2 - 84lb weight class wrestlers

1. Teammates cannot have both placed in the OAC Jr. High State tournament from the **previous year**.

2. Use wrestler's names as the team name. Flip the disk before the first period. The winner of flip (Coach of team A) has choice of which wrestler he wants to start the match or he can defer his choice to the third period and Coach of team B would choose first who from his

team will wrestle the first period. After wrestler B chooses the wrestler that will start then Coach of team A declares who from team A will wrestle the first period.

3. There are no first period falls. If a wrestler puts his opponent on his back for a 5 count, the official gives a verbal command for the wrestler in control to release and continue wrestling. If he is unable to release without giving up control the official will stop the action and restart the wrestlers from the top/bottom position. If the point differential reaches 10 in the first period, the period would end and move right into the second period. There will be the normal flip of the disk to decide who has choice of top, bottom, neutral or defer.

5. The wrestler who sat out the first period must wrestle the second period.

4. Either wrestler can start the third period (refer to #1 as to who declares first). They can wrestle the entire third period or they can switch one time during a normal stoppage of the match during the third period. A normal stoppage of match would be wrestlers out of bounds, stalemate, potentially dangerous etc. When the Coach from one wrestler's team decides to switch, the other team can switch at that time or at another stoppage time during the third period or the wrestler who started the third period can wrestle the entire period. After a team uses its change of wrestlers they are NOT allowed any more changes. If after the change had already been made in the third period, an injury would occur that prevented the wrestler from continuing the match would be ended. They cannot make a second change to put the uninjured wrestler back into the match.

6. Overtime: Normal Overtime rules would occur and either wrestler from each team could wrestle. A flip of the disk would decide who gets choice of which team must choose who will wrestle the first period of overtime. The winner of the flip can choose which wrestler will wrestle the first period of overtime or defer his choice to the tie- breaker if it should occur.

7. A symbolic tag in the form of a high five must be made any time that a change of

wrestlers takes place (end of period, third period switch).

Questions about any OAC Events:

If you have any questions regarding any OAC events, I would be glad to assist you. You can email me at: juderoth@ohioathletis.com.

Ohio Athletic Committee
PO Box 1153
Sandusky, OH 44870

Phone:
419-357-3617

E-Mail:
JudeRoth@ohioathletics.com

Web Address:
www.ohioathletics.com

“Giving Ohio Youth a Sporting Chance”