



## **2021 STATE WRESTLING INFORMATION**

### **1. ADMISSION / TICKETS:**

- a. Fan attendance at state wrestling (all sites) is restricted by facility, county and KSHSAA guidelines and requirements. Limitation is set at no more than 800 spectators.**
  - Qualifying wrestlers, their team coaches, managers, and school administration do not count toward the 800 spectators.
- b. Each attendee is required to have a voucher that will be redeemed at the facility box office on the day of the competition for a daily ticket.**
  - The voucher will be taken to the arena box office to purchase your event ticket. All ticket windows open at 11:00am on the day of the event.
- c. Vouchers will be obtained from each qualifying school's administration.**
  - Each of the sub-state wrestling managers will distribute state ticket vouchers to the qualifying team head coach or athletic director at the conclusion of the sub-state tournaments. The school will then oversee voucher distribution.
  - The voucher will have a number, state information, state ticket price and is **only valid for the day printed on the voucher. Vouchers are not to be duplicated.**
  - Each event is a single day tournament. Each tournament day has its own color-coded voucher.
  - One voucher is used to purchase one ticket. There are no exceptions to this guideline.
- d. Voucher distribution – UPDATE**
  - Each Qualifying Team will receive a total of **(7) vouchers per Qualifying Wrestler.**
    - **It is up to the qualifying team's school administration to determine how those total vouchers are distributed and who receives them. In addition to vouchers distributed to qualifying wrestler's family members, the school administration could provide some of the provided vouchers to family members of coaches, and/or administrators or other school personnel not already included on the pass gate list.**
  - Example:
    - 1.** Team A qualifies 5 wrestlers.
      - a.** Team A receives 35 vouchers.
      - b.** Team A's school administration decides to give 4 vouchers to each qualifying athlete, and the remaining 15 are distributed to the family members of coaches and additional school administrators/personnel.
- e. Remaining Vouchers**
  - Each school administrator should contact the KSHSAA with the number of vouchers they did not distribute by 12:00pm on Wednesday, February 24. The school is responsible for returning all remaining vouchers to the tournament site upon arrival at the arena. **The remaining tickets will then be available for public sale on a first come, first served on the day of the event.**

## 2. TEAM PODS:

- a. Teams will be expected to sit together in their pods. Wrestlers are not permitted to sit in the bleachers reserved for fan attendance. Staying in pods helps to contain the virus spread.
- b. Masks are required.

## 3. TEAM PACKETS:

- a. The packets will include coach hangtags, wrestler hangtags, certificates, a tournament program, and other information related to the state tournament.
- b. Hartman Arena: Coaches are permitted to pick up their packets the day before the tournament before 6:00pm or the morning of the tournament. Athletes will not enter the arena the day before.
- c. Tony's Pizza Events Center: Coaches are permitted to pick up their packets the day before the tournament before 6:00pm or the morning of the tournament. Athletes will not enter the arena the day before.
- d. Gross Memorial Coliseum: Coaches will pick up their packets the morning of the tournament.

## 4. TEAM PRACTICE:

- a. Team practices are not permitted the day before the tournament.
- b. Mats are not available for workouts before weigh-ins on the day of the tournament.
- c. Mats will be available for warming up after weigh-ins have concluded. The weigh-ins will be taking place mat side.

## 5. PASS GATE:

- a. Only those individuals listed on the pass gate will be let in. No handwritten changes will be permitted on the day of the event. We must know an exact count for Covid protocols.
- b. Unlike last season, girls' qualifiers are not permitted for the boy's event and boy qualifiers are not permitted for the girl's event. The pass gate is only good for the day of an event.
- c. There are no exceptions to the pass gate policy. The pass gate forms are to be submitted by **February 22**. No additions can be made to the pass gate on the day of the event.

## 6. SCHEDULE:

- a. The tournament schedule is listed on a separate document.

## 7. COACHES/PERSONNEL MAT SIDE:

- a. During tournament competition, "a maximum of two team personnel" (coaches and/or non-participating contestants) will be permitted on chairs at the edge of the mat..... (NO EXCEPTIONS THIS YEAR)
- b. Officials, the rule is clear and coaches know the rule, therefore, hold them accountable to this rule for the safety of the competitors that are on the mat and for the ability to maintain a controlled environment mat side. **It is the responsibility of all coaches to maintain compliance to this rule and not place your responsibility in the hands of an official. Likewise, it is important that all officials are consistent in addressing this issue in fairness to every wrestler and school as well as out of respect to other officials who are enforcing the rules.**

## 8. COVID PROTOCOLS:

- a. Masks are required by all participants, coaches, managers, etc. while in the facility.
- b. The only mask exceptions are for those wrestlers currently wrestling on the mat and for officials working a match.

## 9. WRISTBANDS / HANGTAGS:

- a. Wristbands are required to be always worn by those entering through the pass gate. No wristband will be re-issued.
- b. Coaches listed on the school pass gate will be given a coach hangtag pass to coach mat side.
- c. Different wristbands (colors) will be given out each day of competition and are only good for that day of competition.
- d. Different coach hangtags (colors) will be given out each day of competition and are only good for that day of competition.
- e. Athlete hangtags should be visible on the wrestlers' backpack or warmup suit.
- f. Wristbands and hangtags will be issued to medical personnel and school trainers.

## 10. FACILITY GUIDELINES:

- a. Failure to follow facility and KSHSAA guidelines will lead to a dismissal from the facility.
- b. No facility wants to become a Covid-19 hotspot.

## 11. CHEERLEADERS:

- a. No more than 5 cheerleaders can be listed on the pass gate form.
- b. Cheerleaders are only permitted to cheer mat side during the championship finals.
- c. Cheerleaders are expected to sit with their school team pods.

## 12. COOLERS:

- a. Gross Memorial Coliseum:
  - There is not change to the policy. One team cooler to be kept in your team pod along the indoor track.
- b. Tony's Pizza Events Center:
  - No outside food or beverage will be allowed inside of the Tony's Pizza Events Center except for nutrition for the Coaches and Wrestlers. Each athlete can bring in:
  - (1) Soft side cooler no larger than 18"x14"x14" in size. Cooler will be checked for both size and contents at the WEST PASS GATE ONLY and should only be brought into the West Pass Gate by the athlete or coach. Coaches and athletes may take their cooler to their designated area only. Cooler may not be stored in the concourse or any of the spectator seating areas.
- c. Hartman Arena:
  - One Team cooler is permitted and should be kept in the team pod area assigned to each team.
- d. **CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES! There is no excuse for a mess to be left.**

## 13. OPENING CEREMONIES:

- a. Listen to announcements when made.
- b. A different process will be used, but we want to highlight the qualifying wrestlers in each weight class.

## 14. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Parents are not permitted to take pictures from the floor during the medal presentations. Lifetouch will be taking photos of the medal presentations. Photos will be available for purchase.
- b. No fans are permitted on the arena floor during the team awards presentation or at anytime before, during or after the tournament.
- c. The top six wrestlers in each weight class will earn medals.

d. The top three teams in each classification will be awarded trophies.

**15. LIVE-STREAMING:**

- a. The tournament will be streamed on the NFHS network, using Track Casting features from TrackWrestling.
- b. Any patron or school using Facebook live or other streaming methods will be dismissed from the facility for violating the live streaming contractual agreement.

**16. APPAREL SALES:**

- a. State Wrestling apparel will be sold at the arena.

**17. COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMS:**

- a. Tournament programs will be for sale at the venue for \$3.00 each.

**18. CONCESSIONS:**

- a. Concessions will be available at all venues. No outside food or beverages are permitted, except for athletes as specified.

**19. COMPETITION MATS:**

- a. The competition mats are provided by Dollamur Mat Company for Hartman Arena and Tony's Pizza Events Center. EZ Flex mat Company provides the mats for Gross Memorial Coliseum.
- b. Three (3) mats will be used for the first round of competition, then two (2) mats for the remainder of the tournament.
- c. The championship finals will be conducted on one mat.

**20. BRACKETS:**

- a. Brackets can be found at [www.trackwrestling.com](http://www.trackwrestling.com) or by going to <https://www.kshsaa.org/Public/Wrestling/State.cfm>.

