The 80th Annual IHSAA Wrestling State Finals
February 16-17, 2018
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Session 1 | Friday | First Round, 6 pm ET
Session 2 | Saturday | Quarterfinals, 9:30 am ET, Semifinals to follow
Session 3 | Saturday | Consolations, 5 pm ET & Finals, 7:30 pm ET

Two hundred twenty-four wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9:30 am ET / 8:30 am CT and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 5 pm ET and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 pm ET.

Team scoring will begin with Friday night’s preliminary matches. Scoring will go to eight places and, additionally, two (2) advancement points will be awarded per match for a championship bracket victory while one (1) point is earned for advancement in the consolation bracket.

Finally, points will be awarded to the top eight place-winners: 1st place: 16 points; 2nd place: 12 points; 3rd place: 9 points; 4th place: 7 points; 5th place: 5 points; 6th place: 3 points; 7th place: 2 points; 8th place: 1 point.

Six defending or former state champions are part of this year’s field led by seniors Brayton Lee (152) of Brownsburg and Mason Parris (220) of Lawrenceburg. Both will be looking to complete a third consecutive undefeated state championship season. Lee is 30-0 on the year and 119-0 over the last three years for the defending state champion Bulldogs. Parris is 43-0 this season and 148-0 the last three seasons.

Defending State Champion
Brownsburg is the defending state champion after winning the school’s first wrestling crown last year. The Bulldogs are coached by Darrick Snyder who became the second individual to win state titles at two different schools last year (Mishawaka 2008, 2010; Brownsburg 2017) joining Jim Tonte (Perry Meridian 2011, 2012, 2013; Warren Central 2016).
NOTABLES

- One hundred four (104) schools will be represented at this weekend’s state finals with Indianapolis Cathedral leading the way with 10 qualifiers. Portage advanced nine, Columbus East has eight and Brownsburg seven. Cathedral and Yorktown led the state with five semi-state champions with Brownsburg, Chesterton and Portage tallying four each. A total of 314 schools and 7,065 were entered into this year’s state tournament at the sectional level.

State Champions in the Field (6)
- 126: Cayden Rooks (11) Columbus East | 2017 champ at 120.

State Runners-Up in the Field (12)
- 113: Brayden Cur

- 113: Brayden Lowery (10) | 2016 champ at 126.
- 145: Chris McIntosh (12) | 2016 champ at 182.
- 152: Brayton Lee (12) | 2016 champ at 145.
- 170: Zack Fa


2017 runner-up at 126.
2017 runner-up at 138.
2017 runner-up at 120.
2015 runner-up at 106; 2017 champ at 126.
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2017 champ at 145.
2017 champ at 220.
2015 runner-up at 113.
2017 champ at 152.
2015 runner-up at 126.
2016 champ at 113.
2017 champ at 136.
2017 champ at 138.
2016 champ at 145.
2016 champ at 160.
2016 champ at 126.
2016 champ at 138.
2017 champ at 132.
2016 champ at 145.
2017 champ at 160.
2017 champ at 126.
2017 champ at 182.
2017 champ at 285.

EVANSVILLE’S ANSLINGER NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLING OFFICIAL

Steven Anslinger of Evansville, IN is the recipient of the 2018 Interscholastic Athletic Official Award for excellence in the sport of wrestling.
Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association, recognizes and honors an outstanding official in each of 11 sports during the school year. Officials selected for this distinction have gone above and beyond to serve their association, community, and the IHSAA. Each have shown exceptional qualities of leadership, dedication, and loyalty to their sport, our student-athletes, and their fellow officials.
A graduate of Evansville Mater Dei High School, Steven competed in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals as a senior in 1983. He has now been a licensed official for 25 years, and has worked 23 sectional, 20 regional, 17 semi-state, and 10 state finals assignments. A member of the Southern Officials Association, Steven has served as a local rules interpreter, clinician, and chairperson.
Steven was selected for this honor by a committee representing the official’s associations. In Indiana there are 24 associations made up of men and women who give up much of their personal time to assist in providing wholesome, worthwhile, and healthy activities for the student athletes in our state. Statewide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.
A Tool and Die Journeyman for Berry Plastics, Steven and his wife, Keri, have been married for 24 years. They have three children, Chase (21), Carlee (17), and Chloe (17).

Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (15)
- 113: Brayden Curtis (11) Yorktown (36-0)
- 126: Brayden Lowery (10) Roncalli (38-0)
- 132: Graham Rooks (12) Columbus East (44-0)
- 132: Manzona Bryant (10) Culver Academies (36-0)
- 145: Christian Hunt (12) Yorktown (45-0)
- 145: Tristan Sellmer (12) Floyd Central (27-0)
- 152: Brayton Lee (12) Brownsburg (30-0)
- 170: Zack Fattore (12) Hobart (39-0)
- 182: Silas Allred (10) Shenandoah (22-0)
- 182: Nathan Walton (12) Brownsburg (38-0)
- 195: Lucas Davison (12) Chesterton (48-0)
- 220: Ryan Hammond (12) Whiteland (39-0)
- 220: Mason Parris (12) Lawrenceburg (43-0)
- 285: Eli Pokorney (11) Chesterton (38-0)

2018 Sectional Championship Teams (32)
- Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Castle, Center Grove, Chesterton, Columbus East, Crown Point, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jay County, Jeffersonville, Knightstown, Merrillville, Northridge, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Perry Meridian, Peru, Portage, Prairie Heights, Rensselaer, South Dearborn, Warren Central, Wawasee, Western, Yorktown, Zionsville

2018 Regional Championship Teams (16)
- Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus East, Evansville Mater Dei, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Northridge, Penn, Perry Meridian, Portage, South Dearborn, Western, Yorktown, Zionsville

2018 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)
- Brownsburg, Indianapolis Cathedral, Portage, Yorktown.

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2017-18 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS
Sept. 29-30
GIRLS GOLF
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel
Team: Zionsville
Individual: Kayla Benge, Plainfield

Oct. 13-14
BOYS TEAM TENNIS
North Central HS, Indianapolis
Team: Carmel

Oct. 20-21
BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES
Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis
Singles: Patrick Fleetchall, Carmel
Doubles: Will Emhardt & Drew Weigel, Park Tudor

Oct. 27-28
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER
Sellick Bowl, Butler University, Indianapolis
Class A Girls: Evansville Mater Dei
Class A Boys: Fort Wayne Canterbury
Class 2A Girls: Evansville Memorial
Class 2A Boys: Evansville Memorial
Class 3A Girls: Penn
Class 3A Boys: Harrison (West Lafayette)

Oct. 28
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute
Girls Team: Zionsville
Girls Indiv: Emma Wilson, Greencastle
Boys Team: Carmel
Boys Indiv: Gabe Fendel, Hamilton SE

Nov. 4
VOLLEYBALL
@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie
Class A: Fayetteville Central Catholic
Class 2A: Andrean
Class 3A: New Castle
Class 4A: Avon

Nov. 24-25
FOOTBALL
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis
Class A: Pioneer
Class 2A: Southridge
Class 3A: Evansville Memorial
Class 4A: East Central
Class 5A: Columbus East
Class 6A: Ben Davis

WINTER SPORTS
Feb. 9-10
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis
Team: Carmel
Feb. 16-17
WRESTLING
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis
Feb. 23-24
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis
Feb. 24
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis
March 10
GYMNASTICS
Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie
March 24
BOYS BASKETBALL
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

SPRING SPORTS
June 1
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington
June 2
UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington
June 1-2
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington
June 8-9
GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES
Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis
June 9
SOFTBALL
Buttringer Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette
June 12-13
BOYS GOLF
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel
June 15-16
BASEBALL
Victory Field, Indianapolis

INDIANAMAT.COM POWER POLL (1/26/18)
1. Brownsburg 103
2. Portage 86
T3. Columbus East 67
T3. Indianapolis Cathedral 67
3. Yorktown 67
6. Chesterton 58
7. Perry Meridian 58
8. Avon 47
9. Roncalli 45
10. Evansville Mater Dei 44
11. Merrillville 41
T12. Carmel 33
T12. Hobart 33
14. Center Grove 29
15. Jimtown 28
16. Lawrenceburg 25
17. New Albany 24
18. Zionsville 23
T19. South Bend Washington 22
T19. Wheeler 22

MEDIA INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Faulkens, Assistant Commissioner
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: J.D. Minch

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Please note that the 2017-18 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential will NOT allow admission to this event as a specific credential is required – no exceptions. Legitimate working news media should apply for credentials by e-mailing (with name of individual applying) IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: gmail.com, yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Approved requests will be left to claim by the individual at media will-call at Bankers Life Fieldhouse beginning at 3 pm ET on Friday. Identification is necessary to pick up credentials.

NO CHILDREN, PLEASE: With the exception of high school students representing their school’s newspaper, yearbook, radio or television station, and who have a team participating, no young people or children will be issued media credentials or be allowed in the working media area.

MEDIA PARKING: There is no designated parking area for media for this event though there are numerous parking options within a short distance of Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The Virginia Street parking garage, which charges a fee, is directly to the east of the venue.

MEDIA ENTRANCE: The media entrance is in the southeast corner of Bankers Life Fieldhouse adjacent to Delaware Street. The door is marked for Employees and Media and is located at the opposite end of the building from the public entrance. Please allow a few extra minutes to pass through security. Media credentials left at will-call are to be claimed at this entrance.

MEDIA WORK ROOM: As in previous years, the media workroom at Bankers Life Fieldhouse will be open both days and be available to working media members throughout Friday evening and all day on Saturday. The work area contains complimentary wireless internet access. Hospitality will be available.

WIRELESS ACCESS, ETHERNET LINES: Complimentary wireless service is provided for all attending media. Please access the “BLF WiFi” wireless signal. No login or password is required. Some older devices (2.4 GHz) may not be able to access this 5.0 GHz signal. A successful broadcast connection will require use of the complimentary “BLF WiFi” signal, a dedicated phone line or a hard-wired Ethernet line. Hard-wired Ethernet lines are available at cost by contacting Kevin Messenger (kmessenger@pacers.com). Phone lines may be ordered through AT&T.

MAT ACCESS: Bankers Life Fieldhouse will have a barrier set up around the perimeter of the wrestling mat area. During the championship round on Saturday night, credentialed photographers be allowed to shoot action behind the A-frame sponsor ads on the east side (opposite the scorers table). Other than that, only participants, coaches, officials and fieldhouse workers will have access to the mat area.

PROGRAMS: Copies of the official program containing brackets for each weight class and tournament history will be available in the Media Work Room.

RESULTS: Will be updated continuously throughout both days of the tournament via TrackWrestling.com. Copies of the updated brackets will also be available in the media work room throughout the two days.

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