

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

General admission tickets are \$8 per session or \$20 for both days and available at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse Ticket Office. Children 24 months and younger admitted free of charge.

GATES OPEN

Gates open to spectators at 4:30 pm ET prior to Friday's session and at 8 am ET for Saturday morning's session. The Fieldhouse will be cleared following the semifinals and will reopen at 4 pm ET Saturday afternoon.

PARKING

The Virginia Avenue Garage, which charges a fee and is located directly to the east of the venue, connects to the Fieldhouse from the third floor of the garage via walkway over Delaware Street. The entrance to the Virginia Avenue Garage is located off of Maryland Street.



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TELEVISION & VIDEOSTREAM

Saturday night's state championship bouts will air live on Fox Sports Indiana beginning at 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT with the following hosts of the telecast:

- Play-by-Play Mark Jaynes
- Analyst Mike Goebel
- Analyst Blake Maurer
- Mat Interviews Greg Rakestraw

Friday night's first round and all of Saturday's quarterfinal, semifinal and consolation matches will be videostreamed live at TrackWrestling.com via subscription fee.

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THE 81ST ANNUAL IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS

February 15-16, 2019

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

[State Finals Brackets via TrackWrestling.com](#) | [State Championship Records Book](#) | [TV Listings](#)

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.

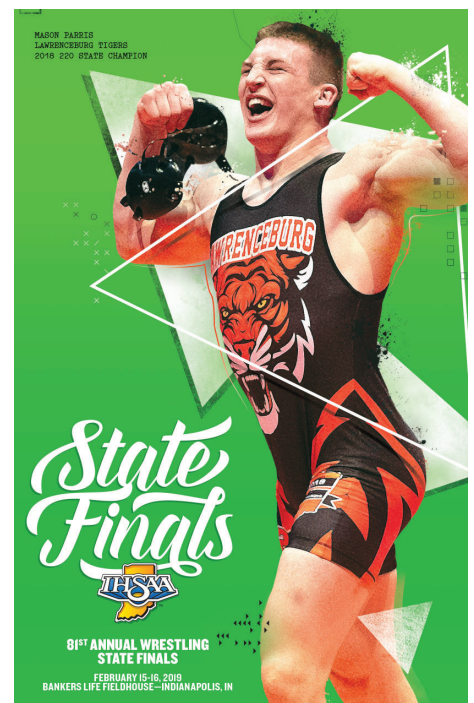
■ Eight defending or former state champions are part of this year's field led by seniors Brayden Curtis (126) of Yorktown and Asa Garcia (132) of Avon.

Both will be looking to complete a third state championship season. Curtis is 34-1 on the year after two consecutive undefeated seasons (40-0 at 113 in 2018 and 43-0 at 106 in 2017). Garcia is 42-1 this season having won last year's 126 pound weight class going 39-4 and the 106 pound bracket as a freshman in 2016 when he finished 36-6.

Other returning champs include Portage's Jacob Moran (113), Jimtown's Hunter Watts (126), Roncalli's Alec Viduya (132), Columbus East's Cayden Rooks (138), Indianapolis Cathedral's Jordan Slivka (160) and Columbus East's Nick South (170).

■ Defending State Champion

Indianapolis Cathedral is the defending state champion after winning the school's second wrestling crown last year. The second-ranked Fighting Irish are coached by Sean McGinley and boast four semi-state champions of their five participants this weekend.



NOTABLES

■ One hundred four (109) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Brownsburg and Evansville Mater Dei leading the way with nine qualifiers each followed by Avon with seven. Defending state champion Indianapolis Cathedral and Roncalli led the state with four semi-state champions with Avon, Jimtown and Mater Dei tallying three each. A total of 305 schools and 5,093 were entered into this year's state tournament at the sectional level.

■ State Champions in the Field (8)

113: Jacob Moran (12) **Portage** | 2018 champ at 106

126: Brayden Curtis (12) **Yorktown** | 2018 champ at 113; 2017 champ at 106

126: Hunter Watts (12) **Jimtown** | 2018 champ at 120

132: Asa Garcia (12) **Avon** | 2018 champ at 126; 2016 champ at 106

132: Alec Viduya (11) **Roncalli** | 2017 champ at 113

138: Cayden Rooks (12) **Columbus East** | 2017 champ at 120

160: Jordan Slivka (12) **Indianapolis Cathedral** | 2018 champ at 145

170: Nick South (12) **Columbus East** | 2018 champ at 160

■ State Runners-Up in the Field (6)

106: Alexzander Cottey (10) **Perry Meridian** | 2018 runner-up at 106

126: Hunter Watts (12) **Jimtown** | 2017 runner-up at 113

138: Cayden Rooks (12) **Columbus East** | 2018 runner-up at 126

145: Alex Mosconi (12) **Indianapolis Cathedral** 2018 runner-up at 132

152: Elliot Rodgers (11) **Indianapolis Cathedral** | 2018 runner-up at 152

152: Sammy Fair (12) **Perry Meridian** | 2018 runner-up at 120

PERU'S HOOVER NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLING OFFICIAL

Jim Hoover of Peru, IN is the recipient of the 2019 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.



Jim has now been a licensed official for 26 years, and has worked 21 sectionals, 18 regionals, 13 semi-states, and 7 state finals assignments. A member of the North Central Officials Association, Hoover has served as the Wrestling Chairperson since 2012.

Jim was selected for this honor by a committee representing the officials associations. In Indiana there are 24 associations made up of men and women who 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 construction trades instructor, Jim and his wife, Sue, have been married for 36 years. They have two children, David (35), and Amy (32).

■ Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (13)

106: Alexzander Cottey (10) **Perry Meridian** (38-0)

120: Brayden Littell (11) **Center Grove** (40-0)

120: Brayden Lowery (11) **Roncalli** (39-0)

126: Jesse Mendez (9) **Crown Point** (38-0)

132: Mathew Gimson (12) **Jimtown** (43-0)

145: Matthew Lee (11) **Evansville Mater Dei** (37-0)

145: Jordan Douglass (11) **Attica** (40-0)

170: Nick South (12) **Columbus East** (40-0)

182: Carson Brewer (12) **Avon** (38-0)

195: Will Nunn (12) **Castle** (41-0)

195: Silas Allred (11) **Shenandoah** (31-0)

285: Alex Cartwright (12) **LaVille** (29-0)

285: Jamichael Watts (12) **North Central (Indianapolis)** (32-0)

■ 2019 Sectional Championship Teams (32)

Adams Central, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Castle, Centerville, Chesterton, Columbus East, Crown Point, Delta, East Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Franklin Community, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Jeffersonville, Leo, Merrillville, Northridge, North Montgomery, Oak Hill, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Perry Meridian, Portage, Prairie Heights, Rensselaer Central, Southridge, Wabash, Warren Central, Wawasee.

■ 2019 Regional Championship Teams (16)

Adams Central, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Central Noble, Columbus East, Crown Point, Evansville Mater Dei, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Merrillville, Oak Hill, Penn, South Dearborn, Warren Central.

■ 2019 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)

Brownsburg, Crown Point, Jimtown, Roncalli.

2018-19 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Sept. 28-29	GIRLS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Evansville North Individual: Jocelyn Bruch, Westfield
Oct. 12-13	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 13	UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL <i>Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center, Indianapolis</i> Team: Bedford North Lawrence
Oct. 19-20	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i> Singles: Presley Thienenman, Carmel Doubles: Eli Herran & Isaac Steiner, Leo
Oct. 26-27	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Class A Girls: Evansville Mater Dei Class A Boys: Fort Wayne Canterbury Class 2A Girls: Indianapolis Cathedral Class 2A Boys: Hammond Bishop Noll Class 3A Girls: Carmel Class 3A Boys: Chesterton
Oct. 27	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i> Girls Team: Carroll (Fort Wayne) Girls Indiv: Emma Wilson, Greencastle Boys Team: Carmel Boys Indiv: Cole Hocker, Indpls Cathedral
Nov. 3	VOLLEYBALL <i>@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie</i> Class A: Barr-Reeve Class 2A: North Judson-San Pierre Class 3A: New Castle Class 4A: Yorktown
Nov. 24-25	FOOTBALL <i>Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i> Class A: Pioneer Class 2A: Western Boone Class 3A: West Lafayette Class 4A: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger Class 5A: New Palestine Class 6A: Warren Central

WINTER SPORTS

Feb. 8-9	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Feb. 15-16	WRESTLING <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 22-23	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 23	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 9	GYMNASTICS <i>Noblesville HS, Noblesville</i>
March 23	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
SPRING SPORTS	
May 31	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 1	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 1	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
May 31-June 1	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 7-8	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 8	SOFTBALL <i>Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette</i>
June 11-12	BOYS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 17-18	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

INDIANAMAT.COM POWER POLL (1/25/19)

1.	Evansville Mater Dei	95
2.	Indianapolis Cathedral	84
3.	Columbus East	76
4.	Avon	66
5.	Roncalli	58
6.	Portage	55
7.	Perry Meridian	52
8.	Crown Point	47
9.	Warren Central	46
10.	Jimtown	39
11.	Center Grove	36
T12.	Culver Academies	34
T12.	Brownsburg	34
T14.	Mishawaka	29
T14.	Penn	29
T16.	North Central (Indianapolis)	24
T16.	Wawasee	24
T16.	Yorktown	24
19.	Shenandoah	23
20.	Carmel	19



MEDIA INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Faulkens, Assistant Commissioner

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: J.D. Minch

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019 at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Please note that the 2018-19 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, gmail.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 beginning at 3 pm ET / 2 pm CT.

MEDIA WORK ROOM: 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. 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: During the championship round on Saturday night, credentialed photographers will 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.