

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

A limited number of tickets for Saturday action will go on sale to the general public at Ticketmaster.com beginning Friday night at 10 pm ET / 9 pm CT.



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.

Channel Listings

- Play-by-Play Mark Jaynes
- Analyst Mike Goebel
- Analyst Blake Maurer

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



THE 83rd ANNUAL IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS

February 19-20, 2021

Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Session 1 | Friday | First Round 106-145 | 11 am ET

Session 2 | Friday | First Round 152-285 | 7 pm ET

Session 3 | Saturday | Quarterfinals 9:30 am ET, Semifinals to follow

Consolations 5 pm ET & Finals 7:30 pm ET

[State Finals Brackets via TrackWrestling.com](http://TrackWrestling.com) | [State Championship Records Book](#)

Two hundred twenty-four (224) wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday. Due to facility restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, two sessions will be used with weight classes 106-145 beginning at 11 am ET and weight classes 152-285 beginning at 7 pm ET. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9:30 am ET 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, per National Federation (NFHS) rules, 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.

■ Five of last year's state champions including three who will defend last year's crown in the same weight class and another who seeks a third consecutive title headline this year's field with the goal of adding more to their resume this weekend.

Perry Meridian senior Alex Cottey (32-2) is the defending champ at 113 who will be looking to compete in his fourth state championship match on Saturday night. He was runner-up at 106 as both a freshman and sophomore.

Blake Boarman (28-1), an Evansville Mater Dei senior, is the defending winner at 138 pounds. Boarman was the state runner-up at 120 two seasons ago.

Senior Evan Bates (34-0) of Chesterton also returns as last year's state champion in the 220 class.

Crown Point junior Jesse Mendez won the 126 pound crown as a freshman and the 132 class last year as a sophomore. He'll chase a third state championship, this time in the 138 division where he's 30-0 this season.

Cathedral junior Zeke Seltzer was last year's 120 pound winner and has stepped up to 126 where he is 29-0 this year. He'll also look to advance to his third straight championship final having finished as the runner-up at 113 two seasons ago.

Bates, Mendez and Seltzer, all undefeated this year, lead a group of 24 wrestlers who enter the weekend without a loss.

■ Defending State Champion

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

NOTABLES

■ One hundred seven (107) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Perry Meridian leading the way with nine qualifiers followed by Chesterton, Crown Point and Penn with eight each. Chesterton leads the state with seven semi-state champions with Evansville Mater Dei tallying five. A total of 307 schools and 5,361 were entered into this year's state tournament at the sectional level.

■ State Champions in the Field (5)

113: Alex Cottey (12) **Perry Meridian**
| Defending champ at 113; 2019 runner-up at 106; 2018 runner-up at 106

126: Zeke Seltzer (11) **Indianapolis Cathedral** | Last year's state champion at 120; 2019 runner-up at 113

138: Jesse Mendez (11) **Crown Point**
| Last year's champ at 132; 2019 champ at 126

138: Blake Boarman (12) **Evansville Mater Dei** | Defending champ at 138; 2019 runner-up at 120

220: Evan Bates (12) **Chesterton** | Defending champ at 220

■ State Runners-Up in the Field (5)

113: Isaac Ruble (11) **Bellmont** | Last year's runner-up at 106

126: Cheaney Schoeff (10) **Avon** | Last year's runner-up at 113

152: Matthew Koontz (11) **Perry Meridian** | Last year's runner-up at 132

152: JaJuan Anderson (12) **Warren Central** | Last year's runner-up at 145

170: Bryer Hall (12) **East Central** | Last year's runner-up at 152

■ Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (24)

113: Isaac Ruble (11) **Bellmont** (25-0)

120: Lane Gilbert (10) **Sullivan** (27-0)

126: Zeke Seltzer (11) **Indianapolis Cathedral** (29-0)

126: Landon Bertsch (11) **Bluffton** (22-0)

132: Ian Heath (12) **Leo** (30-0)

GOSHEN'S ROGER GRIFFITH NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLING OFFICIAL

Roger Griffith of is the recipient of the 2020-21 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 sport 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.

Roger is a member of 7 officiating associations in Indiana. He serves as



Vice President of the Calumet Officials Association, Wrestling Chairman for the Northern Officials Association, Football and Softball Chairman for the Tri-State Officials Association, and a board member for the St. Joe Valley Officials Association. Roger has also served as a IHSAA Certification Clinician for Softball since 2009.

Roger is a professional official in Wrestling, Football, and Softball. He's been a licensed Wrestling official for 21 years and has worked in 19 sectionals, 13 semi-states, and 5 state finals. He currently resides in Goshen with his wife Anne.

Roger 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. State-wide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.

138: Jesse Mendez (11) **Crown Point** (30-0)

145: Elijah Chacon (12) **New Haven** (32-0)

152: Aidan Hardcastle (12) **Oak Hill** (36-0)

152: James Conway (11) **Floyd Central** (27-0)

152: JaJuan Anderson (12) **Warren Central** (32-0)

160: Broderick Baumann (11) **Evansville Mater Dei** (26-0)

160: Robert Major (12) **Carmel** (37-0)

170: Bryer Hall (12) **East Central** (30-0)

170: Pate Eastin (12) **Penn** (30-0)

182: Gavin Layman (12) **Chesterton** (37-0)

182: Gabriel Sollars (11) **Evansville Mater Dei** (26-0)

195: Hayden Filipovich (12) **Indianapolis Lutheran** (40-0)

195: Eli Pack (12) **Culver Academies** (18-0)

195: Brach Carrington (12) **Greencastle** (37-0)

220: Tristan Ruhlman (12) **Bloomington South** (23-0)

220: Evan Bates (12) **Chesterton** (34-0)

285: Mariere Omonode (11) **West Lafayette** (13-0)

285: Evan Shafer (12) **Connersville** (37-0)

285: Leighton Jones (10) **Brownsburg** (29-0)

■ **2021 Sectional Championship Teams (32)**
Bellmont, Boonville, Brownsburg, Carmel, Center Grove, Centerville, Charlestown, Chesterton, Columbus East, Cowan, Crown Point, East Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Garrett, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Leo, Merrillville, Noblesville, Northridge, Oak Hill, Penn, Perry Meridian, Portage, Prairie Heights, Rensselaer Central, Rochester, Terre Haute South, Warren Central, Wawasee, Zionsville.

■ **2021 Regional Championship Teams (16)**
Bellmont, Brownsburg, Carmel, Columbus East, Crown Point, East Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Garrett, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Merrillville, Northridge, Penn, Perry Meridian, Western

■ **2021 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)**
Chesterton, Evansville Mater Dei, Oak Hill, Perry Meridian

2020-21 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Oct. 2-3	GIRLS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Evansville North Individual: Macy Beeson, Lapel
Oct. 16-17	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 17	UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL <i>Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield</i> Team: McCutcheon
Oct. 23-24	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Singles: Ajay Mahenthiran, North Central Doubles: Srisanth Malpeddi Jones McNamar, Carmel
Oct. 30-31	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield</i> <i>Fishers HS, Fishers</i> Class A Girls: Lafayette Central Catholic Class A Boys: Providence Class 2A Girls: FW Bishop Dwenger Class 2A Boys: Evansville Memorial Class 3A Girls: Noblesville Class 3A Boys: Chesterton
Oct. 31	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i> Girls Team: Carmel Girls Indiv: Karina James, Lowell Boys Team: Columbus North Boys Indiv: Izaiah Steury, Angola
Nov. 7	VOLLEYBALL <i>@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie</i> Class A: Pioneer Class 2A: Barr-Reeve Class 3A: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger Class 4A: Yorktown
Nov. 27-28	FOOTBALL <i>Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i> Class A: Covenant Christian (Indianapolis) Class 2A: Western Boone Class 3A: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard Class 4A: Roncalli Class 5A: Indianapolis Cathedral Class 6A: Center Grove

WINTER SPORTS

Feb. 12-13	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Feb. 19-20	WRESTLING <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 26-27	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 26-27	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 13	GYMNASTICS <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
April 3	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>

SPRING SPORTS

June 4	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 5	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 5	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 4-5	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 11-12	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 11-12	SOFTBALL <i>Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette</i>
June 15-16	BOYS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 18-19	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

FINAL WRESTLING POWER POLL INDIANAMAT.COM (1/29/21)

1.	Evansville Mater Dei	96
2.	Crown Point	88
3.	Indianapolis Cathedral	83
4.	Chesterton	80
5.	Perry Meridian	76
6.	Brownsburg	65
7.	Center Grove	59
8.	Warren Central	54
9.	Avon	42
10.	Bloomington South	38
T11.	Franklin Community	34
T11.	Penn	34
13.	Carmel	33
14.	East Central	32
T15.	Floyd Central	28
T15.	Western	28
17.	Columbus East	27
18.	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	24
T19.	Culver Academies	22
T19.	River Forest	22

