

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

Reserved seating only (no general admission). All tickets are digital only through your mobile phone and may be purchased via [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) (service fees apply). All purchased tickets will be sent as mobile tickets to the purchaser's smart phone and that verification should be shown at the admission gate.

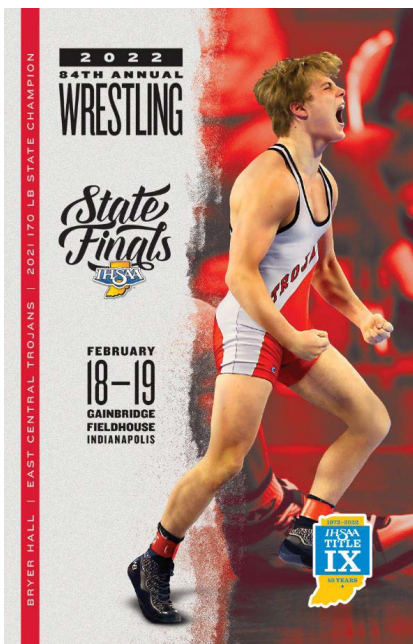


TELEVISION & LIVESTREAM

Saturday night's state championship bouts will air live on Bally Sports Indiana beginning at 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT.

- 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 livestreamed via pay-per-view at [IHSAAtv.org](https://www.IHSAAtv.org).



THE 84th ANNUAL IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS

February 18-19, 2022
Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

- Session 1 | Friday | First Round 152-285 | 11 am ET
- Session 2 | Friday | First Round 106-145 | 7 pm ET
- Session 3 | Saturday | Quarterfinals with Semifinals to follow 9 am ET
- Consolations 4:30 pm ET & Finals 7:30 pm ET

[State Finals Brackets via FloWrestling.com](https://www.FloWrestling.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. Two sessions will be used with weight classes 152-285 beginning at 11 am ET and weight classes 106-145 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.

■ Six of last year's state champions return, including one who hopes to join the elite list of four-time state champions, headlining this year's field at the newly renovated and renamed Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

Crown Point senior Jesse Mendez (37-0) returns as a three-time state champion and is the defending winner in the 138 pound class. He also won the 126 pound crown as a freshman and the 132 class as a sophomore in 2020. Should he win again on Saturday night, he would become the 10th four-time winner in state history and the second from Crown Point joining Jason Tsirtsis who went 4-for-4 from 2009-12.

Cathedral senior Zeke Seltzer (39-1) is a two-time state champion and aims for his third crown this weekend. Stepping up to 132 pounds, he was last year's 126 pound winner and the 120 pound winner as a sophomore in 2020. He'll also look to advance to his fourth straight championship final having finished as the runner-up at 113 in 2019.

If Mendez and Seltzer advance to the championship match of their respective classes, they'll join 20 others who have ever competed in four straight title matches.

Ashton Jackson (46-0) of LaPorte at 113, James Conway (33-0) of Floyd Central at 160, Brody Baumann (31-0) of Evansville Mater Dei at 170, and Gabe Sollars (34-2), also of Mater Dei, are all returning state champions and have moved up one weight class from 2021.

Mendez, Seltzer, Jackson, Conway, and Baumann lead a group of 19 wrestlers who enter the weekend without a loss.

Also of interest, this year's state finals include two girls for the first time. Heather Crull of Northeastern (45-3) and Julianna Ocampo of New Haven (34-4) are both freshmen and competing in the 106 pound class beginning on Friday evening. Kayla Miracle of Culver Academies was the first girl to compete in the state finals back in 2012.

■ Defending State Champion

Evansville Mater Dei is the defending state champion after winning the school's 13th wrestling crown last year and its first since 2007. The third-ranked Wildcats are coached by Greg Schaefer and boast three semi-state champions of their six participants this weekend. Schaefer is one of only eight to win a title as both an athlete and a coach.

NOTABLES

■ One hundred five (105) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Crown Point leading the way with 11 qualifiers followed by Brownsburg with nine, Center Grove and Indianapolis Cathedral with seven each. Crown Point also led the state with seven semi-state champions with Brownsburg tallying four. A total of 309 schools and 5,996 were entered into this year's state tournament at the sectional level.

State Champions in the Field (6)

113: Ashton Jackson (11) **LaPorte**

■ Last year's state champion at 106

132: Zeke Seltzer (12) **Indianapolis Cathedral**

■ Last year's state champion at 126

■ 2020 state champion at 120

■ 2019 runner-up at 113

138: Jesse Mendez (12) **Crown Point**

■ Defending state champ at 138

■ 2020 state champion at 132

■ 2019 state champ at 126

160: James Conway (12) **Floyd Central**

■ Last year's state champion at 152

170: Brody Baumann (12) **Evansville Mater Dei**

■ Last year's state champion at 160

195: Gabe Sollars (12) **Evansville Mater Dei**

■ Last year's state champion at 182

State Runners-Up in the Field (8)

113: Evan Dickey (12) **Indianapolis Cathedral**

■ Last year's runner-up at 106

120: Isaac Ruble (12) **Bellmont**

■ Last year's runner-up at 113

■ 2020 runner-up at 106

126: Logan Frazier (11) **Crown Point**

■ Last year's runner-up at 120

132: Cheaney Schoeff (11) **Avon**

■ Last year's runner-up at 126

■ 2020 runner-up at 113

145: Matthew Koontz (12) **Perry Meridian**

■ 2020 runner-up at 132

145: Hayden Watson (12) **Center Grove**

■ Last year's runner-up at 145

152: Delaney Ruhlman (11) **Bloomington South**

■ Last year's runner-up at 138

182: Drake Buchanan (12) **Center Grove**

■ Last year's runner-up at 182

ZIONSVILLE'S MEDVESCEK NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLING OFFICIAL

Josh Medvescek is the recipient of the 2021 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.

Josh has been a licensed Wrestling official for 21 years and has officiated 20 Sectionals, 14 Regionals, 11 Semi-States, and seven (7) State Finals.

He is a member of the Indiana Officials



Association and has worked as a IHSAA Certification Clinician and Rules interpreter for the sport of Wrestling for the past few years. He also works as a Wrestling assigner for Zionsville Community Schools and is a coach for Zionsville High School's baseball team

Josh spends countless hours volunteering in his community, assisting with youth baseball, football, and wrestling in Zionsville and Indianapolis. He also takes time to mentor new IHSAA officials.

He currently resides in Zionsville with his wife, Nichole, and their four kids. He was a graduate of Pike High School and attended Ball State University and the University of Indianapolis. He works as a Rehab Director at Life Care Center of America.

Josh 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.

Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (19)

106: Nathan Smith (12) **Southport** (47-0)

113: Ashton Jackson (11) **LaPorte** (46-0)

113: Tanner Tishner (10) **Western** (37-0)

126: Aidan Sprague (12) **East Noble** (39-0)

126: Blake Wolf (11) **East Central** (46-0)

132: Dylan Stroud (12) **Manchester** (36-0)

138: Jesse Mendez (12) **Crown Point** (37-0)

138: Bryce Lowery (11) **Roncalli** (37-0)

145: Matthew Koontz (12) **Perry Meridian** (39-0)

145: Toby Abbott (12) **Cowan** (33-0)

152: Mitchell Betz (10) **Western** (43-0)

152: Samuel Goin (11) **Crown Point** (36-0)

152: Kody Glithero (12) **Roncalli** (37-0)

160: J Conway (12) **Floyd Central** (33-0)

170: Brody Baumann (12) **Evansville Mater Dei** (31-0)

195: Connor Barket (12) **West Lafayette** (51-0)

220: Nate Critchfield (12) **Evansville Mater Dei** (33-0)

220: Christian Carroll (11) **New Prairie** (18-0)

285: Hunter Whitenack (12) **New Prairie** (27-0)

2022 Sectional Championship Teams (32)

Bellmont, Brownsburg, Carmel, Castle, Center Grove, Centerville, Chesterton, Columbus East, Crown Point, DeKalb, Delta, East Central, Elkhart, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Garrett, Hamilton Heights, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jeffersonville, Merrillville, Oak Hill, Penn, Plymouth, Portage, Rensselaer Central, Rochester Community, Roncalli, Terre Haute South Vigo, Warren Central, Zionsville

2022 Regional Championship Teams (16)

Bellmont, Brownsburg, Carmel, Columbus East, Crown Point, East Central, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Garrett, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jimtown, Merrillville, Penn, Rensselaer Central, Rochester Community, Roncalli,

2022 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)

Brownsburg, Crown Point, Indianapolis Cathedral, Rochester Community.

2021-22 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Oct. 1-2	GIRLS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Evansville North Individual: Macy Beeson, Lapel
Oct. 15-16	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>Carmel HS, Carmel</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 16	UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL <i>Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield</i> Team: DeKalb
Oct. 22-23	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Carmel HS, Carmel</i> Singles: Aidan William, West Lafayette Doubles: Jack Jentz/Srisanth Malpeddi, Carmel
Oct. 29-30	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Class A Girls: Heritage Christian Class A Boys: Westview Class 2A Girls: Evansville Memorial Class 2A Boys: Brebeuf Jesuit Class 3A Girls: Homestead Class 3A Boys: Noblesville
Oct. 30	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i> Girls Team: Columbus North Girls Indiv: Lily Cridge, Bishop Chatard Boys Team: Brebeuf Jesuit Boys Indiv: Reese Kilbarger-Stumpff, Columbus North
Nov. 6	VOLLEYBALL <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie</i> Class A: Lafayette Central Catholic Class 2A: Andrean Class 3A: Brebeuf Jesuit Class 4A: McCutcheon
Nov. 26-27	FOOTBALL <i>Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i> Class A: Indianapolis Lutheran Class 2A: Andrean Class 3A: Gibson Southern Class 4A: Mt. Vernon (Fortville) Class 5A: Indianapolis Cathedral Class 6A: Center Grove

WINTER SPORTS

Feb. 11-12	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Feb. 18-19	WRESTLING <i>Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 25-26	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 26	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 12	GYMNASTICS <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
March 26	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>

SPRING SPORTS

June 3	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 4	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 4	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 3-4	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 10-11	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 10-11	SOFTBALL <i>Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette</i>
June 14-15	BOYS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 17-18	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

FINAL WRESTLING POWER POLL INDIANAMAT.COM (1/28/22)

1.	Crown Point	126
2.	Brownsburg	121
3.	Evansville Mater Dei	91
4.	Center Grove	67
5.	Indianapolis Cathedral	53
6.	Floyd Central	48
T7.	Columbus East	40
T7.	New Prairie	40
9.	Penn	39
10.	Avon	35
11.	Castle	33
12.	Perry Meridian	31
13.	Zionsville	26
14.	Chesterton	25
T15.	Bellmont	24
T15.	Roncalli	24
17.	Adams Central	23
18.	LaPorte	22
19.	Warren Central	21
20.	Western	20

