THE 85th ANNUAL
IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS
Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Friday, Feb. 17, 2023
Session 1
Gates open at 12:30 pm ET
Parade of Champions at 1:30 pm ET
First Round Weight Classes 106 - 145 begin at 2 pm ET
First Round Weight Classes 152 - 285 begin at 5:30 pm ET

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023
Session 2
Gates open at 8 am ET
Quarterfinals begin at 9 am ET with Semifinals to follow
Fieldhouse cleared of all spectators following Semifinals

Session 3
Gates open at 3:30 pm ET
Consolations at 4:30 pm ET with State Championships at 7:30 pm ET

State Finals Brackets via 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 used with weight classes 106-145 beginning at 2 pm ET and weight classes 152-285 beginning at 5:30 pm ET. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9 am ET and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 4:30 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 return, including one with hopes of joining the list of three-time state champions, as this year’s field is set for the newly renovated Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

LaPorte senior Ashton Jackson (50-0) returns as a two-time state champion having won the 113 pound class (50-0) last year and the 106 division (35-2) as a sophomore in 2021. He’s entered in the 120 pound class this year and should he win again on Saturday night, he would become the first LaPorte wrestler to win three state championships.

Brownsburg’s Jake Hockaday is also entered in the 120 pound class and sits on the opposite side of the bracket from Jackson. The sophomore Hockaday is 29-4 this season and has title match experience having won it all at 106 last year.

Crown Point senior Logan Frazier (33-2) is the defending state champion at 126 pounds who will be looking to make it back to a championship match for the third consecutive year. Frazier’s classmate Sam Goin (35-2) is in the 160 bracket after winning the 152 title in 2022.

Kyrel Leavell (30-1) of Warren Central, last year’s 120 pound champion, is ready in the 132 pound bracket. The junior finished last year’s season at 35-1.

Also of interest, this year’s state finals includes Julianna Ocampo (44-2) of Fort Wayne Snider. The sophomore is making her second consecutive appearance in the state finals and won the 106 pound class at last month’s Girls State Finals. She’ll attempt to become the first girl to win a first round match on Friday afternoon. Kayla Miracle of Culver Academies was the first girl to compete in the state finals back in 2012.
Henry Wilk of Osceola, Indiana is the recipient of the 2022-23 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. 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.

Henry has been a licensed Wrestling official for 16 years and has officiated 13 Sectionals, 13 Regionals, nine (9) Semi-Stages, and two (2) State Finals.

He is a member of the St. Joe Valley Officials Association and served as Wrestling Vice President of the association from 2013-2019. Henry also volunteered as an IHSAA Wrestling Certification Clinician from 2013-2020, assisting with clinics and trainings in service to other officials in his community. In addition, he works to connect new officials in the St. Joe Valley Association with mentors and meet assignments in the area annually.

Henry has volunteered at countless meets outside of the IHSAA over the years, most notably the 1985 Junior Nationals at Notre Dame and 1988 NCAA Regionals. He's worked as an official for many organizations, including the United States Wrestling Federation, Indiana State Wrestling Association, and USA Wrestling.

The most enjoyable aspect of officiating to Henry is being a role model and trying to instill important values such as discipline, respect, and integrity to each student-athlete he comes across.

Henry was selected for this honor by a committee representing the 24 officials associations in Indiana. There are more than 6,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports. These officials work tirelessly to provide safe, competitive environments for over 160,000 student athletes in Indiana.
2022-23 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**FALL SPORTS**
Sept. 30-Oct. 1
- **GIRLS GOLF**
  - Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel
  - Team: Carmel
  - Individual: Ava Bunker, Columbus North

Oct. 14-15
- **BOYS TEAM TENNIS**
  - Carmel HS, Carmel
  - Team: North Central (Indianapolis)

Oct. 15
- **UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL**
  - Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield
  - Team: Brownsburg

Oct. 21-22
- **BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES**
  - Park Tudor School, Indianapolis
  - Singles: Aaron Gu, Harrison (WL)
  - Doubles: Akshay Guttikonda | Owen Larson

Oct. 28-29
- **BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER**
  - Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis
  - Class 1A Girls: Park Tudor
  - Class 1A Boys: Park Tudor
  - Class 2A Girls: Evansville Memorial
  - Class 2A Boys: Brebeuf Jesuit
  - Class 3A Girls: Noblesville
  - Class 3A Boys: Noblesville

Oct. 29
- **BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
  - LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute
  - Girls Team: Noblesville
  - Girls Individual: Lily Criddle, Bishop Chatard
  - Boys Team: Carmel
  - Boys Individual: Kole Mathison, Carmel

Nov. 5
- **VOLLEYBALL**
  - Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie
  - Class 1A: FW Blackhawk Christian
  - Class 2A: Wapahani
  - Class 3A: Providence
  - Class 4A: Hamilton Southeastern

Nov. 26-27
- **FOOTBALL**
  - Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis
  - Class A: Indianapolis Lutheran
  - Class 2A: Evansville Mater Dei
  - Class 3A: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard
  - Class 4A: East Central
  - Class 5A: Valparaiso
  - Class 6A: Center Grove

**WINTER SPORTS**
Feb. 10-11
- **GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**
  - @ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis
  - Team: Carmel

Feb. 17-18
- **WRESTLING**
  - Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Feb. 24-25
- **BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**
  - IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis

Feb. 25
- **GIRLS BASKETBALL**
  - Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

March 11
- **GYMNASTICS**
  - Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie

March 25
- **BOYS BASKETBALL**
  - Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

**SPRING SPORTS**
June 2
- **BOYS TRACK & FIELD**
  - Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

June 3
- **UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD**
  - Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

June 9-10
- **GIRLS TEAM TENNIS**
  - Center Grove HS, Greenwood

June 9-10
- **GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES**
  - TBA

June 13-14
- **BOYS GOLF**
  - Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel

June 16-17
- **BASEBALL**
  - Victory Field, Indianapolis

**FINAL WRESTLING POWER POLL**
INDIANAMAT.COM (1/27/23)
1. Crown Point 186
2. Brownsburg 133
3. Center Grove 59
4. Indianapolis Cathedral 55
5. Rochester 53
6. Avon 43
7. Evansville Mater Dei 42
8. Roncalli 34
9. Bloomington South 32
10. Warren Central 31
T11. Western 27
T11. Chesterton 27
T13. Mishawaka 26
T13. Fort Wayne Snider 26
15. Delta 25
T16. Carmel 23
T16. Kankakee Valley 23
T16. Whiteland 23
T19. Castle 22
T19. LaPorte 22

**LAST STATE FINALS FOR LONG-TIME ANNOUNCER KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

This weekend’s 85th Annual IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse will be the last event for long-time announcer Kevin Whitehead who has decided to retire.

The memorable voice you hear on the public address microphone has been a part of this great tournament for 42 years.

The 1974 Franklin Central High School and 1977 Indiana State University graduate, who lives in Indianapolis, began working the IHSAA State Finals when the tournament first moved to Market Square Arena in 1981. He was responsible for keeping the team scoring that first year. The following year, he introduced the finalists and the championship round and then became the full-time announcer in 1983.

During his time on the microphone, Whitehead has been witness to so many great individual performances, including calling matches for wrestlers who would go on to win NCAA titles and other national achievements. He’s seen the participation numbers in the sport wildly increase and the list of four-time champions grow from four to 10!

In addition to this annual event, Whitehead served as announcer for 11 team state finals events from 1996-2006 and the 2019 Girls State Championship Tournament as well as many years calling the action at the New Castle and Evansville Semi-States.

In 2000, he announced the Big Ten Championships at Purdue University and was the assistant announcer for the 2003 Team USA Championships at the Expo Center in 2003.

During the 2023 state tournament, Whitehead will surpass 10,000 matches announced for his career.

“When I first had the honor of taking the microphone for the championship round in 1982, I could never have imagined the journey that was about to begin,” he said. “It has truly been the privilege of a lifetime to be associated not only with the IHSAA, but with the tournament, wrestlers, coaches, tournament workers, and fans for over four decades. My thanks to everyone who has been a part of this journey with me over these many years."

On behalf of the 407 member schools across the state of Indiana, the IHSAA would like express its thanks and gratitude to Kevin Whitehead for his more than four decades of dedicated service to Indiana high school athletics.