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The 86th Annual IHSAA Wrestling State Finals Ford Center, Evansville

Friday, Feb. 16, 2024

Session 1

12:30 pm CT - Gates open

1:30 pm CT - Parade of Champions

2 pm CT - First Round Weight Classes 150 - 285

5:30 pm CT - First Round Weight Classes 106 - 144

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024

Session 2

8 am CT - Gates open

9 am CT - Quarterfinals begin with Semifinals to follow

Ford Center cleared of all spectators following Semifinals

1 pm - 6 pm CT - Fan Festival outside of Ford Center

Session 3

3:30 pm CT - Gates open

4:30 pm CT - Consolation matches

7:30 pm CT - State Championship matches

[IHSAA 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 150-285 beginning at 2 pm CT and weight classes 106-144 beginning at 5:30 pm CT. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9 am CT and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 4:30 pm CT and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 pm CT.

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.

Notables

Participants

Ninety-eight (98) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Crown Point leading the way with its 12 qualifiers followed by Center Grove with 10, and Brownsburg with nine (9). Crown Point's 12 qualifiers matches the state record set by Center Grove last year.

Crown Point also leads the field with seven (7) semi-state champions with Brownsburg and Warren Central next tallying five (5) each. Center Grove had four (4).

A total of 313 schools and 6,098 participants were entered into this year's state tournament at the sectional level.

Defending Team State Champion

Crown Point is the two-time defending state champion and chasing its fourth crown overall (also 2009).

The top-ranked Bulldogs are coached by Branden Lorek and boast seven semi-state champions of their 12 participants this weekend. It's the third consecutive year CP has qualified at least 11 wrestlers for the state finals.

Crown Point hopes to join the list of schools who have managed to string together three titles in a row over the years – a list which includes Bloomington South, Evansville Mater Dei, Delta, Hammond, Perry Meridian and most recently Indianapolis Cathedral (2018-20).

State Champions in the Field (6)

113 **Revin Dickman** (10) **Brownsburg** (37-2)

- Won 106 title with 41-5 record in 2023

120 **Charlie LaRocca** (12) **Center Grove** (33-5)

- Won 113 title with 42-2 in 2023

132 **Jake Hockaday** (11) **Brownsburg** (33-2)

- Two-time state champion winning 120 title with 33-4 record last year and 106 crown with 43-3 record in 2022

132 **Tylin Thrine** (10) **New Castle** (35-0)

- Won 126 title with 42-0 record last year

138 **Kyrel Leavel** (12) **Warren Central** (37-1)

- Won 120 title with 35-1 record two years ago in 2022

215 **Will Clark** (12) **Crown Point** (29-3)

- Defending state champion at 215 with 38-3 record last year

Runners-Up in the Field (8)

113 **Nathan Rioux** (10) **Avon** (32-5)

- 2023 runner-up at 106 (39-6)

120 **Gavin Jendreas** (11) **Crown Point** (28-3)

- 2022 runner-up at 106 (35-5); 5th at 113 in 2023

138 **Brady Ison** (12) **Brownsburg** (28-6)

- 2023 runner-up at 132 (29-6)

144 **Reese Courtney** (12) **Center Grove** (35-2)

- 2023 runner-up at 138 (36-9)

150 **Wyatt Krejsa** (12) **Center Grove** (36-2)

- 2023 runner-up at 145 (20-1)

150 **Hunter May** (12) **Floyd Central** (23-1)

- 2023 runner-up at 152 (39-2)

190 **Kaden McConnell** (12) **Center Grove** (28-4)

- 2023 runner-up at 195 (40-4)

215 **Cole Chicione** (12) **McCutcheon** (38-1)

- 2023 runner-up at 220 (40-4)

Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (11)

106 Jensen Boyd (9) **Delta** (39-0)

106 Mason Jones (12) **Lake Central** (36-0)

113 Ayden Bollinger (11) **Delta** (39-0)

132 Hayden Demarco (12) **Chesterton** (44-0)

132 Jackson Bradley (10) **Cowan** (33-0)

132 Tylin Thrine (10) **New Castle** (35-0)

138 Tony Wood (12) **Jay County** (44-0)

144 Easton Doster (11) **New Haven** (35-0)

175 Aidan Costello (11) **Hobart** (41-0)

190 Noah Weaver (11) **Rossville** (46-0)

285 Juan Cruz (12) **Bluffton** (28-0)

Girls Participating

This year's state finals includes two young women who have advanced to Evansville.

Julianna Ocampo (36-2) of New Haven is making her third consecutive appearance in the state finals. The junior is entered in the 106 bracket having finished second at the Fort Wayne Semi-State last Saturday. She also won the 110 crown during the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Finals last month in Kokomo.

Northeastern's Heather Crull is making her second State Finals appearance in three years after finishing as 106 runner-up at the New Castle Semi-State. The junior won the 105 state championship at the girls state finals in Kokomo.

Both will 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.

School's First Qualifier (2)

144 Gabe Rose (11) **Switzerland County** (24-7)

157 Silas Foster (11) **Purdue Polytechnic - Downtown** (38-3)

School's Drought-Breakers (2)

120 Adrian Origel (36-4) is the first state qualifier from **North Newton** since 2006

285 Max Amberger (40-4) is the first state qualifier from **Batesville** since 1993

2024 Sectional Championship Teams (32)

Bellmont, Brownsburg, Center Grove, Chesterton, Columbus East, Crown Point, Delta, East Central, East Noble, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Garrett, Hamilton Southeastern, Heritage Hills, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jeffersonville, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lake Central, New Castle, New Haven, Noblesville, North Miami, NorthWood, Oak Hill, Penn, Perry Meridian, Portage, Rensselaer Central, Rochester Community, Terre Haute South, Warren Central, Zionsville

2024 Regional Championship Teams (16)

Brownsburg, Columbus East, Crown Point, Delta, East Central, East Noble, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Indianapolis Cathedral, Harrison (West Lafayette), Lake Central, New Haven, Oak Hill, Penn, Warren Central, Zionsville

2024 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)

Brownsburg, Crown Point, Delta, Warren Central

Final Wrestling Power Poll

IndianaMat.Com (1/29/24)

1.	Crown Point	164
2.	Brownsburg	158.5
3.	Center Grove	131
4.	Warren Central	75.5
5.	Delta	69.5
6.	Evansville Mater Dei	52
7.	Hobart	46.5
8.	Rochester	42
9.	Avon	39.5
10.	Mishawaka	34
11.	Floyd Central	31
12.	Penn	29.5
13.	Lake Central	28.5
14.	Bellmont	27.5
15.	New Castle	26.5

16. Plymouth	26
T17. Garrett	25.5
T17. Merrillville	25.5
19. Western	24
20. McCutcheon	22.5