

### SERIES TICKETS

PIAA Wrestling Championships ticket orders will be accepted on a series ticket availability basis and a first-come, first-served basis at the GIANT CENTER Box Office, Hershey, PA. Telephone orders will be accepted by calling (717) 534-3911. PIAA Wrestling Championships tickets are NOT AVAILABLE at PIAA Regional Wrestling Sites and are NOT AVAILABLE at PIAA Headquarters.

### COMPLIMENTARY SERIES TICKETS

Each school that has qualified one or more wrestlers to the PIAA Wrestling Championships is entitled to two (2) complimentary series tickets for admission to the appropriate Tournament. The complimentary series tickets, which were distributed to each qualifying school by a Regional Tournament Director, are for the use of the school's athletic administration or their designees ONLY.

### REGISTRATION, WEIGH-INS, SKIN CONDITION CHECK, AND WORKOUTS

Registration and facilities for workouts for AA and AAA Qualifiers will be provided by PIAA at the GIANT CENTER from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. **ONLY WRESTLERS THAT HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE PERMITTED TO WORK-OUT ON THE MATS OF THE GIANT CENTER.** This is the only workout time available to qualifiers throughout the championships.

Registration will be conducted adjacent to the GREEN ROOM of the GIANT CENTER. No wrestler will be permitted to compete in the PIAA Wrestling Championships unless registration and initial weigh-in and skin condition check are satisfactorily completed. Wrestlers must report to weigh-ins with hair, nails, and facial hair properly trimmed. Electronic digital scales will be used for all weigh-ins.

Initial weigh-ins and skin condition check for AA wrestlers will be conducted adjacent to the GREEN ROOM of the GIANT CENTER at 8:00 am, Thursday, March 5, 2009. Initial weigh-ins and skin condition check for AAA wrestlers will be conducted adjacent to the GREEN ROOM of the GIANT CENTER at 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 5, 2009.

Parking for registration, weigh-ins, skin condition check, and competition is restricted to the "Schools and Contestants" parking lot located in front of the GIANT CENTER.

### REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration will be complete upon receipt, by a qualifying school, of its registration packet. Registration packets will contain one (1) complimentary PIAA Wrestling Championships program, two (2) Tournament Coaches' passes per school with one qualifying wrestler or three (3) Tournament Coaches' passes per school with two (2) or more qualifying wrestlers; and one (1) Tournament Competitor's pass per qualifying wrestler.

### WEIGHING IN

1. All weigh-ins and skin condition checks will be conducted adjacent to the GREEN ROOM of the GIANT CENTER. Refer to the enclosed schedule for weigh-in and skin condition check times for each class.  
NOTE: Electronic digital scales will be made available to contestants one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of weigh-ins.
2. ALL WRESTLERS shall be in attendance at weigh-ins and skin condition check at the scheduled time. Wrestlers must be ready to weigh-in when their weight class is called. Weigh-ins will end at the close of the 285 lb. weight class or as determined by the Tournament Director.
3. A skin condition check will be conducted by Tournament Physicians at each weigh-in.
4. In Tournament competition, there shall be a one-pound allowance granted each day over the weight limit of the previous day up to a maximum of two pounds.

### LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES

Locker room facilities are available in Locker Rooms C and D in the GIANT CENTER. Warm-up workout mats are available adjacent to the GREEN ROOM in the GIANT CENTER.

### TOURNAMENT PASSES

Tournament passes will be issued for the appropriate Tournament sessions and will be issued on a NON-TRANSFERABLE basis. AA Tournament passes will be for AA sessions only. AAA Tournament passes will be for AAA sessions only.

Tournament passes will provide complimentary admission to the GIANT CENTER through TEAM ENTRANCE NUMBER 5 ONLY (East side of the GIANT CENTER).

### REPRESENTATION

1. No wrestler shall represent his school in more than one weight class or compete in more than five (5) matches (championship or consolation) in any one day.

2. No contestant shall wrestle in two (2) consecutive matches with less than a 45-minute rest between them. The conclusion time of each match shall be recorded.

### TEAM BENCHES

During Tournament competition, a maximum of two (2) team personnel (coaches or non-participating contestants) will be permitted on chairs at the edge of the mat.

### WRESTLING COACHES' RULE

Coaches and team personnel are restricted to the bench/chairs while the clock is running and during normal out-of-bounds and resumption of wrestling except:

1. During a charged time-out or at the end of the match.
2. To approach the scorers' table to request the match be stopped to discuss the misapplication of a rule. Coach misconduct (during the match) is called when a conference is requested with the referee regarding a misapplication of a rule, and the referee determines there is no misapplication involved, or when, during a conference, the coach questions the judgment of the official. The referee shall penalize the head coach for misconduct.

### Penalty for misconduct of coaches (during the match):

**Warning**

**Deduct one (1) Team point**

**Removal of the head coach from premises immediately and deduct two (2) Team points.**

**Removal is for the remainder of the day.**

**Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches and other Team personnel** is any act which becomes abusive or interferes with the orderly progress of the match. These acts could occur prior to, during, or after the match. This includes violations of the bench decorum rule, taunting, acts of disrespect, or those actions which incite negative reaction by others. The offender shall be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct without warning.

**Penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches and other Team personnel:**

**First Infraction:** Deduct one (1) Team point

**Second Infraction:** Removal from premises immediately and deduct two (2) Team points.

**\*Removal is for the remainder of the Tournament.**

**Flagrant misconduct on the part of the coach** or any other Team personnel is any act which the referee considers serious enough to remove the offender from the premises. These acts can occur prior to, during, or after a match. This includes the use of any tobacco products. Flagrant misconduct shall be penalized without warning.

**Penalty for flagrant misconduct of coaches and other team personnel:**

**Removal from premises immediately**

**and deduct three (3) Team points.**

**\*Removal is for the remainder of the Tournament.**

\*The Tournament begins with the first Postseason Tournament, e.g. Sectionals, Districts, etc., and ends with the statewide finals.

Premises are defined as a tract of land with the building thereon.

A written report must be filed with the Tournament Director by the PIAA-registered wrestling official concerned when a coach, other Team personnel, or contestant is removed from the premises.

### AUTHORIZATION

1. Any videotaping for the purpose of reviewing during competition is prohibited.

2. Banners, signs, noise-makers, pom-poms, whistles, and portable listening devices (without earphones) are prohibited.

### ENTRIES

Wrestlers shall be permitted a maximum of five (5) minutes to appear ready to compete at a specified mat. Failure to appear shall result in forfeit to the opponent. A forfeit shall eliminate a contestant from further competition except when the forfeit is because of an injury or illness which occurred during the Tournament. The program issued at registration includes Tournament brackets and bout numbers. Wrestlers must be ready to wrestle when their bout is called.

### TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

1. Contestants defeated in the preliminaries will wrestle in Round I of the consolations. Round I of the consolations will be wrestled immediately following the preliminaries.

2. Contestants defeated in the quarterfinals will be cross-bracketed into Round II of the consolations. Round II of the consolations will be wrestled immediately following the quarterfinals.

3. Round III of the consolations will be wrestled at the same time as the semi-finals.

4. Contestants defeated in the semi-finals will wrestle in Round IV of the consolations. Round IV of the consolations will be wrestled immediately following the semi-finals.

5. Round V of the consolations will precede the finals.

### LODGING-MEALS-TRAVEL

1. Schools are responsible for acquiring their own lodging and meals. Each competing school is responsible for the transportation expenses of its contestants and coaches. PIAA will not reimburse schools for transportation expenses.

2. PIAA will reimburse schools an expense allowance to defray the cost of lodging and meals for contestants and two (2) coaches per school. Schools will be reimbursed for lodging and meals when a contestant has been eliminated from further competition in the championship bracket. Reimbursement will be on a per person basis, based upon the Region from which the school qualified, as follows:

Region	Prelims	Qtr. Finals	Semi-Finals	Finals
SC	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50
SE	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60
NE	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70
SW	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80
NW	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90

3. Reimbursement checks, made payable to competing schools, will be mailed to the respective schools from the PIAA Office, as soon as reasonably possible, following the conclusion of the PIAA Wrestling Championships.

### PHYSICIANS AND TRAINERS

Tournament Physicians and Athletic Trainers will be available for injuries sustained while competing. Tournament Physicians may overrule the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate. All taping and rehabilitation is the responsibility of each competing school. Tape will not be provided for the purpose of taping shoes.

### ELIMINATED CONTESTANTS

Contestants eliminated from further competition may attend the remaining sessions of their respective Tournament. However, they are restricted to the bullpen area of the GIANT CENTER.



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**72<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PIAA  
WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
GIANT CENTER  
Hershey, PA

**CLASSES AA & AAA**

**Thursday, March 5;  
Friday, March 6; and  
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**COACHES' & CONTESTANTS'  
BROCHURE**

DAY	DATE	EVENT	CLASS	TIME	MATS
Wednesday	March 4, 2009	Media Registration		5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Wednesday	March 4, 2009	School Registration	AA & AAA	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Wednesday	March 4, 2009	Qualifying Wrestlers' Workout	AA & AAA	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	6
Wednesday	March 4, 2009	Officials' Meeting		7:00 pm	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	Media Registration		7:30 am	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AA	7:30 am	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	School Late Registration	AA	7:30 am	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	Weigh-In & Skin Condition Check	AA	8:00 am	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	Preliminaries	AA	9:00 am	6
Thursday	March 5, 2009	First Round Consolations	AA	12:15 pm	6
Thursday	March 5, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AAA	2:30 pm	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	School Late Registration	AAA	2:30 pm	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	Weigh-In & Skin Condition Check	AAA	3:00 pm	
Thursday	March 5, 2009	Preliminaries	AAA	4:00 pm	6
Thursday	March 5, 2009	First Round Consolations	AAA	7:15 pm	6
Friday	March 6, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AA	6:45 am	
Friday	March 6, 2009	Media Registration		7:00 am	
Friday	March 6, 2009	Weigh-In and Skin Condition Check	AA	7:15 am	
Friday	March 6, 2009	Quarterfinals	AA	8:00 am	6
Friday	March 6, 2009	Second Round Consolations	AA	9:45 am	6
Friday	March 6, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AAA	11:45 am	
Friday	March 6, 2009	Weigh-In and Skin Condition Check	AAA	12:15 pm	
Friday	March 6, 2009	Quarterfinals	AAA	1:00 pm	6
Friday	March 6, 2009	Second Round Consolations	AAA	2:45 pm	6
Friday	March 6, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AA	6:00 pm	
Friday	March 6, 2009	Semi-Finals	AA	6:30 pm	2
Friday	March 6, 2009	Third Round Consolations	AA	6:30 pm	2
Friday	March 6, 2009	Fourth Round Consolations	AA	9:00 pm	4
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AAA	6:45 am	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Media Registration		7:00 am	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Weigh-In and Skin Condition Check	AAA	7:15 am	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Semi-Finals	AAA	8:00 am	2
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Third Round Consolations	AAA	8:00 am	2
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Fourth Round Consolations	AAA	10:30 am	4
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AA	11:15 am	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Weigh-In and Skin Condition Check	AA	11:45 am	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	3rd, 5th, & 7th Place Consolations	AA	12:30 pm	4
Saturday	March 7, 2009	PWCA "AA Coach of the Year"		2:00 pm	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Parade of Champions	AA	2:10 pm	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Finals	AA	2:30 pm	1
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Admit Coaches & Contestants	AAA	5:30 pm	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	3rd, 5th, & 7th Place Consolations	AAA	6:00 pm	4
Saturday	March 7, 2009	PWCA "AAA Coach of the Year"		7:30 pm	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Parade of Champions	AAA	7:40 pm	
Saturday	March 7, 2009	Finals	AAA	8:00 pm	1