



Future Finalist Series

“Today’s future stars.....tomorrow’s champions”

- Be recognized by the IKWF as a future finalist champion by participating in and winning the series.
- Series champions will be honored at their respective Sectional before wrestling begins and awarded their champions belt by the IKWF Sectional Director. In addition, their names will be in a full page advertisement in the Novice/Senior State Program acknowledging their accomplishment as the series champion.

Eligibility for the Series

*All IKWF carded wrestlers 10 years of age and younger (according to the age on your IKWF team roster)

*All participants must be residents of the state of Illinois (no out of state wrestlers allowed)

The following are the (3) divisions for the Series

- ✓ Tot (6 & under IKWF aged wrestlers)
- ✓ Bantam (7 & 8 IKWF aged wrestlers)
- ✓ Intermediate (9 & 10 IKWF aged wrestlers)

The Series

The series is made up of (4) Events but you must wrestle in (3) of them.

(2) Events are required and you must wrestle in at least (1) of the (2) optional Events.

You can wrestle in all (4) and use your highest finish in either the Winter Nationals or the Kids Open (but not both/either one or the other).

1.) USA Winter Nationals (optional)

(USA weights and age divisions)

2.) Jon Davis Kids Open (optional)

(5&6 Open Division Block weights)

(7&8 Open Division Block weights)

(9&10-year-olds **MUST** wrestle in the Intermediate Elite Pre-Defined Weights) **ONLY**

9&10-year-olds **CANNOT** claim points for the Future Finalist Series from the OPEN Division @ this event

3.) Future Finalist tournament (required)

(6 & under/ Block Weights/4 man Round Robin)
(7 & 8 /Block Weights/8-man brackets WB to true 2nd)
(9 & 10 /Block Weights/8-man brackets WB to true 2nd)

NOTE: Brackets with (5) wrestlers or less will be bracketed as round robin or Best 2 out of 3 (2 man)

4.) IKWF Regionals (required)

(Ages and weights according to IKWF State Series)

Series Rules

- All wrestlers wrestling in Future Finalist Series **MUST** participate in the Future Finalist Tournament **and** IKWF Regionals (state series) and (1) of the following the USA Winter Nationals and/or Jon Davis Kids Open. You can wrestle in BOTH but may only claim points from (1) and NOT both of the optional events.
- Points earned at the USA Winter Nationals or Jon Davis Kids Open will be used to seed TOP 4 wrestlers in the Future Finalist tournament. Wrestlers/Coaches/Parents are responsible for claiming seeding points at the time of registration for the Future Finalist tournament. **The tournament director has final decision in seeding.** Note: we will be awarding your place points from these events (Winter Nats/Kids Open) based upon your actual place in the tournament, we will not be “bumping up” wrestlers past ineligible (i.e. non-IKWF wrestlers’ ineligible to participate in the series) like we did in past years. For example you finished 3rd at Winter Nats and the 2nd place finisher was from Indiana. Since the Indiana wrestler was not eligible for the Futures series we bumped up or awarded the 3rd place finisher the 2nd place points. We will NOT be doing that any longer.
- Those place points at Winter Nationals or the Kids Open, along with points earned from the Future Finalist tournament and Regionals will be totaled and the TOP (3) in each division Tot (6 & under), Bantam (7 & 8), Intermediate (9 & 10) will be awarded the Future Finalists belt (award) for a total of (9) belts awarded.
- For 8 year olds their points will apply to whatever division in the series that they decide to wrestle in the Future Finalist tournament. This decision will not force an 8 year old to wrestle in that same division at Regionals. The same applies for 6 year olds that wrestle up in Bantam.
- The Future Finalist series will not affect or modify the manner in which the IKWF State series is run. All Tot/Bantam divisions at Regionals will be a 4-man block weight bracket and no seeding will take place. The Intermediate division will be bracketed according to the IKWF State weights stated in the by-laws and seeding of these wrestlers will occur at the Regional seeding meeting or as determined by the authority of the respective Sectional Director.

Point Values for Series

USA Wrestling Winter Nationals

- 16 points for 1st place
- 12 points for 2nd place
- 9 points for 3rd place
- 5 points for 4th place

Jon Davis Kids Open (5&6 Open Division and 7&8 Open Division)

- 10 points for 1st place
- 7 points for 2nd place
- 4 points for 3rd place

Jon Davis Kids Open Intermediate Elite Division

- 13 points for 1st place
- 10 points for 2nd place
- 7 points for 3rd place
- 4 points for 4th place

Future Finalist tournament

- 20 points for 1st place
- 15 points for 2nd place
- 10 points for 3rd place
- 5 points for 4th place

IKWF Regionals

- 15 points for 1st place
- 10 points for 2nd place
- 5 points for 3rd place

In the event of a series tie the following criteria will be implemented

- 1.) Any Head to Head between the wrestlers (involved in the tie for the belt) during the entire competition year starting on November 1
- 2.) Place at Regionals
- 3.) Place at Future Finalist tournament
- 4.) Place at Winter Nationals (if BOTH wrestlers involved in the tie are claiming this event)
- 5.) Place at Kids Open (to include higher consideration given to the division wrestled in as first criteria) (Again- if BOTH wrestlers involved in the tie are claiming this event)
- 6.) Number of official WINS in your claimed series events-this **DOES NOT** include BYES-but **DOES** include forfeits and injury defaults even if you did not go to the mat and get your hand raised and awarded the win)
- 7.) Number of Pin Falls in your claimed series events
- 8.) Number of Tech Falls in your claimed series events
- 9.) Series Director's decision



Future Finalist Tournament Information

Hosted by the Lemont Bears WC

Membership: This is a USA Wrestling sanctioned event. Wrestlers must have a current USA Wrestling Competitor Card. *All IKWF carded wrestlers 10 years of age and younger (according to the age on your IKWF team roster)

*All participants must be residents of the state of Illinois (no out of state wrestlers allowed)

When: Friday February 3, 2017 (weigh-ins)
Saturday February 4, 2017 (wrestling)

Where: Lemont High School 800 Porter Street Lemont, IL 60439 (Wrestling) (Fieldhouse)
Limited seating so your own personal seating is welcome and encouraged.

Entry Fee: Pre-registrations/payment/results of Tournament on Track Wrestling
Preregistration: \$30 - non-refundable. Preregistration ends Wednesday, February 1st at 11:59 pm.
Late registrations and Onsite: \$50 - non-refundable
Walk-up registrations at MAIN weigh-in location ONLY.
NO walk-up registrations at satellite locations (unless approved by Tournament Director prior to February 1, 2017)

Weigh-ins: Friday February 3, 2017 **ONLY**
No weigh-ins on Saturday February 4, 2017
Main Site weigh-in location to be determined and announced.
All wrestlers must weigh-in wearing a competition singlet.
All wrestlers must pass hair, fingernail, skin condition checks prior to weigh-in.
All questionable skin conditions must be reported on the IHSA Skin Condition Form and brought to weigh-ins.

**Satellite
Weigh-ins**

Sites: To be determined and announced

Wrestling: Saturday February 4, 2017 only. **Wrestling will begin at approximately 10 am** for ALL divisions on assigned mats. (This is due to the fact that the IHSA is holding a Regional event in the gym) Divisions and brackets will be assigned to a mat for most if not all of the tournament. The tournament director has the option to change mats for divisions and/or brackets in order for what is best for the facilitation of the tournament.

Coaching: All coaches must have a current 2016-2017 USA coach's card and that card must be properly displayed along with a copper-bronze-silver or gold USA wrestling certification card.

Spectator

Admission: Adults (14 years old and up): \$5, Children (6 to 13 years old); \$3, Children under 6 years old are FREE. Coaches will free receive a coach's band with a paid admission.

Officials: All officials are registered with the United States Wrestling Officials Association (USWOA).

Rules: National Federation of State High School rules with IKWF modifications.

Notes:
*A wrestler can compete in only ONE division.
*FULL Mats for wrestling

Divisions: The age of every wrestler in the tournament is determined by their age on December 31, 2016. 10 years of age and younger according to your age on the IKWF roster are broken up into (3) divisions

- ❖ Tots (6 & under IKWF aged wrestlers)
- ❖ Bantam (7 & 8 IKWF aged wrestlers)
- ❖ Intermediate (9 & 10 IKWF aged wrestlers)

Bracketing: 8-man blocked weights. Double elimination bracket with full wrestle backs to 2nd place.

*All bracketing dependent on the number of entries.

Brackets with (5) wrestlers or less will be bracketed as round robin or Best 2 out of 3 (2 man)

Tots will wrestle a 4 man round robin. Bantams and Intermediates will be 8 man blocked weights with FULL wrestle backs to 2nd place.

Awards: Medals 1st thru 4th place

Bout Time: 1 min., 1 min., 1 min. (no rest between periods). IKWF OT rules/procedures in place.

Questions?: E-mail Tournament Director Gene Lee or John Ambrose at ikwffuturefinalist@yahoo.com
Please DO NOT contact the IKWF office with questions since they have no additional information about this tournament or the series that is not already contained in this flyer. This event is NOT run by the IKWF office. Thank you and good luck!!

