

Awards

- Champions receive a USA Gold medal & a USA Champion's Shirt & a Custom Bracket
- Runner up receives a USA Silver medal
- 3rd thru 6th place receives a USA Bronze Medal
- Trophy for Most Falls in the shortest total time

***SEEDING POINTS FOR ILLINOIS WRESTLERS 10 YEARS OLD AND UNDER FOR 2017 BANTAM & MIDGET CHAMPIONSHIPS**

***Pre-registration fee \$40.00-Late registration/Walk Up fee \$60.00**

***Admission fees \$5 for Adults/\$3 for kids (8th grade and under)/5 and under free**

Eligibility

ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP

Wrestlers must enter their USA Wrestling Membership number when they register online. Wrestlers that do not have valid USA Wrestling Membership numbers will not be allowed to pre-register.

Wrestlers can purchase your USA membership competitor card on line at www.usawmembership.com if you don't have a card. We will not be selling competitor cards or coach's cards at this event.

COACH MEMBERSHIP

All coaches that wish to gain access to the competition floor to coach athletes must have a current USA Wrestling Coaches Card **AND** a USA coaching certification card (copper/bronze/silver/gold) **IS** required at this event. (**IKWF NEW RULE**) All USA Wrestling Coaches Membership Cards **MUST** be attained prior to the event, due to mandatory background checking. For a Coaches Membership Card, please visit www.usawmembership.com, or contact your state director at www.usawrestling.org. **PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 30 DAYS FOR COMPLETION OF USAW COACHES MEMBERSHIP/BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS.**

USA coach's cards **WILL NOT** be sold at walk up registrations or the event.

Coach's passes/wrist bands will be sold for \$5 at the walk up registrations and at the door of the event. That passes gets coaches in the door and on the floor. It is not necessary to purchase an admission ticket in addition to a coach's pass. Coaches will need to show a photo ID along with their 2016-17 USA coaches card **AND** the copper/bronze/silver/gold) and sign the coach's sheet (IKWF rule). Two certified coaches maximum allowed in each competitor's corner. To videotape any match at mat side, the operator must be one of the two certified coaches in the corner.

Registrations

ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

On line registration and payment is now open on trackwrestling. Go to www.trackwrestling.com and browse the tournaments and search for the USA Wrestling 2016 Winter Nationals. Register and pay on-line thru trackwrestling. If you have a problem with on-line registration and/or payment please e-mail us at bigbashwrestling.com. Entry fee is \$40.00 until 11:59 pm of Wednesday November 16, 2016 after that date late registration and walk-up registration is \$60.00 All on-line registrations are closed as of 11:59 pm on Wednesday November 16, 2016. After that only walk-up registrations will be taken. If you cannot register on line for whatever reason please e-mail the tournament director at bigbashwrestling@yahoo.com

WALK- UPS:

If a Wrestler does not register before the November 16th deadline, he may walk-in at weigh-ins. The cost for Walk-ups is \$60.00 to be paid at Weigh-ins in cash or money order. Walk-ups are only allowed at the main site weigh-ins and are NOT permitted at satellite weigh-in locations without prior approval.

CHANGING WEIGHT CLASSES:

There is NO charge to change a weight class. You may change a weight class online any time before the registration deadline. After the registration deadline you can only change a weight class at the weigh-ins. Also you may only move up or bump up (1) weight class from the one in which your actual weight at weigh-ins is. You will be bracketed according to your actual weight at weigh-ins.

ILLINOIS WRESTLERS & Separation Chocies:

If you are a wrestler from Illinois please select your appropriate IKWF Sectional under the separation criteria during registration. These choices indicate what sectional you are from in an effort to not only separate the Illinois wrestlers but to also separate wrestlers from the same sectional in the bracket. Please select the Illinois/Sectional team choice that you are rostered with for the 2016-2017 IKWF season. Non Illinois wrestlers please select unattached.

SEEDING POINTS FOR ILLINOIS WRESTLERS 10 YEARS OLD AND UNDER:

Since USA wrestling rules DO NOT allow wrestlers to move up or bump up age divisions all Illinois wrestlers who compete at this event in their required age division and are 10 years old and younger will earn a seeding points for the 2017 Midget Championships and/or a seed for the 2017 Bantam Championships. The following are the points that will be awarded for Midget.

16 points for 1st place

12 points for 2nd place

9 points for 3rd place

5 points for 4th place

All Illinois wrestlers eligible to wrestle in the 2017 Bantam Championships will earn a seed in that tournament if they win their bracket at Winter Nationals

Rules of Competition

RULES: Modified National Federation Rules—Folkstyle Any matches that go into overtime will use the "old" rules: 1-minute sudden death overtime, if no score, followed by tiebreaker ride out (first to score in regulation gets choice)

Age Divisions/Period Lengths & Weight Classes

TOT Born 2010-2011

Championship/Medal Matches and Consolation: 1:00-1:00-1:00
35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 70+ (15 lbs. maximum difference)

BANTAM Born 2008-2009

Championship/Medal Matches and Consolation: 1:00-1:00-1:00
40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 75+ (15 lbs. maximum difference)

INTERMEDIATE Born 2006-2007

Championship/Medal Matches and Consolation: 1:00-1:00-1:00
50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 87, 95, 103, 112, 120, 120+ (20 lbs. maximum difference)

NOVICE Born 2004-2005

Championship/Medal Matches: 1:00-1:30-1:30
Consolation: 1:00-1:00-1:00
60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 130, 140, 140+ (25 lbs. maximum difference)

SCHOOLBOY Born 2002-2003

Championship/Medal Matches: 1:00-1:30-1:30
Consolation: 1:00-1:00-1:00
70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 190, 210, 265

Weigh-ins & Medical

Athletes must be present in a COMPETITION SINGLET and must submit to a skin disease screening prior to weigh-in. The chief medical officer has full authority without appeal in determining the eligibility of an athlete to compete.

An athlete (if needed or in question) must have on his person or his coach a SKIN CONDITION EVALUATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO COMPETE form completed by a physician prior to weigh-ins and presented upon request by an official or tournament director at any time during weigh-ins or competition. Mat side officials have the final decision and is not subject to appeal in allowing an athlete to compete with a questionable skin condition.

Athletes must weigh-in wearing a competition approved singlet. No weight allowance will be given for the uniform.

In the event of injury or illness, NO contestant will be permitted to continue the competition without approval of the Chief Medical Officer, whose decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Weigh-in Procedures & Satellite Weigh-ins

1. Wrestlers must pick up their weigh in card and proceed to the weigh-in line
2. Wrestlers should only have a competition singlet on when entering the weigh-in area. They must submit to a skin disease screening prior to weigh-in. The chief medical officer has full authority without appeal in determining the eligibility of an athlete to compete. Parents/coaches cannot accompany the wrestlers. They will not be allowed to carry additional clothing or anything other than the weigh-in card with them during weigh-ins.
3. Weigh-in cards must be left in the weigh-in area. Do NOT leave the weigh-in area with your weigh-in card.

SATELLITE WEIGH-INS:

There will be a number of satellite weigh-in locations that will be announced soon once details are finalized. Satellite weigh-ins are ONLY for pre-registered wrestlers. There are NO WALK-UP registrations at satellite weigh-in locations (unless prior approval by the tournament director)

WANT TO HOST A SATELLITE WEIGH-IN?:

You can petition the tournament director at bigbashwrestling@yahoo.com in an e-mail to be considered for a satellite location. Before you petition the tournament you must have the following.

- 1.) At least 10 or more wrestlers who are competing in the tournament that will utilize your weigh-in location. They do not have to all be from the same team.
- 2.) A location that is willing to host a weigh-in for at least 90 minutes long and will not start weigh-ins before 3:00 pm. (in their time zone) the day before the tournament actual wrestling competition.
- 3.) A location MUST have one of the following physically present if selected to be a host site. Again you must have at least (1) or more.
 - 1.) A certified official/referee whose credentials can be easily verified.
 - 2.) A representative from your state's wrestling organization that can be verified.
 - 3.) (3) opposing coaches from wrestling clubs within your state's organization.
- 4.) Must e-mail the actual weights of the wrestlers to the tournament director within 90 minutes after the scales are closed (not a photo of the weights sent in a text).

Uniforms

- Singlets with under briefs are required.
- Two-piece uniforms are **NOT APPROVED** for this event.

- ✓ Headgear is required for ALL competitors
- ✓ Shoes with laces should be wrapped with sticky tape or a system which hides the laces so that they do not come undone during the match.
- ✓ Hair code & fingernails will be enforced by referees. Hair cover (if required) must be with wrestler at weigh-in.
- ✓ Mouth guards are NOT mandatory (this includes individuals with braces).

Rules & Bracketing

Bracketing

- ❖ Double-elimination line-bracketing with full wrestle-backs to sixth (6th) place for all divisions/weights with competitors of (7) wrestlers or more.
- ❖ Round Robin format bracketing for divisions/weights with competitors of (3-4-5-6) wrestlers. For divisions/weights with (2) competitors will be in a Best 2 out of 3 bracket.
- ❖ Referees decisions at mat side are final. There is no video challenge.
- ❖ There are NO WALK-OVERS for this event-only for the 2nd place bout. This means that you MAY wrestle the same opponent more than once in the tournament BUT NOT if it's for the 2nd place medal. In that case for 2nd place then the previous decision of the match earlier in the tournament will be applied.

Seeding

- 8 & 16 man brackets will seed the TOP 4
 - 32 man brackets will seed TOP 8

Seeding will based on the following criteria

1. All American at 2016 USA Wrestling Folkstyle Championships (Cedar Falls)
 2. All American at 2015 USA Wrestling Winter Nationals
 3. All American at any other USA Wrestling National Individual tournament in 2016
 4. Medalist at your respective State Tournament.
 5. All American at any other non USA Wrestling National Individual event in 2016
- * **The tournament director decision regarding all seeding matters/issues are final.**

Schedule of wrestling

- ✓ This is a (1) day tournament for all divisions.
- ✓ Tots/Bantams/Intermediates will wrestle in the morning session starting at 8 am until completion.
- ✓ Novice/Schoolboy will wrestle in the afternoon session which will start approximately (1) hour **AFTER** the conclusion of the morning session which should be around 12:30-1:00 pm.

Any questions or concerns need to be submitted in e-mail form to the tournament director at bigbashwrestling@yahoo.com. Please DO NOT contact the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) for any information or questions regarding this tournament since they (IKWF office) do not run this event or have any other further information regarding this event other than what is presented in this flyer.