



2021 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

SEASON GREETINGS FROM THE ISWA

As the end of 2021 draws near, the ISWA would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience, understanding, and the countless hours of service you and your club members have devoted to the wrestling youth of Indiana.

Your work throughout the year, has served to make the ISWA one of the most successful programs in the United States. May the JOY OF CHRISTMAS fill your heart and may you share it with all those around you.

Again, thank you for your contribution to the ISWA and its programs and good luck to you and all your wrestlers in the upcoming year! We are thrilled to be celebrating our 43rd anniversary of operation to promote Indiana youth wrestling- you all made it possible.

ANNUAL "JOHN HURREL MEMORIAL AWARD"

Each year, the I.S.W.A. sponsors the "John Hurrel Memorial Award", named in his honor. This award will be presented at the 2022 Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Banquet in February 2022 (more info tba) to an individual who has made an "Outstanding Contribution" to the sport of Amateur Wrestling in the State of Indiana. This may be either an adult volunteer or coach. John Hurrel, one of the original founders of the Indiana State Wrestling Association, coached for many years at Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis. John was devoted to wrestling and to the kids in Indiana.

John's motto was "DO IT FOR THE KIDS!"

John served on the ISWA Board of Directors from 1978 until his passing in 1991. The "John Hurrel Memorial Award" was established shortly after his death in honor of his many years of service.

Past recipients include: The Miller Family (2021), Joe & Beth Lybarger(2020), Lou Silverman (2019), Pat Culp (2018), Renee Schoettle (2017), Dave Errett (2016), Louis & Sharon Rosbottom (2015), Tom Clark (2014), Danny Struck (2013) Jan & Sue Hesser (2012), Chris Lynch (2011), Jim Tonte (2010), Bob Kopnisky (2009), Paul Green (2008), Tom Dolly (2007), JD Minch (2006), Royce Deckard (2005), T. Howard Jones Jr. & Robert Hasseman (2004), Dick Neal (2003), Rex Peckinpaugh (2002), Alan Goddard (2001), Francis Knue (2000), Mary Friedt (1999), John Schattner (1998), Mike & Sharon Dowden (1997), Rollie Hoover (1996), Bud Palmer (1995), Charles McNamara (1994), Larry Berg-strom (1993), and Phil Strader (1992).

If you know of someone who is deserving of this award, please fill out the nomination form, that was emailed to your club representative and **return it to the ISWA office by January 31, 2022**. Only one (1) vote per club or board member will be accepted. *Note: All applications must bear a name and title or they become void. Please do not send multiple nomination forms.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed your 2021-2022 club membership, please do so ASAP! It is required now that you now renew online at iswa.com. Remember, if you are practicing and have not sent in your club charter and fee you are not covered by liability insurance. A current USAW card must be added to the application. Lastly USAW does not insure any home dwelling/residency locations for any and all wrestling activities.

REMEMBER -The ISWA office NO LONGER has a FAX line!

ISWA Elementary Dual Team State Championship

Date: January 9, 2022 Registration is full and competition will take place at Franklin Community High School starting at 9 am EST.

Best of luck to all of those teams competing.

Attention all Wrestlers/Wrestling Leader Members Note Information Below:

1. All clubs are required to have a current USAW Wrestling Leadership membership to expedite the charter. Please allow ample time to complete this process.
2. Coaches & Officials– are now called USAW Wrestling Leaders and are required for renewal to complete the SAFE SPORT certification which is a FREE course provided by www.teamusa.com. Coaches and officials will create an account and add the certification to their shopping cart. A 90 minute tutorial video with short quizzes will allow coaches and officials to be more informed across the nation of the most up to date expectations of SAFE SPORT. This certification for our coaches and officials organizations will allow our wrestling community to be a safer and more informed organization of responsible individuals. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this at your earliest convenience. Please allow 24 hours for the SAFE SPORT certification to be added to your USAW profile. The background check will remain effective as before, required every two years through NCSI. More information is available on the Coaches tab on www.iswa.com. Including a phone numbers and links to the appropriate requirements.
3. Athletes–Please note that USAW now requires an all members to CREATE A FREE ACCOUNT. Please note USAW requires account to be created by someone 18 years or older. Parents purchasing memberships for the first time will need to create an account and then create an account for their athlete. Returning parents will need to also create a free account and then CLAIM the old profile with athlete NAME and DATE OF BIRTH or former USAW ID.

Athletes 17 yrs and older are ALSO now required to complete the SAFE SPORT certification

4. ISWA's website has many features such as: News articles, Easy access links on our home page guiding our members to USAWmembership, SAFE SPORT, NCSI, Calendars with Upcoming Events.
5. Need help? The ISWA office is available Monday & Friday from 9am-3pm by calling (317)780-1885 or by email office@iswa.com

2022 ISWA PUBLICATION

The Indiana Amateur Wrestling News, containing detailed information regarding our program, is scheduled to be mailed to all athletes, clubs, coaches, high schools, pairing and mat officials and directors the first weeks of 2022.

The 2022 publication includes dates for the ISWA State Final Tournaments, clinics & Team Indiana events. The ISWA website provides multiple locations for clubs to advertise their sanctioned events. The "Event Schedule" tab and all of ISWA/USAW social media links along with events listed on www.themat.com. To find events in around the state simply go to www.iswa.com, under "TOURNAMENT" scroll down to "Event Schedule" this page lists events along with a tournament ad, if provided. Clubs if changes are made on your event details please notify the ISWA office of updates so info stays consistent.

NEXT ISWA BOARD MEETING

Is tentative scheduled for February 13, 2022. More zoom details will be announced closer to date.

Visit www.iswa.com for more information or email office@iswa.com if interested in attending or joining online zoom conference.