



## DECEMBER 2024 ISWA NEWSLETTER



### SEASON GREETINGS FROM THE ISWA

As the end of 2024 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 47th anniversary of operation to promote Indiana youth wrestling you all made it possible.

### **2025 ISWA Elementary Dual Team State Championship**

Date: January 2nd, 2025, Registration link is online and opens the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday November 5th at 9 am EST. 8 small teams and 16 large teams. This event will be hosted at Franklin Community High School starting at 9 am EST. Registration is within [www.usawmembership.com](http://www.usawmembership.com) and is first come first serve. Attention all Wrestlers/Wrestling Leader Members Note Information Below: 1. All clubs are required to be chartered. 2. Coaches are required to have a current USAW Wrestling Leader Membership and minimum Copper or Bronze Certification. This can all be completed online with [www.usawmembership.com](http://www.usawmembership.com). Each time is allowed 3 coaches and a score keeper. 3. All spectator tickets are to be purchased in advance online with GOFAN.CO search Indiana State Wrestling Association.

### **“JOHN HURRLE 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 2025 ISWA's Award Ceremony. Nominations for this award are accepted from our member clubs and the ISWA board members. The intention is to select 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: Mark Stevenson (2024), Mike McCarthy (2023), Cheryl Merchant (2022), The Miller Family (2021) Beth Lybarger (2020) Lou Silverman (2019), Pat Culp (2018), Renee Schoettle (2017), Dave Errett (2016), Louis & Sharon Rossbottom (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 Bergstrom (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 by Feb. 28th, 2025. 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. You can also find this form here: <https://www.iswa.com/awardsandresults>

### **2024.2026 Club Charters**

If you have not renewed your 2024-2025 club membership, please do so ASAP! It is required now that you now renew online at [www.usawmembership.com](http://www.usawmembership.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 all wrestling activities.

### **ISWA Middle School Dual Team State Championship**

Registration Opens Jan. 2nd, 2025 9 am. Registration opens the first Tuesday of January. Only current club charters can register online within [www.usawmembership.com-Event](http://www.usawmembership.com-Event) Schedule-2024 ISWA MS State Duals Event Link. First come first serve-first 16 teams will be accepted. **2024 ISWA MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE TEAM REGISTRATION CHAMPIONSHIPS SUNDAY, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Ft Wayne War Memorial Coliseum will be hosting this years event.**

### **Looking for an Event?**

Did you know that all ISWA/USAW Sanctioned Events with ISWA/USAW can also be found on [www.themat.com](http://www.themat.com) and [www.iswa.com](http://www.iswa.com). Over 230 clubs and over 5,000 USAW members visit our website in search of local club events. National Events and Team Indiana trips can also be found on our website. 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](http://www.themat.com). To find events in around the state simply go to [www.iswa.com](http://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 or changes.

### **ISWA Office**

Need Your Help? The ISWA office is available by calling (317)780-1885 or by email [office@iswa.com](mailto:office@iswa.com).

### **2025 ISWA PUBLICATION**

The Indiana Amateur Wrestling News, containing detailed information regarding our program, is scheduled to be available digitally here: [ISWA Annual Digital Publications](http://ISWA Annual Digital Publications) The ISWA Annual Publication highlights the past season and notes upcoming events.

### **NEXT ISWA BOARD MEETING**

The second Sunday of each month. Members are welcome to visit Meeting-Minutes-Policies here: <https://www.iswa.com/policiesminutesmeetings>