



2012 NSAA STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Pre-Meet Information for Coaches

CenturyLink Center-Omaha (formerly Qwest)

February 16-18, 2012

State Tournament—See these links on the NSAA homepage under WRESTLING for Mat layouts and seating—

- [NEW CenturyLink Center Seating for Thursday and Friday Sessions during the Day](#)
- [NEW CenturyLink Center Seating for Friday Night and Saturday Morning](#)
- [CenturyLink Center Seating for Saturday FINALS](#)

ENCLOSURES-

2012 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (NOTE TIMES ON SATURDAY-CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR)

INSIDE MAP OF CENTURYLINK (WEIGH-IN AREAS, ETC.)

CENTURYLINK PARKING MAP

1. **State Tournament Pairings:** Pairings will be available on the internet February 11, 2012, on the NSAA Homepage (<http://www.nsaahome.org>) in the Wrestling section under State Tournament Pairings. If all goes as planned on Saturday, they will be posted on the web site late Saturday night. If a district tournament is postponed because of weather, the pairings will not be released for all classes until all districts have been completed.
2. **Reimbursements-Mileage and Lodging:** Mileage and lodging reimbursements are addressed in the 2011-12 NSAA Wrestling Manual
3. **Team Check-In: WEDNESDAY--7:00-9:00 PM**
Coaches may pick up their packets at the lower level lobby of the CenturyLink Center (formerly Qwest). Use northbound 10th street and pull into the cut out on the west side of the CenturyLink Convention building. DO NOT bring wrestlers inside. No scales will be available Wednesday night.
4. **Team Check-In: THURSDAY--7:00 AM-3:00 PM**
Coaches may pick up their packets at the team entrance “Club Entry” off of Parking Lot A on the east side of CenturyLink. Schools who did not check-in on Wednesday night at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha, will be issued their parking permits at the entrance to Lot A on Thursday when they arrive.
5. **Team Parking:** All schools will receive a parking permit for the CenturyLink Center-Omaha parking Lot A – for teams and meet workers (*See the attached map*). The NSAA and CenturyLink Center-Omaha do not guarantee that just because you have a parking permit, that you will have place to park – first come, first serve. Parking permits will be issued as follows:

1-6 qualifiers=1 parking permit

7-12 qualifiers=2 parking permits

13-14 qualifiers=3 parking permits

No other parking permits will be issued beyond these numbers for each school and these parking permits are to be used only by teams who have qualified for the State Tournament. School vans, cars and mini-buses will be allowed to park in Lot A with this permit. Large school buses will not be allowed to park in Lot A and will have to find parking. Parking permits will be issued by the NSAA at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha on Wednesday – February 15th from 7:00-9:00 P.M. to all schools who check-in and pick-up their

team packets. Schools who do not check-in on Wednesday night at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha, will be issued their parking permits at the entrance to Lot A on Thursday when they arrive. (See the attached map)

7. **Team Entrance to CenturyLink Center-Omaha:** All contestants and team personnel should enter the CenturyLink Center-Omaha on the lower level of the east side at the doors marked “Club Entry” (*See the attached map*).

8. **Doors Open:**

Thursday	Team Entrance, lower level	--7:00 A.M.
	Ticket booths and Arena	--8:30 A.M. (Tournament Tickets on sale)
	Ticket booths and Arena	--3:30 P.M.
Friday	Team Entrance, lower level	--7:00 A.M.
	Ticket booths and Arena	--8:30 A.M.
	Ticket booths and Arena	--4:00 P.M.
Saturday	Team Entrance, lower level	--7:00 A.M.
	Ticket booths and Arena	--8:00 A.M.

****The gates on the Lower Level for access to the main wrestling arena area will not be opened until 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.**

9. **Weigh-ins:** *The official weigh-ins for Thursday, Friday and Saturday for ALL CLASSES will be held in the designated weigh-in area at the north end of the lower level of the arena. Coaches, and wrestlers not scheduled to weigh-in will not be allowed in the weigh-in area when the official weigh-ins begin.* Digital scales will be used by the NSAA for all official weigh-ins at the State Championship. The digital scales will be available one hour before the scheduled official weigh-in time on all three days in the weigh-in area. **These scales are courtesy only—unofficial.** The official weigh-in times for all classes are listed on the attached 2012 NSAA State Championship Schedule. Please have your team ready for weigh-ins at the scheduled time. All wrestlers who are to weigh-in, need to be in the weigh-in area at the start of weigh-ins. The 2012 NFHS weigh-in rules for tournaments will be enforced.

10. **Check Weight Scales:** A digital scale will be available throughout the whole State Wrestling Championship for your wrestlers to check their weight. The scale will be located in the warm-up area on the north end. Signs will be posted for location. (*See the area on the attached map*) This scale is unofficial.

11. **Seating and Main Floor Access:** *Due to the mat layout on the arena floor at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha, seating and main floor access will be restricted at times!* Only coaches with wristbands and contestants in uniform who are still competing will be allowed in the main wrestling floor area. Contestants who are not competing or are eliminated, must be seated in the sections reserved for your class. **Coaches will only be allowed into the main wrestling floor area when their particular Class (A & D, or B & C) is wrestling.** (*More specific information on seating and main floor access will be included in your team packet*).

12. **Admission Tickets and Coaches' Wristbands:** Tickets will be dispersed with your team packet. You should receive a ticket for each qualified contestant. Colored wristbands will be put on coaches when they get their team packets. Only coaches whose names have been submitted from their school administration prior to the State Wrestling Tournament will be allowed to get a wristband. *These wristbands must remain on during the whole duration of the State Tournament and will serve as the coaches' admission tickets, main floor passes, and admission to the coaches' luncheon on Friday.* **Coaches will only be allowed into the main wrestling floor area when their particular Class (A & D, or B & C) is wrestling.**

1-5 Qualifiers	-- Wristbands for 2 coaches
6-9 Qualifiers	-- Wristbands for 3 coaches
10-14 Qualifiers	-- Wristbands for 4 coaches

If an admission ticket is forgotten or lost, **NO duplicates will be issued!

13. **Locker Rooms:** Four locker rooms will be available on the lower level for wrestlers to use during the State Championship. Please do not put any locks on any of the lockers in these locker rooms! (*See areas designated on the attached map*). **Any damage to a CenturyLink locker room will be assessed to schools.**
14. **Friday Luncheon:** The CenturyLink Center-Omaha and the Omaha Sports Commission will be sponsoring a luncheon for wrestling coaches on Friday the 17th at CenturyLink. Signs will be posted to direct you. Your wristband will serve as your meal ticket.
15. **Additional Information:** All other information concerning weigh-in procedure, etc., will be included in your team packet. Also, please refer to your 2012 NSAA Wrestling Manual on the State Championship.
16. A main training room will be set-up in the southwest corner of the lower level of the CenturyLink Center-Omaha. The main training room will be reserved for those individuals needing doctor's and Certified Athletic Trainer's attention. **COACHES MUST FURNISH THEIR OWN TAPE AND WRAPS** which the Certified Athletic Trainers will be happy to apply at the training room.
17. All media requests, please contact Jim Angele at the NSAA. **School photographers and other School Media Personnel will not be permitted access to the main arena floor except for the awards presentations.**
18. All of the State Championship results will be posted on the NSAA Homepage on the Wrestling section as soon as they become available during the Championship and also on the Trackwrestling.com website under 2012 NSAA Championships.
19. The wrestling coaches hospitality area will be located on the main level, west side, behind Sections 120-122 of the CenturyLink Center-Omaha. The hospitality area will open at 7:00 A.M. each day. Food and drink will be provided by the Nebraska Coaches Association for a limited time prior to and after weigh-ins.
20. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** The State Wrestling Championship will be held as scheduled unless severe weather conditions force the NSAA to make schedule and/or tournament format changes. (*Please see attached Memo from Dr. Steve Shanahan, NSAA Executive Director*).
21. Please remind your wrestlers that **ALL** medal winners in the State Wrestling Championship must appear on the awards stand dressed in their school-issued uniform or warm-up. Street clothes, caps or hats will not be permitted while on the awards stand. **The Head Coach is the only person allowed to present the Gold Medals to the Champions.**
22. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster retail ticket center locations, Ticketmaster charge-by-phone in Omaha at (402)-422-1212 and Lincoln (402)-475-1212, online at Ticketmaster.com or at CenturyLink Center-Omaha Box Office. Tickets will be on sale during the State Championship at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Box Office until they are sold out. All tickets are for assigned seats. **Floor seating tickets for Saturday finals will go on sale at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Box Office Saturday morning at 7:30.**
23. **Fan Parking:** \$8.00-daily-one time; \$12.00 daily-in and out; \$12.00 garage
24. **Fan Tickets:** **The CenturyLink Center will sell on SATURDAY MORNING OF THE NSAA STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS an exclusive floor-level ticket that will allow seating on the north and south**

ends near the floor. There will be 300 seats suitable for viewing classes A and D (north end) and an additional 300 seats suitable for viewing classes B and C (south end) near the mats during the state finals portion only of Saturday's competition (when the configuration has been made to 4 mats). These tickets will ONLY be available starting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, February 18th, 2012, at the ticket window at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha. They will not be available through Ticketmaster® or the NSAA and they will not be sold prior to that time. There is a strict limit of 5 tickets per purchase per person. These exclusive tickets will sell for \$9.00 each--student or adult. No refunds or exchanges for other Saturday Finals tickets will be made by CenturyLink Center or the NSAA in lieu of these exclusive tickets.

25. **NO school banner or sign can be put up in the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena during the State Wrestling Championship!** All banners and signs will be taken by CenturyLink Center-Omaha staff if brought into the Arena and will be taken down if put up during the State Championship.
26. Coaches can bring in a picture camera or video camera. These cameras must be hand held with no tripods and cannot be plugged into an electrical outlet by an extension cord. All video pictures must be taken from the seating areas with the exception of the awards ceremony. Picture cameras can be used by coaches at mat side.
27. Individuals will be allowed access to the main floor to take pictures of the awards ceremony on Saturday during the State Finals. Only individuals who have a camera will be allowed access to the main floor.
28. **NSAA Contact:** Please contact Ron Higdon--NSAA Championship Director, if you have a question or concern about the NSAA State Wrestling Championship.



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TO: *Head Wrestling Coach*

FROM: *Dr. Steve Shanahan, Executive Director*

SUBJECT: *2012 NSAA State Wrestling Championship and Weather*

Once the 2012 NSAA State Wrestling Championship begins on Thursday, February 16, 2012, the State Championship will be completed as scheduled.

All schools competing in the State Wrestling Championship are responsible for securing appropriate lodging and travel arrangements in the event of poor winter weather conditions. The expectations of the NSAA is that all schools will be at their assigned weigh-ins on time and ready to compete at their set competition time as scheduled by the NSAA. The NSAA reserves the right to make minor schedule changes in the event of unexpected situations or emergencies.

Hopefully, winter weather does not become an issue during the 2012 State Wrestling Championship. The NSAA just wants to make sure that all schools plan in advance in the event of poor winter weather.

Best of Luck!

2012 NSAA State Wrestling Championship

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster retail ticket center locations, Ticketmaster charge-by-phone in Omaha at (402)-422-1212 and Lincoln (402)-475-1212, online at Ticketmaster.com or at CenturyLink Center-Omaha Box Office. Tickets will be on sale during the State Championship at the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Box Office until they are sold out. All tickets are for assigned seats.
- Spectator entrances to the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena are at the lobby area on 10th Street on the west side of the CenturyLink Center, right across the street from the Hilton Omaha Hotel. The other main entrance is on the south end of the CenturyLink Center, on the plaza on top of the parking garage. NEW: Ticket holders may now pass through the team pass gate.
- **NO school banner or sign can be put up in the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena during the State Wrestling Championship!** All banners and signs will be taken by CenturyLink Center-Omaha staff if brought into the Arena and will be taken down if put up during the State Championship.
- Spectators can bring in a picture camera or video camera. These cameras must be hand held with no tripods and cannot be plugged into an electrical outlet by an extension cord. All video and pictures must be taken from the seating areas with the exception of the awards ceremony.
- Individuals will be allowed access to the main floor to take pictures of the awards ceremony on Saturday during the State Finals. Only individuals who have a camera will be allowed access to the main floor.
- The doors to the CenturyLink Center-Omaha will open 1-hour before the start of all Sessions except the 4th Session on Friday, as the arena is not cleared between the 3rd and 4th Sessions.
- Food and beverages are not allowed to be brought in by spectators to the CenturyLink Center-Omaha.



2012 NSAA STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Admission Ticket Policy and Coaches' Wristbands – Floor Access Policy

****East side of CenturyLink Center-Omaha, lower level pass gate is the entrance gate for Coaches, and Contestants****

1. Contestant and Ticket Policy:

- a. Contestants will all receive individual admission session tickets.
- b. This ticket will be taken when they enter the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena for a particular session.
- c. If they remain inside the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena between sessions, they will be asked to move to a designated section, and their tickets for the next session will be collected.
- d. If they leave the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena during a session, they will be stamped and may be readmitted with that stamp during that session.
- e. **Absolutely no one** will be admitted into the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena without a ticket. If a ticket or booklet of tickets is forgotten, lost, or stolen, a ticket will have to be purchased at the regular admission windows. **No duplicates will be issued!**

2. Contestants:

- a. Each contestant will receive a set of six individual session admission tickets. These tickets are needed in order to be admitted into the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena.
- b. **Floor Access:** Contestants will be allowed in the main wrestling floor area only if they are in full uniform, still competing, and their particular Class is wrestling.

3. NO manager passes will be issued.

4. Wrestling Coaches' Wristband Policy:

- a. Each school will receive coaches' wristbands based on their number of qualifiers. Wristbands will only be given to those coaches whose names have been submitted by their school administration in advance of the State Championship.
- b. **Each school qualifies to receive the following number of coaches' wristbands:**

1--5 qualifiers	2 coaches' wristbands
6--9 qualifiers	3 coaches' wristbands
10--14 qualifiers	4 coaches' wristbands

- c. No admission ticket booklets will be issued for wrestling coaches. The coaches' wristbands will serve as their admission ticket to get into the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena, their floor pass, and their meal ticket to the Coaches Lunch on Friday.
- d. Colored wristbands will be put on coaches when they check in the first day. ***These wristbands must remain on during the whole duration of the State Championship.***

- e. If a coach remains inside the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena between sessions, he/she will be asked to move to a designated section, and wait for the gates to open for the next session.
- f. If a coach leaves the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena during a session, he/she will need to have his/her wristband on in order to be readmitted during that session.
- g. No coaches will be admitted into the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena through the east, lower level pass gate without an assigned wristband. **No extra coaches' wristbands will be issued after the original one is put on the coaches!**

5. Wrestling Coaches' Floor Access Policy:

- a. The colored wristband that is put on the coaches when they check in is their pass for access to the main wrestling floor area.
- b. *Only the A-D coaches and wrestlers will be allowed in the main wrestling floor area during their rounds, and the B-C coaches and wrestlers will only be allowed in the main wrestling floor area during their rounds. Coaches and wrestlers will be allowed access at a set time between rounds.*

These Sections in the CenturyLink Center-Omaha Arena will be reserved for coaches and wrestlers during the State Championship:

CLASS	SECTION
A	126 and 127
B	116 and 118
C	109 and 110
D	101 and 102

REMINDER TO COACHES AND WRESTLERS:

*****PLEASE SHOW RESPECT AND COOPERATE AT ALL TIMES WITH THE CENTURYLINK CENTER-OMAHA EVENT STAFF, SECURITY AND THE NSAA CHAMPIONSHIP STAFF. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND ALSO FOR YOUR SAFETY.***

***** PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE YOUR COACHES' WRISTBAND AND GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE TO USE TO GET INTO THE MAIN WRESTLING FLOOR AREA. COACHES WHO ARE ON THE MAIN WRESTLING FLOOR AREA WITHOUT A COACHES' WRISTBAND OR HAVE A COACHES' WRISTBAND THAT WAS NOT ISSUED TO THEM WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE FLOOR AREA AND NOT ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE FLOOR AREA FOR THE REST OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP!***



DIRECTIONS TO THE CENTURYLINK CENTER-OMAHA

FROM I-680 (EASTBOUND OR WESTBOUND)

Exit 30th Street.

Travel southbound on 30th Street 2.9 miles.

Just past Fort Street, veer left toward the North Freeway. From there, you have two options:

Option 1

Veer right, following the signs onto Highway 75 (to I-480).

Veer left at the I-480 split, following I-480 eastbound.

Exit I-480 at exit 3A – 14th Street.

Travel southbound on 14th Street one half block to Capitol Avenue.

Turn left onto Capitol Avenue, and travel eastbound on Capitol Avenue to 10th Street.

Turn left on 10th Street and travel northbound on 10th Street.

CenturyLink Center-Omaha is on your right. Drop-off access is at the front of the building in the driveway on your right, which is the east side of 10th Street. (total travel distance is 7.3 miles from I680)

Option 2

Turn left onto Storz Expressway toward Eppley Airfield.

The Storz Expressway becomes Abbott Drive.

Travel southbound on Abbott Drive to 10th Street.

Turn left onto 10th Street. (total travel distance is 9.2 miles from I-680; longer distance, but offers a nice view and less traffic)

FROM I-80 (EASTBOUND FROM LINCOLN AND NORTHBOUND FROM BELLEVUE)

From the I-80/I-480/H-75 interchange, follow the signs to I-480/H-75 North – Downtown.

Exit off of I-480 at Exit 3A – 14th Street.

Travel southbound on 14th Street one half block to Capitol Avenue.

Turn left onto Capitol Avenue, and travel eastbound on Capitol Avenue to 10th Street.

Turn left on 10th Street and travel northbound on 10th Street.

CenturyLink Center-Omaha is on your right. Drop-off access is at the front of the building in the driveway on your right, which is the east side of 10th Street.

CenturyLink Center-Omaha surface parking lots are located on both the east side and the west side of 10th Street, across from and north of the CenturyLink Center-Omaha. (total travel distance is 3.6 miles from the I-80/I-480/H-75 interchange)

OR

From the I-80/I-480/H-75 interchange, follow I-480 to North H-75.

Exit off of North H-75 at the Cuming Street Exit.

Turn right on Cuming Street and travel eastbound on Cuming Street to 10th Street.

Turn right on 10th Street and travel southbound on 10th Street.

CenturyLink Center-Omaha is on your left. Drop-off access is at the front of the building in the driveway, on the east side of 10th Street.