

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

General admission tickets are \$8 per session or \$20 for both days and available at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse Ticket Office or via the mobile ticket app, Tik-A-Tap. Children 24 months and younger admitted free of charge.

GATES OPEN

Gates open to spectators at 4:30 pm ET prior to Friday's session and at 8 am ET for Saturday morning's session. The Fieldhouse will be cleared following the semifinals and will reopen at 4 pm ET Saturday afternoon.

PARKING

The Virginia Avenue Garage, which charges a fee and is located directly to the east of the venue, connects to the Fieldhouse from the third floor of the garage via a walkway over Delaware Street. The entrance to the Virginia Avenue Garage is located off of Maryland Street.



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TELEVISION & VIDEOSTREAM

Saturday night's state championship bouts will air live on Fox Sports Indiana beginning at 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT with the following hosts of the telecast:

- Play-by-Play Mark Jaynes
- Analyst Mike Goebel
- Analyst Blake Maurer
- Mat Interviews Greg Rakestraw

Friday night's first round and all of Saturday's quarterfinal, semifinal and consolation matches will be videostreamed live at TrackWrestling.com via subscription fee.

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THE 80TH ANNUAL IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS

February 16-17, 2018

Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Session 1 | **Friday** | First Round, 6 pm ET

Session 2 | **Saturday** | Quarterfinals, 9:30 am ET, Semifinals to follow

Session 3 | **Saturday** | Consolations, 5 pm ET & Finals, 7:30 pm ET

[State Finals Brackets](#) | [State Championship Records Book](#) | [FSI Listings](#) | [TrackWrestling.com](#)

Two hundred twenty-four wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9:30 am ET / 8:30 am CT and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 5 pm ET and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 pm ET.

Team scoring will begin with Friday night's preliminary matches. Scoring will go to eight places and, additionally, two (2) advancement points will be awarded per match for a championship bracket victory while one (1) point is earned for advancement in the consolation bracket.

Finally, points will be awarded to the top eight place-winners: 1st place: 16 points; 2nd place: 12 points; 3rd place: 9 points; 4th place: 7 points; 5th place: 5 points; 6th place: 3 points; 7th place: 2 points; 8th place: 1 point.

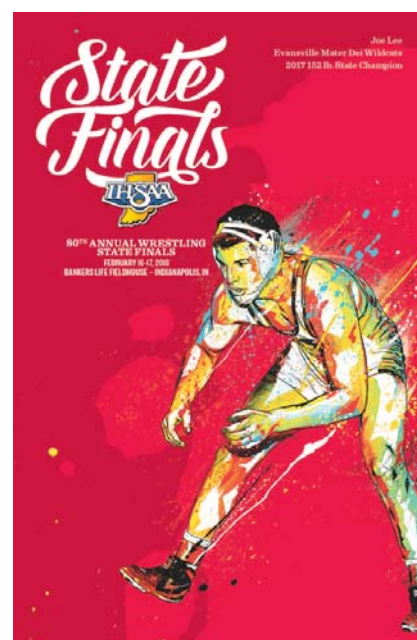
■ Six defending or former state champions are part of this year's field led by seniors Brayton Lee (152) of Brownsburg and Mason Parris (220) of Lawrenceburg.

Both will be looking to complete a third consecutive undefeated state championship season. Lee is 30-0 on the year and 119-0 over the last three years for the defending state champion Bulldogs. Parris is 43-0 this season and 148-0 the last three seasons. With a third state title, Parris would become the sixth individual to win three titles in the same weight class and first since Franklin Central's Jake O'Brien won three straight at 215 pounds from 2001-2003.

Other returning champs include Brayden Curtis of Yorktown (113), Cayden Rooks of Columbus East (126) and Alec Viduya of Roncalli (126). A third former champion is also involved in the 126 pound class with Asa Garcia of Avon. Garcia won the 106 class as a freshman and placed third a year ago at 113 pounds.

■ Defending State Champion

Brownsburg is the defending state champion after winning the school's first wrestling crown last year. The Bulldogs are coached by Darrick Snyder who became the second individual to win state titles at two different schools last year (Mishawaka 2008, 2010; Brownsburg 2017) joining Jim Tonte (Perry Meridian 2011, 2012, 2013; Warren Central 2016).



NOTABLES

■ One hundred four (104) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Indianapolis Cathedral leading the way with 10 qualifiers. Portage advanced nine, Columbus East has eight and Brownsburg seven. Cathedral and Yorktown led the state with five semi-state champions with Brownsburg, Chesterton and Portage tallying four each. A total of 314 schools and 7,065 were entered into this year's state tournament at the sectional level.

■ State Champions in the Field (6)

113: Brayden Curtis (11) **Yorktown** | 2017 champ at 106.

126: Asa Garcia (11) **Avon** | 2016 champ at 106.

126: Cayden Rooks (11) **Columbus East** | 2017 champ at 120.

126: Alec Viduya (10) **Roncalli** | 2017 champ at 113.

152: Brayton Lee (12) **Brownsburg** | 2016 champ at 138; 2017 champ at 145.

220: Mason Parris (12) **Lawrenceburg** | 2016 and 2017 champ at 220.

■ State Runners-Up in the Field (12)

113: Andrew Black (11) **Shenandoah** | 2017 runner-up at 106.

120: Hunter Watts (11) **Jimtown** | 2017 runner-up at 113.

126: Christian Mejia (12) **Elkhart Memorial** | 2016 runner-up at 113.

126: Tyler Mills (12) **Brownsburg** | 2015 runner-up at 106; 2017 runner-up at 120.

138: Blake Mulkey (12) **Brownsburg** | 2017 runner-up at 126.

138: Kristian Rumph (12) **Portage** | 2017 runner-up at 138.

145: Christian Hunt (12) **Yorktown** | 2017 runner-up at 132.

145: Kasper McIntosh (12) **Portage** | 2016 runner-up at 145.

160: Diego Lemley (12) **Chesterton** | 2017 runner-up at 160.

170: Noah Warren (12) **Perry Meridian** | 2017 runner-up at 152.

195: Lucas Davison (12) **Chesterton** | 2017 runner-up at 182.

285: Isaiah McWilliams **South Bend Washington** | 2017 runner-up at 285.

EVANSVILLE'S ANSLINGER NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLING OFFICIAL

Steven Anslinger of Evansville, IN is the recipient of the 2018 Interscholastic Athletic Official Award for excellence in the sport of wrestling.

Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association, recognizes and honors an outstanding official in each of 11 sports during the school year. Officials selected for this distinction have gone above and beyond to serve their association, community, and the IHSAA. Each have shown exceptional qualities of leadership, dedication, and loyalty to their sport, our student-athletes, and their fellow officials.

A graduate of Evansville Mater Dei High School, Steven competed



in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals as a senior in 1983. He has now been a licensed official for 25 years, and has worked 23 sectional, 20 regional, 17 semi-state, and 10 state finals assignments. A member of the Southern Officials Association, Steven has served as a local rules interpreter, clinician, and chairperson.

Steven was selected for this honor by a committee representing the official's associations. In Indiana there are 24 associations made up of men and women who give up much of their personal time to assist in providing wholesome, worthwhile, and healthy activities for the student athletes in our state. Statewide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.

A Tool and Die Journeyman for Berry Plastics, Steven and his wife, Keri, have been married for 24 years. They have three children, Chase (21), Carlee (17), and Chloe (17).

■ Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (15)

113: Brayden Curtis (11) **Yorktown** (36-0)

113: Brayden Lowery (10) **Roncalli** (38-0)

113: Andres Moreno (11) **Lowell** (39-0)

132: Graham Rooks (12) **Columbus East** (44-0)

132: Manzona Bryant (10) **Culver Academies** (36-0)

145: Christian Hunt (12) **Yorktown** (45-0)

145: Tristan Sellmer (12) **Floyd Central** (27-0)

152: Brayton Lee (12) **Brownsburg** (30-0)

170: Zack Fattore (12) **Hobart** (39-0)

182: Silas Allred (10) **Shenandoah** (22-0)

182: Nathan Walton (12) **Brownsburg** (38-0)

195: Lucas Davison (12) **Chesterton** (48-0)

220: Ryan Hammond (12) **Whiteland** (39-0)

220: Mason Parris (12) **Lawrenceburg** (43-0)

285: Eli Pokorney (11) **Chesterton** (38-0)

■ 2018 Sectional Championship Teams (32)

Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Castle, Center Grove, Chesterton, Columbus East, Crown Point, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd Central, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jay County, Jeffersonville, Knightstown, Merrillville, Northridge, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Perry Meridian, Peru, Portage, Prairie Heights, Rensselaer, South Dearborn, Warren Central, Wawasee, Western, Yorktown, Zionsville

■ 2018 Regional Championship Teams (16)

Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus East, Evansville Mater Dei, Harrison (West Lafayette), Indianapolis Cathedral, Northridge, Penn, Perry Meridian, Portage, South Dearborn, Western, Yorktown, Zionsville.

■ 2018 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)

Brownsburg, Indianapolis Cathedral, Portage, Yorktown.

2017-18 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Sept. 29-30	GIRLS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Zionsville Individual: Kayla Benge, Plainfield
Oct. 13-14	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 20-21	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i> Singles: Patrick Fletchall, Carmel Doubles: Will Emhardt & Drew Weigel, Park Tudor
Oct. 27-28	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>Sellick Bowl, Butler University, Indianapolis</i> <i>Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Class A Girls: Evansville Mater Dei Class A Boys: Fort Wayne Canterbury Class 2A Girls: Evansville Memorial Class 2A Boys: Evansville Memorial Class 3A Girls: Penn Class 3A Boys: Harrison (West Lafayette)
Oct. 28	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i> Girls Team: Zionsville Girls Indiv: Emma Wilson, Greencastle Boys Team: Carmel Boys Indiv: Gabe Fendel, Hamilton SE
Nov. 4	VOLLEYBALL <i>@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie</i> Class A: Lafayette Central Catholic Class 2A: Andean Class 3A: New Castle Class 4A: Avon
Nov. 24-25	FOOTBALL <i>Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i> Class A: Pioneer Class 2A: Southridge Class 3A: Evansville Memorial Class 4A: East Central Class 5A: Columbus East Class 6A: Ben Davis

WINTER SPORTS

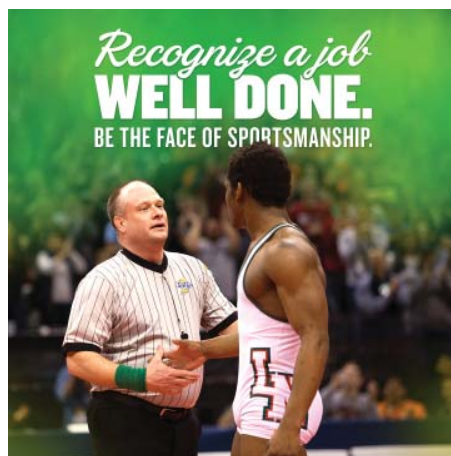
Feb. 9-10	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>@ IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Feb. 16-17	WRESTLING <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 23-24	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 24	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 10	GYMNASTICS <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
March 24	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>

SPRING SPORTS

June 1	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 2	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 2	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 1-2	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 8-9	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 9	SOFTBALL <i>Bittering Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette</i>
June 12-13	BOYS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 15-16	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

INDIANAMAT.COM POWER POLL (1/26/18)

1.	Brownsburg	103
2.	Portage	86
T3.	Columbus East	67
T3.	Indianapolis Cathedral	67
T3.	Yorktown	67
6.	Chesterton	58
7.	Perry Meridian	58
8.	Avon	47
9.	Roncalli	45
10.	Evansville Mater Dei	44
11.	Merrillville	41
T12.	Carmel	33
T12.	Hobart	33
14.	Center Grove	29
15.	Jimtown	28
16.	Lawrenceburg	25
17.	New Albany	24
18.	Zionsville	23
T19.	South Bend Washington	22
T19.	Wheeler	22



MEDIA INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Faulkens, Assistant Commissioner

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: J.D. Minch

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Please note that the 2017-18 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential will NOT allow admission to this event as a specific credential is required – no exceptions. Legitimate working news media should apply for credentials by e-mailing (with name of individual applying) IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: gmail.com, yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Approved requests will be left to claim by the individual at media will-call at Bankers Life Fieldhouse beginning at 3 pm ET on Friday. Identification is necessary to pick up credentials.

NO CHILDREN, PLEASE: With the exception of high school students representing their school's newspaper, yearbook, radio or television station, and who have a team participating, no young people or children will be issued media credentials or be allowed in the working media area.

MEDIA PARKING: There is no designated parking area for media for this event though there are numerous parking options within a short distance of Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The Virginia Street parking garage, which charges a fee, is directly to the east of the venue.

MEDIA ENTRANCE: The media entrance is in the southeast corner of Bankers Life Fieldhouse adjacent to Delaware Street. The door is marked for Employees and Media and is located at the opposite end of the building from the public entrance. Please allow a few extra minutes to pass through security. Media credentials left at will-call are to be claimed at this entrance.

MEDIA WORK ROOM: As in previous years, the media workroom at Bankers Life Fieldhouse will be open both days and be available to working media members throughout Friday evening and all day on Saturday. The work area contains complimentary wireless internet access. Hospitality will be available.

WIRELESS ACCESS, ETHERNET LINES: Complimentary wireless service is provided for all attending media. Please access the "BLF Wifi" wireless signal. No login or password is required. *Some older devices (2.4 GHz) may not be able to access this 5.0 GHz signal.* A successful broadcast connection will require use of the complimentary "BLF Wifi" signal, a dedicated phone line or a hard-wired Ethernet line. Hard-wired Ethernet lines are available at cost by contacting Kevin Messenger (kmessenger@pacers.com). Phone lines may be ordered through AT&T.

MAT ACCESS: Bankers Life Fieldhouse will have a barrier set up around the perimeter of the wrestling mat area. During the championship round on Saturday night, credentialed photographers be allowed to shoot action behind the A-frame sponsor ads on the east side (opposite the scorers table). Other than that, only participants, coaches, officials and fieldhouse workers will have access to the mat area.

PROGRAMS: Copies of the official program containing brackets for each weight class and tournament history will be available in the Media Work Room.

RESULTS: Will be updated continuously throughout both days of the tournament via TrackWrestling.com. Copies of the updated brackets will also be available in the media work room throughout the two days.