



DECEMBER 2025 ISWA NEWSLETTER



SEASON GREETINGS FROM THE ISWA

As the end of 2025 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 48th anniversary of operation to promote Indiana youth wrestling you all made it possible.

2025 ISWA Elementary Dual Team State Championship

Date: January 6th, 2025, Registration link is online and opens the 1st 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 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. 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 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 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: James Tanniehill (2025), 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 Mar 31st, 2026. 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>

2025.2026 Club Charters

If you have not renewed your 2025-2026 club membership, please do so ASAP! It is required now that you now renew online at 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. 6th, 2026 9 am. Registration opens the first Tuesday of January. Only current club charters can register online within www.usawmembership.com-Event Schedule-2026 ISWA MS State Duals Event Link. First come first serve-first 16 teams will be accepted.

2026 ISWA MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS is SUNDAY, January 25th at Ft Wayne War Memorial Coliseum during the USAW Kids Nationals 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 and www.iswa.com. Over 240 clubs and over 5,200 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. 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 or changes.

Sanctioning at Event? Questions about USA Bracketing & USAW Memebership Registration?

Any event sanctioned through ISWA/USAW can use USA Bracketing's event software at no cost by ordering the event in USAB through the "Order a USA Wrestling Event" tab with the event ID. Registration is available through USA Bracketing or USAW membership. Please see the comparison below to help you determine which registration method is best for your event. To read more about Tournament Registration Comparison visit our website for more information: <https://www.iswa.com/sanctionanevent>

ISWA Office

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

2026 ISWA PUBLICATION

The Indiana Amateur Wrestling News, containing detailed information regarding our program, is scheduled to be available digitally here: [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>

