



2026 JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!! To all our Clubs, Wrestling Leaders, and Wrestlers. At the beginning of every New Year, The ISWA thoughts turn gratefully to all those who make our Organization a GREAT one. The dedication of all those we serve is the foundation of our success, therefore 2025 seems to be a great time to once again say thank you for your support. We wish you a year of happiness and prosperity.



“JOHN HURRLE MEMORIAL AWARD” Each year, the I.S.W.A. sponsors the "John Hurrle Memorial Award", named in his honor. This award will be presented at the 2026 ISWA Awards Ceremony 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 Hurrle, 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 Hurrle 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 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 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. Nomination form and more details can be found here: <https://www.iswa.com/awardsandresults>

2025.2026 CLUB CHARTER If you have not renewed your 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 all wrestling activities.

2026 ISWA Elementary State Duals

Neil Segó Award: Cameron Cooper of Dragon WC/New Palestine. **This Year's Team Results** Large Team Champions: Crown Point/Bulldog WC, Runner-up Penn WC, 3rd Place Mater Dei WC. Medium Team Champions: Floyd WC, Runner-up New Palestine/Dragon WC, 3rd Place Lebanon WC. Small Team Champions: Monrovia WC, Runner-up Yorktown WC, 3rd Place PAWS Elite WC. Congratulations to all

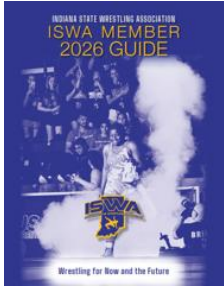


ISWA Middle School Dual Team State Championship Registration Opened Tues Jan 6th, 9 am EST. Only current club charters can register online at [www.iswa.com-Event-Schedule-2026 ISWA MS State Duals Event Link](http://www.iswa.com-Event-Schedule-2026-ISWA-MS-State-Duals-Event-Link). Visit our website for more information. This event will be hosted this Sunday following the USAW Folkstyle Nationals in Ft Wayne at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Jan. 25th, 2026. Currently 10 teams are registered.

WWW.ISWA.COM-Find News articles, Easy access links on our home page for local events, national/regional events guiding our members to www.USAWmembership and www.themat.com. Team Indiana Opportunities information can also be found on our website.

ISWA Scholarship Application will be opening soon. This application deadline is April 1st, 2026. More information about the requirements and steps to complete will be available online here for any seniors eligible: [ISWA Scholarship Application Information Page](#)

ISWA Office Staff Need help? The ISWA office staff is available Monday - Friday from 9am-3pm via phone at (317)780-1885 or by email at office@iswa.com.



2026 ISWA PUBLICATION The Indiana Amateur Wrestling News, containing detailed information about all of the events and accomplishments of the past membership year. We like celebrating all of Indiana's hard work in growing the sport of wrestling in our Hoosier state.

This and past publications can be found online here: [ISWA Online Publication Link](#)

ISWA State Finals Events All 2026 ISWA State Final events can be found on our website www.iswa.com/eventschedule. The ISWA hosts the following state events: ISWA Elem State Duals, Middle School State Duals, ISWA Folkstyle State Finals and Women's Folkstyle State, ISWA Freestyle & Women's Freestyle State Finals, ISWA Greco State Finals.

2026 ISWA Folkstyle State Finals-Save the competition dates: 2026 ISWA Folkstyle State Finals Competition Date Schedule: Saturday Competition (Friday weigh-in): 6u, 8u, 10u, JR, U/S/V. Sunday Competition (Saturday weigh-in): 12u, 14u, 16u. More info coming soon: <https://www.iswa.com/iswafolkstylestate>

USAW 2026 Central Regionals is hosted in Louisville, KY Info link: [2026 USAW Central Regionals Info Link](#) PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST WRESTLE IN THE ISWA FREESTYLE/GRECO STATE FINALS TO REGISTER FOR THE USAW CENTRAL REGIONALS.

Coaching MAT SIDE at all State, Regional, National & State Final Events Require a current USAW Wrestling Leader card, background check and Safe Sport Certification. A minimum Copper Coaches Certification is also required and can be completed online within the membership site.

NEXT ISWA BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the ISWA Board of Directors will be held Sunday, February 15th, 2026. More info about our meetings, policies and more can be found here: www.iswa.com>About Us-Meeting-Minutes Policies.