



## 2025 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### \*\*\*ANNUAL MEETING/TOURNAMENT BID MTG NOTICE\*\*\*

ISWA ANNUAL MEETING/TOURNAMENT BID MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2025 @ LAWRENCE CENTRAL H.S. DOOR #11 CHECK IN BEGINS AT 8:00 AM AND CLOSSES AT 9:00 AM LAWRENCE CENTRAL H.S. LOCATED AT 7300 E 56th St. INDIANAPOLIS, IN. 46226

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 14 th, 2025@ Lawrence Central H.S. Enter Door #11 Check in begins at 8:00 am. More details can be found here: [www.iswa.com/annualmeeting](http://www.iswa.com/annualmeeting)

If your club plans on hosting a tournament in the 2025-26 wrestling season, a current Club representative from your club MUST attend this meeting and bid the primary date and alternative date for the tournament. After the bid meeting 2025.2026 Club Charter Representatives can go online within [www.usawmembership.com](http://www.usawmembership.com) and Sanction an event under Manage-Events-Sanction Event.

**ONLINE PRIMARY & ALTERNATE DATES ARE REQUIRED FOR CLUBS TO BID AN EVENT.**

**DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE HERE: [2025.2026 Tournament Bid Link](#)**

**2025-2026 Clubs in good standing, may request a tournament date at the mandatory tournament bid meeting.**

### **2025.2026 ISWA/USAW Sanctioned Events**

Visit our website for a current list of sanction national, regional, state and local club events here:

[www.iswa.com/eventsschedule](http://www.iswa.com/eventsschedule)

USAW Profile Updates Needed-The ISWA would strongly suggest updating your email, mailing address and contact number within your USAW Membership Profile. Please ensure you have uploaded a photo to your membership card as well. If your athlete needs age verification, simply email a birth certificate to [office@iswa.com](mailto:office@iswa.com).

HAS YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE CHANGED? If your club has changed leadership, please email the ISWA Office the updated information at [office@iswa.com](mailto:office@iswa.com) or by calling (317)780-1885. Please include Name/Postal Address/email address/phone#

### **ISWA ANNUAL MEETING & TOURNAMENT BID MEETING USAW UPDATES**

ISWA updates including rule changes and so much more. If you're hosting an event the ISWA offers tournament training after the bid meeting to help support clubs run successful events. We will also be offering informative workshops. **CHECK IN:** 8am - 9am est and Workshop schedule below

- USAW/ISWA Updates including any changes to Club Charters or Sanctions
- GIVE AWAYS - 15 custom team singlets & more
- CLUB TOURNAMENT BID MEETING
- WORKSHOP/ TRAINING SESSIONS FOR CLUB ADMIN & COACHES
- **National Teams:** How wrestlers & coaches qualify for National Teams
- **Bracketing 101:** Useful Tools for Coaches, Clubs & Parents
- **Tournament Registration:** Bracketing vs USAW
- **Keeping Kids Engaged:** Coaching Wrestlers 4-12
- **Social Media 101 for Clubs:** Tips & Tricks
- Full details can be found at <https://www.iswa.com/annualmeeting>

# SINGLET GIVEAWAY

WIN 15 FREE SINGLETS

Drawing to be held  
September 14th, 2025  
at ISWA Board Meeting.

Team Order must be placed  
by September 30th, 2025  
includes art/over-up fees and shipping

Additional singlets may be  
purchased for \$50 each.

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LAWRENCE CENTRAL HS 7300 E 56TH ST, INDIANAPOLIS - DOOR 11



Club must be present to win.

**3X GEAR** Custom Team Singlets  
Raffle Give Aways  
**FLASH SALE**

Past Team Indiana Gear @ Discounted Prices  
Open to all ISWA members

[www.ISWA/AnnualMeeting.com](http://www.ISWA/AnnualMeeting.com)



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# WORKSHOP TOPICS

*\*LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOR ANYONE ATTENDING*

**GROWTH OF FREESTYLE AND GRECO IN INDIANA**  
Rising interest in Olympic-style events has increased national tournament success, proving that more participation drives results

**QUALIFYING FOR A NATIONAL TEAM:**  
How Athletes & Coaches qualify for national teams

**BRACKETING 101**  
Useful tools for Coaches, Clubs & Parents to help navigate Bracketing as a user

**TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**  
Bracketing vs USAW - Why use on or the other

**KEEPING YOUNG WRESTLERS ENGAGED**  
Coaching Wrestlers 4-12

**SOCIAL MEDIA 101 FOR CLUBS**  
Tips & Tricks for using social media to inform & promote your club

# 2025-26 Club Membership

Just a reminder that the USA Wrestling membership year runs from September 1 through August 31 of each year. Your club liability insurance will no longer be in effect after that date. Membership renewals are now open. USAW still requires, to charter a club, a current USAW Wrestling Leader membership must be listed on the club charter to renew. Again this year, coaches and officials are required to complete a Safe Sport refresher course before renewing their USAW card. Background checks are only good for one (1) year, so make sure you are up to date and if not allow ample time to complete the following steps this season to renew your club charter and coaches cards. If your club plans to hold practices, camps or other club activities on or after 9/1/25, please submit your club charter online at [usawmembership.com](http://usawmembership.com). Insurance certificates can be found within the membership site under certificates.

## 2025-2026 Athlete Membership

As of September 1, 2025 all members wishing to purchase a *current Athlete membership card* will be directed to USA Wrestling's membership system. The card is \$45. To purchase your card, please go to [www.usawmembership.com](http://www.usawmembership.com)

Please make sure your information is current within the membership site: address, contact number and your club affiliation. New members please note after creating an account for a new member age verification is required. This verification will allow members to remove "pending" on USAW card and avoid carrying birth certificates to tournaments. Simply email a copy of a birth certificate, passport or state ID/Drivers License to: [office@iswa.com](mailto:office@iswa.com). All pending cards must be verified before any/all state finals. Once the office receives proof of birth, your card will be verified and will no longer show pending in the system. Also, you will receive notification from the office that your card has been verified. You may then go on to the USA system and print your updated card.

## Attention all Coaches wishing to coach mat side at all ISWA State Finals!

All coaches who wish to coach mat side at all ISWA State Final events are required to hold a USAW Wrestling Leader membership. This process can take several days so it's best to prepare early! ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A BACK-GROUND CHECK THROUGH USAW. After background check processes coaches will log into their USAW account and COMPLETE SAFE SPORT REFRESHER this is a FREE course required to renew your coaches card. Once Safe Sport is added to your profile coaches can then purchase or renew their USAW Wrestling Leader Membership.

**2025-2026 ISWA/USA Event Schedule can be found online here at <https://www.iswa.com/eventschedule> you can also visit [www.themat.com](http://www.themat.com) to preview all sanctioned events.**