

## **Burrell Youth Wrestling 2023-2024 Parent Information**



**SINGLET DEPOSIT** - Singlets will be distributed at practices November 15th & 16th. A deposit check of \$80 is paid at the time of receiving the singlet and once the singlet is returned at the end of the season your check will be returned to you. Checks will only be cashed for lost or damaged singlets.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** - This year each wrestler will be required to raise \$100 (\$50 for each additional sibling) selling the raffle tickets enclosed in this packet. The \$100 fee paid with your registration covers these tickets upfront, so all money collected selling these tickets will be your reimbursement. You may request to sell more tickets by contacting Katie Thompson or any board member (all money from any extra tickets must be turned in). Raffle ticket stubs **MUST** be turned in **NO LATER THAN** Thursday December 7th. The drawing will be held live on facebook on December 15th at 7pm. Additional Fundraising opportunities will be available throughout the season.

**SUPER TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS** - All wrestlers will also be required to collect Super Trophy sponsorships (forms are enclosed). You may collect from local businesses wishing to make a donation or your family/friends can sponsor. First year wrestlers must obtain at least **ONE \$50 sponsor**. All other wrestling wrestlers must obtain at least **TWO \$50 sponsors** or **ONE \$100 sponsor**. **Super Trophy Sponsorships are due no later than January 12, 2024.**

**VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS** - Along with fundraising comes volunteering. We appreciate any and all help we get from our BYW family, and if everyone can pitch in a **little**, no one will have to do **A LOT**. Therefore we ask each family to please volunteer to work at least **ONE SHIFT FOR OUR HOME KEYSTONE MATCH AND TWO SHIFTS FOR OUR SUPER TROPHY (1 SHIFT EACH DAY)**. Shift details and signups will be available through Sign-Up Genius. **To ensure that volunteer shifts are fulfilled we require all families to submit a deposit check in the amount of \$100 that will be returned to you after your volunteer requirements are met.** Please complete the attached form below and submit with your volunteer deposit check.



## **BURRELL YOUTH WRESTLING VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT 2023-2024 SEASON**



BYW is a completely non-profit organization. All money raised by this organization goes directly to liability insurance, dual team fees, Keystone League membership, mat supplies(replacement), trophies, tournament coaching stipends, City of LB Auxiliary security, singlet replacements, referee fees, janitor fees, advertising costs, dumpster costs, printing costs, cleaning supplies, banquet food, gifts and awards.

We achieve this by operating completely through the efforts of over 200 volunteers throughout the season! However, if even one volunteer does not show up to one of their shifts, it greatly affects the efficiency of the event and, in order to compensate for that void, a great deal of extra work by others is necessary. A poorly run event is an exhausting nightmare for all parties involved and a sure-fire way to keep participants away for the next event.

A deposit communicates the need of BYW for you to keep your commitment, and if necessary, allows a volunteer to take some responsibility for not having done so. Please, fulfill your obligation, not to just get your deposit back, but to contribute to the amazing organization that we all create each year!

**BYW is requiring a deposit check in the amount of \$100 (\*one per wrestling family)**

**If your agreed upon volunteer obligations are not met, we will cash your deposit check**

**THERE IS NO REFUND FOR PARTIAL COMPLETION OF SHIFTS**

3 shifts per wrestler family per season.

- One shift for the Keystone match
- Two shifts for Super Trophy weekend (1 Saturday and 1 Sunday)

AM & PM shifts are available for all three days (as always family members are welcome to help fulfill your obligation)

Your full deposit will be returned after all shifts have been completed.

Please fill out the information below and hand it in with your volunteer deposit.

Wrestler name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Keystone League

The Keystone League is a group of approximately 42 schools in the area that have a wrestling program and have joined together to form the Keystone League. During the months of December and January several league matches are held throughout the area. Each school is invited to participate in the 6 Keystone site matches held at participating league school sites.

- Your child will encounter different groupings of wrestlers at each Keystone.
- Your child will be matched with other children with similar weight, age and skill level for these matches as best as possible and given 2 matches whenever possible.

Wrestlers in **6U**, **8U**, and **10U** are required to participate in at least **4** of the 6 Keystone matches to be eligible to wrestle in the Keystone Finals Tournament held in February.

Wrestlers in **12U** are required to participate in at least **3** of the 6 Keystone matches to be eligible to wrestle in the Keystone Finals Tournament held in February.

The weekly matches are exhibition style meaning the outcome of the matches are not contingent upon participation in the Keystone Qualifiers at the end of season.

## Teams in the Keystone League:

Albert Gallatin, Apollo, Armstrong, Baldwin, Belle Vernon, Beth Center, Brownsville Center, Burrell, Charleroi, Connellsville, Derry, Elderton, Elizabeth Forward, Franklin Regional, Frazier, Gateway, Greensburg Salem, Hempfield, Highlands, Indiana, Jefferson Morgan, Kiski, Knoch, Laurel Highlands, Latrobe, Ligonier Valley, Marion Center, McKeesport, Mt Pleasant, North Allegheny, Norwin, Penn Hills, Penn Trafford, Plum, Ringgold, Rivervalley, Saltsburg, Shadyside Boys & Girls Club, South Allegheny, Southmoreland, Thomas Jefferson, Valley, Waynesburg, West Mifflin, Westinghouse, Woodland Hills and Yough

# Weekly Keystone League Match Procedure

**Check In:** Upon arriving at the school, you must check in at the Burrell table. A Burrell representative will pull the wrestler's card from the stack of cards and check his/her name off noting their presence. Please verify the information on the card. Your child's age on the card will be his age as of 12/31/2023. **This is a very important step because if you do not check in at the table your child will not be paired up for matches.**

**Start times for site matches are:**

- 6U & 8U: Check in from 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m./ Wrestling starts at 9:00 a.m.
- 10U & 12U: Check in time 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m./ Wrestling starts at 1:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Admission rate is site dependent but can be no more than \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Wrestlers are free, and children 5 and under are free.

**Skin Check:** After check in there will be skin checks conducted by the referees at that site. If your child has any skin condition, please have the appropriate skin form signed by your doctor. You can find this form on our website, also there is a copy in this packet. Also, try to make sure your child's fingernails are trimmed for safety reasons.

**Warm Ups:** We ask that all wrestlers go to the mat and warm up. They should stretch and practice moves with each other until the mats are cleared for wrestling.

**Pairings:** Keystone Representatives from each attending team will take the cards from the signups to a room where the wrestlers are matched up. The league uses a "Star Rating" to get the best match-ups possible. Bout sheets are filled out and sent out to the announcers.

\*\*\*At the beginning of the season, we as an organization record all wrestlers' name, age, and weight. Our coaches assign each wrestler a "rank" based on experience, aggressiveness, and general athletic ability. The rankings (skill level) COMBINED with the wrestler's age and weight are used at the Keystone Tournaments to match our wrestlers to other wrestlers with similar abilities.

**Ex.** Tom is a 1<sup>st</sup> year wrestler who is 7 years old, weighs 63.2#, and ranked as a 0 star. Every effort will be given to match up your wrestler with an opponent that is his skill level (0 star), age 7/8, and +/- certain pounds of his weight given that there is a match

for him. **Weight brackets are only of concern at the end of the year for the Keystone Finals Tournament of Champions.**

**Staging:** There are usually 3-5 matches going on at a time. Wrestlers will have a designated area to wait for their matches. The staging area is a pre-defined area of the gym where the wrestlers report and are paired up with another wrestler to wait their turn to wrestle on the assigned mat.

**Matches:** Always be sure your wrestler has a coach at his mat before he/she begins a match. If a coach is not present, the announcer will ask for a coach to come to that mat, however, please DO NOT start without a coach. Your wrestler will have at least **2 matches**. Make sure to check with a coach or Keystone rep before you leave to verify your wrestler is done for the day. If there are any issues with matches **please find your Keystone Representative to assist.**

**Attire:** Wrestlers must wear their school (team) supplied singlets or shorts/compression shirts for the matches. All wrestlers must have on wrestling shoes and headgear. Wrestlers should not wear wrestling shoes outside so please have slides or tennis shoes for your wrestler to change into before and after the match.

## **Keystone Finals (Tournament of Champions)**

Those participating in the Keystone Finals or Tournament of Champions (**TOC**) will be required to weigh-in on January 24th, 2024 before at a designated weigh-in location.

- To advance to the Keystone Tournament of Champions (TOC), ALL wrestlers will participate in the **Keystone Qualifiers January 28th, 2024**
- If weight classes are small <16 wrestlers, your wrestler's weight class could advance directly to the Keystone TOC
- For brackets that must qualify, your wrestler must place in the top of their qualifying bracket. Keystone League will attempt to take 16 kids from each age/weight group to the TOC.
- For this tournament, the ONLY criteria for pairings will be weight and age (not experience nor ability).
- Period lengths for these matches are the following:
  - **6U** and **8U** 1-1-1
  - **10U** and **12U** 2-1-1
- This is a DOUBLE elimination tournament meaning even if your wrestler loses a match, he/she can win in the consolation bouts and still place **3rd or 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Weight classes for Qualifiers and TOC:**

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		<u>6U</u> : 37-40-43-46-49-52-55-60-65-70-80-90-110
		<u>8U</u> : 43-46-49-52-55-58-61-65-70-75-82-90-99-109-120-135
		<u>10U</u> : 50-55-60-65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100- 110-120-135-150-175
		<u>12U</u> : 65-70-75-80-85-90-95-100-105-110-115-125-135-150-165-180-200-220

- The **Tournament of Champions** is **Sunday, February 11, 2024** at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex in Indiana, PA.
  - We suggest booking your rooms now. They sell out fast.