

NEBRASKA USA WRESTLING

NATIONAL DUALS TEAM INFO LETTER

The Nebraska Cadet Director will be putting together a group of coaches and athletes to attend the USA National Cadet Dual Championships in Greeley, Colorado. The tournament is scheduled for July 1-5, 2003 at the University of Northern Colorado. It will consist of 24 Greco teams and 32 Freestyle teams. To conserve resources, I would like to send one team that would wrestle both Greco & Freestyle tournaments. However, if sufficient interest exists, a second team may be generated. Teams will consist of 25 wrestlers in 17 weight classes. The weight classes are 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, and 275.

The anticipated cost to each participant will be \$225. These funds will cover the transportation, lodging, uniforms. Individual wrestlers will be responsible for their meals and souvenirs.

The plan is to have a two training sessions prior to the tournament. Wrestlers from the East/Central portion of the state will meet in Grand Island, at Bosselman's Truck Stop near the intersection of Interstate 80 and HWY #281 at 9:00 AM on the morning of June 30. From there they will travel to Kimball, Nebraska where they will undergo an afternoon and evening training session. They will spend the night in Kimball and then depart for Greeley the next morning for registration and weigh-ins. Interested applicants need to submit an application and \$150 deposit by May 12, 2003. Team entries need to be received and compiled by May 19 so we need all applications NLT May 12 to submit our team rosters. You will not be considered for the team without your registration and deposit. Once you're selected for the team, your deposit will not be refunded!

Primary selection criteria will be how you placed at the State Championship Tournament. Wrestlers who do not attend this tournament will only be considered for open weight classes will be recruited as needed. Special consideration will be given to those wrestlers that were able to participate in a USA Regional tournament this season. Those vacancies will be filled based upon experience and a competitive wrestle-offs. In order to strengthen the overall depth of the team, we're authorized 8 alternates with 17 weight classes. The alternate assignments will be at the coach's discretion.

If a weight group has too many applicants, the lowest ranked wrestlers will be released and will receive a refund for their deposit. The best case scenario would be to have enough applications to submit a second team.

Weigh-ins & skin checks will commence at 10:00 AM on the morning of July 1, 2003. All wrestlers must be present at the beginning of weigh-ins and must make scratch weight wearing their competition singlet.

Best of Luck to Everyone in their State Championship Tournament!

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