

To: All Nebraska USA Wrestling members
From: Jay Meneely State Chairman
Re: 2004 State Tournament and summer wrestling

It is hard to believe, but it is that time of year again, summer wrestling. I know like many of you, we feel that things will slow down after the high school season but it actually gets much busier for a lot of us, just ask Alan Pokorny or Jeremy Moore! A group of us have been meeting to make plans for the Nebraska State Freestyle and Greco tournament along with the Northern Plains Regional and the Middle School, Schoolboy, Cadet and Jr. National Dual teams and felt we needed to get some communication out to everyone.

Nebraska USA Wrestling is going through some significant changes this year. We have been blessed with a group of people who have guided our state for several years and have done an outstanding job. However things are changing, people are stepping down, some have moved and we have even experienced the death of a long time board member in Joe Edmondson. I for one would like to give them a big thank you for all the hours of hard work and dedication these people put into wrestling and our kids. So to Dennis Miller, Liz Ferguson, James Schnell, Joe Edmondson the Moomey's and the many others who I have not mentioned, I personally want to say thank you! Thank you because of your dedication kids like my own have been given a lifetime of memories that will never be forgotten.

There are some items I would like to discuss:

First of all there has been some concern about qualifying to participate in this year's state tournament because 2 of the districts are not having a qualifying tournament. We will not turn you away or require you to travel to another district. If there is not a qualifier in your district please note that on your entry form and mail to Alan Pokorny.

Second, please note the schedule change at this year's tournament. While trying to accommodate the *juniors* and their high school proms, juniors will be doing ***all their wrestling on Saturday morning***, both Freestyle and the Greco. All other age groups will wrestle Saturday afternoon and Sunday no longer three days.

Third, There will be an official's clinic for all officials ***Friday night at 6:00pm***. We will review all the rules and make assignments at this time. If you want to get paid you will be expected to attend this clinic. The clinic will take place at the High school.

Forth, Amy has asked all pairing officials to be at the tournament during the Saturday morning weigh INS, to go over everything. Be there at **7:00 a.m.**

Fifth, There will be a copper coaches clinic ***Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.*** Any coach wishing to be able to be in the corner must have a current coaches card along with a minimum of a copper coaching certificate. You will need to show a current ***USA card and a copper, bronze, silver or gold card and a PHOTO ID, to purchase your coaching wristband.***

The State meeting will be held at Kearney High School Friday night at 7:30 p.m. If you want to have anything put on the agenda, please notify, (in writing) myself or Alan Pokorny so we can get it addressed.

As always at the State tournament, all clubs will be required to provide table help. We will need two adults to work each table during each session. Please provide us a list of those individuals so we are not scrambling to find help at the tournament.

Please contact us with any questions and I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2004 State tournament.

Sincerely
Jay Meneely
State Chairman