

**2010 CLASS "A" STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
RUSHMORE PLAZA CIVIC CENTER – RAPID CITY, SD**

ENTRIES: Schools need do nothing about entering their qualifiers in the State Wrestling Tournament other than to be certain their qualifiers attend and take part. Region Committees will make all entries. Four from each weight class shall advance from the Region to the State Tournament.

SCHEDULES: Rushmore Plaza Civic Center - February 26-27. Friday Sessions start at 10:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday Sessions start at 10:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

WEIGH-INS: Friday, February 26 - 7:00 a.m. Everyone must be at the weigh-in at 7:00 a.m. Weigh-ins will conclude when the 285 pound wrestlers have been completed. For those wrestlers who qualify for Saturday's competition, Weigh-ins will be conducted at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 27. (additional pound allowance for Saturday morning). Scales will be available Friday for wrestlers to check their weight.

MATCHES: Four mats will be used with a Double Elimination Format to be followed up to the final session. In the final session of the tournament, three mats will be used for the determination of third, fifth and seventh place. After a short intermission, one mat will be used for the championship matches of each weight class.

DRAWING: The draw has been made in the SDHSAA office. A copy is attached.

PLACES: Eight places shall be determined, scoring to be as follows:
1st -- 16 points; 2nd -- 12 points; 3rd -- 9 points;
4th -- 7 points; 5th -- 5 points; 6th -- 3 points;
7th -- 2 points; and 8th -- 1 point.

EXPENSES: Expense statements are enclosed and are to be "turned-in" at check-in Thursday evening or Friday morning prior to weigh-ins. Each school shall be prepared to pay its own expenses. Reimbursement will be at the end of the school year. Reimbursement by the SDHSAA will allow \$10.00 for each qualifier and one coach. Mileage payment will be made on a graduated basis as follows:

Qualifiers 1 - 5 = 6 cents per round trip mile
Qualifiers 6 - 10 = 12 cents per round trip mile
Qualifiers 11 - 14 = 18 cents per round trip mile

No expenses will be paid for a wrestler who fails to make weight before he has been eliminated from the Tournament.

TICKETS: Ticket prices for the State “A” Wrestling Tournament for adults will be \$27.00 for reserved season tickets. Single session tickets will be \$9.00 for reserved seating. Student season tickets are \$15.00 and \$5.00 for single session tickets. An advance season ticket sale was made available to the schools and general public. Tickets may also be purchased at the tournament site. Please inform your parents and fans of these prices.

PASSES AND COMP TICKETS:

1. At the State Tournament each contestant will be furnished a pass.
2. Each Varsity Cheerleader in attendance will be furnished a pass.
3. Student manager passes will be provided as per request
4. Complimentary Reserved Seat tickets will be issued to a school as follows:

Number of Qualifiers (Pass)	Complimentary Tickets (Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Admin.)
1	3
2	4
3	5
4 or more	6

One pass for a bus driver will be available if requested.

Comp tickets may be picked up by the coach during check in. The comp tickets are to be used by coaches, assistant coaches and administration. Administrators should make ticket arrangements with their coach prior to the tournament.

LODGING: *Schools are responsible for the own motel reservations when the tournament is held in Rapid City.*

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Tournament Manager: Darren Paulson, Athletic Director, RC Central High School
2. Work-Outs On Thursday - Schools wishing to work-out at the Arena on Thursday may do so beginning at 4:00 p.m. (MST). Please use the north doors to enter.
3. Separate Entrances - During the Tournament, a separate entrance for coaches, wrestlers, managers, and cheerleaders will be available. Please use the north doors to enter. Please park your busses at the north end of the parking lot.

NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT SHOWING A PASS.

4. Towels will NOT be furnished for workouts or days of competition.
5. Dressing Rooms at the Arena will be assigned to the schools by Region.

6. Valuables - Each school is responsible for their own valuables.
7. A MAXIMUM OF 2 COACHES AND 1 STUDENT STATISTICIAN WILL BE PERMITTED INSIDE THE ROPES AND NEAR THE MATS IN WHICH A COACH HAS A PERSON WRESTLING. THREE CHAIRS WILL BE PROVIDED NEAR THE CORNERS OF THE MAT FOR THREE ONLY! COACHES MUST MONITOR THIS PLEASE!
8. A meeting of all wrestling coaches is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2010 at the Arena. Mark Murren, SF Washington, Wrestling Advisory Committee Representative will chair the meeting. All Coaches are urged to attend.
9. Displaying the Proper Uniform - Please remind your wrestlers that they are required to be in full uniform from the time they step on the mat until following the end of the match procedure and having left the mat. Some wrestlers have the tendency to lower their uniform straps too soon. Any infraction is considered unsportsmanlike conduct. (Rule 7-4-2)
10. Policy on Presence of Blood - When a contest official observes a wrestler has suffered a laceration or wound where bleeding occurs during a wrestling match, the match shall be stopped at the earliest possible time to allow first-aid to be administered to the injured wrestler. The bleeding shall be controlled and the wound covered before the wrestler will be allowed to return to participation.

National Federation wrestling injury rules state: (Rule 8-2-1) An injured or ill contestant is entitled to a maximum timeout of 1 1/2 minutes, which is cumulative throughout the match.

There is a limit of two time-outs which may be permitted in any match provided the total time does not exceed 1 1/2 minutes. Rule 8-2-6: Injury time is not counted for nosebleed or any other bleeding. The number of time-outs is left to the discretion of the referee. If the bleeding is not controlled within 5 minutes, the match is terminated. Whenever possible, athletes should render first-aid themselves, or first-aid is administered by sideline personnel, not by contest officials.

Any blood appearing on a contestant or opponent (body or uniform) shall be wiped from the body or uniform prior to competition resuming. Soap and water is to be used to wash the uniform. Changing of the uniform is necessary only if a uniform is saturated (moist) with blood.

11. Appropriate Flag Etiquette - At the beginning of each session, the National Anthem will be played. We want to emphasize to our coaches and they in turn to their athletes and cheerleaders, the importance of appropriate flag etiquette at this time. It is suggested that each coach advise his athletes and cheerleaders to stand at attention, facing the flag, with right hand over heart during this period of time.
12. Sportsmanship and Conduct at Tournament - We want to stress to all concerned that considerable effort should be exerted by all coaches and athletes to promote the highest principals of sportsmanship during the tournament. You are urged to give the officials the proper respect recognizing what procedures the Rule Book allows for a coach/official

conference. Any misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct by contestants or coaches will be reported to the Head Table and any deduction of a team point(s) will be announced over the P.A. System. The displaying of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP at all times during this State Event will be expected from all.

13. Awards - Coaches are reminded that all individuals and teams receiving an award during and/or after the conclusion of the tournament are to be in a school issued uniform. **No caps or hats, please.** *All awards will be presented by Board of Director members and SDHSAA corporate partners. This includes individual as well as team awards.*
14. Check-in will be at the Arena on Thursday evening, February 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may also check in on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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