

Coaches,

Welcome to the 38th Annual Bi-State Classic sponsored by Holmen High School. This year's event will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 27-28, 2019, at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin. As we do every year, the event staff is working hard to make sure everything runs smoothly and that the tournament is an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Teams

If you'll recall, last year there were several team changes due to bad weather:

- Lakeville South (MN) and South Saint Paul (MN) were unable to make the trip.
- New Prague (MN), Orono (MN), and Stoughton (WI) were last-minute adds.

This year, New Prague and Stoughton will not be returning, but Lakeville South and South Saint Paul will be. In addition, we welcome La Crosse Logan/Central back to the tournament after missing the last two years. This brings our total to 70 competing schools. A complete team listing, as well as all tournament information (schedule, ticket information, team arrival, weigh-ins, contact information, etc.), can be found on the Bi-State Classic website at <http://bistateclassic.com>.

Important Dates and Times

▪ **Sunday, December 15:**

The tournament program will include a team picture, roster, and brief write-up for each team, as well as a section titled "THE WEIGHT BY WEIGHT SCOOP." To help ensure our information is accurate, a team information questionnaire form has been set up on the Bi-State Classic website for your use in providing the necessary information. Please go to the "INFORMATION" tab, click on "FOR COACHES" from the dropdown menu, and then select "**SUBMIT TEAM PAPERWORK**." A sample team page, which includes three team write-up examples, is also available for your reference.

All teams are requested to provide a team picture for the program. It does not need to be professionally done, just done in good taste. This should also be submitted through the Bi-State Classic website, either at the same time you enter your team information or later by going to the "INFORMATION" tab, clicking on "FOR COACHES" from the dropdown menu, and then selecting "**SUBMIT TEAM PICTURE**."

Both your team picture and team information questionnaire are due through the website by **Sunday, December 15, 2019**. With the holidays falling as they do, we are on an extremely tight schedule for putting everything together, so your adherence to this deadline would be most appreciated. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Kathy Lulloff at (920) 917-0387 or kklulloff@gmail.com.

▪ **Sunday, December 22:**

All team line-ups, records, and seeding criteria must be entered in TrackWrestling by **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 22, 2019**. This will allow us time to go through and make sure everything has been entered properly BEFORE the holidays. Our hope is to release the line-ups to the public by late Sunday or early Monday, giving you extra time to review the seeding and make notes of items you may want to bring up to the official for consideration during your scheduled call-in on December 26.

Note that after 11:00 a.m. on December 22, you will not be able to make any changes to your line-up or seeding criteria through TrackWrestling. All changes (i.e., roster substitutions, weight class changes, etc.) will need to be done by contacting one of the following **no later than Tuesday, December 24:**

- ~ Jason Lulloff at (920) 286-1406 or luljas@holmen.k12.wi.us
- ~ Dave Rudrud at (608) 386-3751 or drudrud@hotmail.com

When entering your team into TrackWrestling, please make sure that you choose the correct category for each wrestler so that they are properly seeded. Note that you will not be required to enter head-to-head information. This becomes relevant for seeding only when two wrestlers are within the same category and right next to one another in the preliminary seeds. If you have an instance where you feel head-to-head should be a consideration, please be prepared to communicate this to your official during your scheduled call-in.

▪ **Thursday, December 26:**

Seeding call-in times are between 2:30 - 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 26, 2019. The specific time for each school is posted on the Bi-State Classic website. Please go to the "INFORMATION" tab, click on "FOR COACHES" from the dropdown menu, and then select "**SEEDING CALL-INS**" to find your call-in time, the name of the official you will be speaking with, and their assigned room number. Call the Radisson Hotel at (608) 784-6680 and ask for that room number. **It is mandatory that you call in at your designated call time, even if there are no changes to your line-up.**

Team Packets

Teams may pick up their packets after 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 26, in the Illinois Room. Each packet will include five entry pass lanyards for coaches / team personnel, as well as temporary passes for each wrestler entered in the tournament. The temporary passes will get wrestlers into Friday's weigh-in only. Wrestlers will receive their lanyard at the scale immediately after they weigh-in.

Miscellaneous

Note that we have open practice times in the La Crosse Center scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, December 26, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 27, from 6:30 - 7:45 a.m.
- Saturday, December 28, from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m.

Please clear the mats at the end of the practice sessions so that mats can be cleaned before competition begins. Also, please do not run sprints on the end mats, as this causes the mats to separate.

A few reminders to pass on to your spectators:

- Although school signs will be hung around the La Crosse Center, we will continue the practice of not assigning specific seating areas to schools.
- Please check the website regarding **La Crosse Center parking** ramp procedures.

Hopefully we've answered all your questions between this letter and the other information available on the website. If not, please contact one of the event staff, and we will be happy to assist you.

Wishing you and your team a successful tournament and season.

The Bi-State Classic Event Staff