

Coaches,

Welcome to the 39th Annual Bi-State Classic sponsored by Holmen High School. This year's event will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 29-30, 2021, 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

While Eau Claire North, Lakeville South, Muskego, Stillwater, and West Allis Central will not be returning to the Bi-State Classic this year, we welcome the following teams to the event:

- Bay Port, WI from the Fox River Classic Conference (coached by Brad Shefchik)
- Cannon Falls/Randolph, MN from the Hiawatha Valley Conference (coached by Dudley Flodeen)
- Evansville, WI from the Rock Valley Conference (coached by Kent Weiler)
- Mineral Point, WI from the Southwest Wisconsin Activities Conference (coached by Curtis Fiedler)
- Port Washington, WI from the North Shore Conference (coached by Angelo LaRosa)
- Stoughton, WI from the Badger South Conference (co-coached by Bob Empey and Dan Spilde)

This brings our total to 71 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 here on the Bi-State Classic website.

Important Dates and Times

▪ **Friday, December 17:**

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 **Friday, December 17, 2021**. Given that the holidays are a busy time for everyone, 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 cklulloff@gmail.com.

▪ **Wednesday, December 22:**

All team line-ups, records, and seeding criteria must be entered in TrackWrestling by **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2021**. 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 you by late Thursday or early Friday, 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 28.

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 **Jason Lulloff at (920) 286-1406 or luljas@holmen.k12.wi.us** no later than **Friday, December 24**:

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.

▪ **Tuesday, December 28:**

Seeding call-in times are between 2:30 - 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. 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 Tuesday, December 28, 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 the Day 1 weigh-in only -- wrestlers will receive their lanyard at the scale immediately after they weigh-in.

Women's Wrestling Showcase

The tournament will once again include a Women's Wrestling Showcase open to all teams with women wrestlers. The competition will be held during Session 3 on Thursday, December 30. More details regarding the event will be sent out in early December.

Miscellaneous

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

- Tuesday, December 28, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 29, from 6:30 - 7:45 a.m.
- Thursday, December 30, 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:

- The Bi-State website includes information regarding **hotels** and **La Crosse Center parking** ramp procedures.
- We will continue the practice of not assigning specific seating areas to schools in the La Crosse Center.

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