

**Information Note #5 – Week of 1/29/24**

**Apparel Orders (Store closed on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.)**

Orders placed by the deadline should be available within the next 1-2 weeks.

The free t-shirts for all CWO Wrestling Team members will be available for pick up at practice starting on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> during normal practice times.

**Team Singlets**

If you have not checked out a CWO Team singlet yet, you can still get one from the check-in table before your scheduled practice times.

**USA Wrestling Insurance Cards**

If you have not done so, please pick up your printed copy of the USA Wrestling Card purchased at the check in table for each of your wrestlers.

**Team and Individual Pictures (Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>)**

When: Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Where: 6:00-7:30 p.m. in CHS Wrestling Room

Team and individual pictures for the 2024 CWO Wrestling Team have been scheduled for Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We are doing pictures the same as we did last year for the group photo. The photographer will be using a “green screen” photo for each of our wrestlers to make a composite group photo instead of trying to take one large group photo with over 140 kids. This will speed up the process of taking pictures that night.

Each wrestler who wants individual pictures will have that picture taken in a normal wrestling stance in our wrestling room for the backdrop followed by a “green screen” photo just standing. This will be a very fast and less hectic process for us.

We want all our wrestlers who have participated during the 2024 season to be a part of the composite group photo. If your child has not been coming regularly to practice or has stopped coming, we would still like them to come back and be in the group photo. Individual pictures are optional for all wrestlers.

To avoid long wait times, we suggest parents use the following time *guidelines* for coming for pictures:

Session 1: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Session 2: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Session 3: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

These are *guidelines* and if it works best to come during a different session time, please feel free to do that so you can get pictures taken.

All wrestlers **MUST** wear their CWO team singlet for this picture. If you have not picked one up, we will give you one to use for pictures.

Picture packets will be passed out at practice starting Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with extras available from the photographer on picture night. Packets must be filled out with payment included for picture night. The packets and payment will go directly to the photographer that night.

NOTE: There will NOT be practice on this night. Only photos will be done during this time.

**Columbus Wrestling Tournament (Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

Our annual youth wrestling tournament will be held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Columbus High School wrestling team in conjunction with the Columbus Wrestling Organization hosts this tournament every year as our primary fundraiser. This tournament requires a tremendous number of volunteers to make it a success.

**A parent's meeting will be scheduled during the next week or two discuss the tournament details.**

Parents are required to attend this meeting and are expected to volunteer their time at the tournament. Please plan to attend this meeting to sign up. We will send out a "Parents Guide" for the tournament help needed prior to the meeting.

**Team Tournaments:**

Reminder that we post the complete list of Team tournaments and other tournaments on the CWO Team website under the following link: <http://www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments>

The tournaments are listed in tabular format by date and name. The far right column of the table contains a link to all the tournament flyers for each date. We upload and link these flyers as soon as we get them from the host of the tournament. If you are using a cell phone to view this list, you may have to slide over the right to get access to the links.

Tournament participation has been great this year as a whole and all the tournaments we are going to are filling up early in the week. Feel free to look ahead each week into the following week's team tournament and get register ahead.

**INFORMATION FOR OUR GIRL WRESTLERS:** When you register for tournaments which advertise that they will have "girls only" brackets, be sure to pick the right division in TrackWrestling from the drop down menu. Some of the tournaments are not designating "Boys" divisions and only add "Girls" to their divisions. TrackWrestling likely puts the drop down list for divisions in numerical order and alphabetical order so the list will likely have PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 on top followed by divisions named Girl's PreK-K, Girl's 1-2, Girl's 3-4, Girl's 5-6, Girl's 7-8 toward the bottom. The first ones are for boys by default. If you signed up for that by accident in future tournaments and notice it when weighing in, just request that they move your girl to the Girls division. Unless of course, you have a girl that wants to wrestle in the boys division, that is perfectly okay.

**Upcoming Team Tournaments/Events:**

***Sunday, February 4th, 2024      Howells-Dodge Youth Tournament (Howells-Dodge High School, Howells, NE)***

We will be going to this tournament as a team. Forms and information is available on the Team website at [www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments](http://www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments). **Parents are responsible for sending in form and/or registering on-line on their own including making payment.**

***Sunday, February 4th, 2024      Wahoo Wrestling Club Tournament (Wahoo High School, Wahoo, NE)***

**\*\*\* GIRL'S ONLY DIVISIONS AVAILABLE \*\*\***

We will be going to this tournament as a team. Forms and information is available on the Team website at [www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments](http://www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments). **Parents are responsible for sending in form and/or registering on-line on their own including making payment.**

**Opportunity Tournaments:**

No local tournaments available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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