

Information Note #7 – Week of 2/16/26**Practice Schedule**

Reminder that practices this week are on Monday and Tuesday night due to the NSAA State Tournaments this week.

CHS Wrestling State Qualifiers

The Columbus High School boys and girls wrestling teams had great performances over the past few weekends. The boys team finished as NSAA Class A District A2 Team Champions and qualified 11 wrestlers for the Nebraska High School Boys State Tournament this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The previous weekend, the girls team finished in 7th place at the NSAA Class A District 4 tournament and qualified 4 girls for the Nebraska High School Girls State Tournament taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

We plan to introduce our boys and girls State qualifiers to the CWO wrestlers between practices on Monday, February 16, 2026, starting at 7 p.m. Please have your 3rd-8th grade wrestlers show up early for this event. K-2nd grade wrestlers may be let out a little late so they can be a part of this event.

Parents feel free to step into the wrestling room for this event. These 15 wrestlers along with their teammates help us every week to teach and coach our CWO youth wrestlers and we are grateful for the time and effort they give back to our youth!!

Apparel Orders

Orders are complete and are available for pickup. Everyone should have received an email from Special Tee letting you know your order is done and what their store hours are for pickup.

Columbus Wrestling Tournament (Sunday, February 22nd, 2026) – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Our annual youth wrestling tournament will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, 2026. 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.

WE HAVE HAD A GREAT RESPONSE FROM OUR PARENTS TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS BUT WE STILL HAVE SOME IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO SIGN UP AND HELP OUR TOURNAMENT BE A SUCCESS.

COLUMBUS TOURNAMENT (2026) – VOLUNTEERS

Shortcut link: <https://tsu.me/columbustournament2026>

COLUMBUS TOURNAMENT (2026) – FOOD DONATIONS – SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST !!!

Shortcut link: <https://tsu.me/columbustournamentfood2026>

All parents are expected to volunteer their time at the tournament. We have enough positions available which will allow parents to volunteer when their wrestler is not scheduled to wrestle, or we also have table help positions available which are in the same gym that your wrestler will be in. We can move people around, if necessary, to allow parents to be closer to where their child wrestles.

The “Columbus Wrestling Tournament - Guide for Volunteer Positions (2026)” information document was sent out to all parents in the meeting invite email and is posted on our Team website at:

<http://www.columbuswrestling.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Columbus-Wrestling-Tournament-Volunteer-Sign-Up-Food-Donations-Website-Links-2026.pdf>

CWO Parents will be relied on heavily this year for most of the Saturday duties for setting up the tournament since our tournament falls the day after the State tournament this year. High school parents will likely be coming home from Omaha that evening and not be available for the early shifts on Saturday night.

CWO Registrations for the Columbus Wrestling Tournament (Sunday, 2/22/26)

CWO wrestlers are required to register and pay for the Columbus Wrestling Tournament. All entries must be made online via TrackWrestling. The direct link to register is below.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AS WE HAVE FILLED TO CAPACITY THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS !!!

Registration Link [Deadline Friday, 2/20/2026 at 11:59 PM]:

http://www.trackwrestling.com/registration/TW_Register.jsp?tournamentGroupId=275234132

Tournament Website: tournament.columbuswrestling.org

Tournament Flyer: <http://www.columbuswrestling.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Columbus-Wrestling-Anchor-Tournament-Form-2026.pdf>

REMINDER: All CWO wrestlers will need to weigh in on Saturday night or Sunday morning during the designated times. If your wrestler does not weigh in, they will not be bracketed for the tournament on Sunday!

Team and Individual Pictures

Thank you to all the parents and coaches who helped make the picture night very organized. We will update everyone when the pictures are available for pick up.

Nebraska USA Wrestling District 3 Tournament

This tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, 2026 in O'Neill. We will be going to this tournament as a team. I am strongly encouraging **everyone** to attend this tournament and make every effort to qualify for the USA State Tournament. Wrestlers can't go to the State Tournament without going through the District Tournament. Those who qualify will advance to the Nebraska USA State Folkstyle Tournament on Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 27th (in Grand Island). For those who qualify for the State tournament, the CWO will register and pay their entries.

To qualify for NEUSAW State, the following applies:

- All wrestlers, all age groups, boys and girls, must participate in the District 3 tournament
- All girls, K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 grade, automatically qualify for State
- PreK-K boys, automatically qualify for State
- Boys in grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 must place top 4 at Districts to qualify

Registration Link: Will be emailed out once available. Registration link is not currently active.

This tournament is very important to our Team and having a strong representation at the tournament is something we encourage and strive for. Please consider participating and being a part of the CWO Team represented at this tournament. For those of you who qualify for State as a result of your District placement, the CWO will pay your entry fee for the State tournament. This is one of the several events we help support through our fundraising.

Satellite weigh-ins: To avoid having to travel to O'Neill early on Saturday morning for weigh-ins, we will be hosting a satellite weigh-in in Columbus on Friday night from 6-7 p.m. Please enter Columbus High School using the Activities Entrance on the northeast side of the school. Weigh-ins will take place in the locker room across from the wrestling room.

Upcoming Dual Team Opportunity (Huskerland State Duals) (3rd - 5th & 6th - 8th Grade) - BOYS

We have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Huskerland State Duals on Friday, March 13th for 6th-8th grade and Sunday, March 15th for 3rd – 5th grade. Both events are held in Kearney, NE at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds Event Center. This is an excellent event which we have participated in the past several years and done very well as a team. We plan to attend again this year. Please note that 6th-8th grade Huskerland Duals will now be wrestled on **Friday** afternoon with AAU State for this age group on Saturday.

A separate email will be sent out with additional details and instructions for signing up to be a part of this dual team opportunity, including wrestle-offs information for our CWO wrestlers.

Upcoming Dual Team Opportunity (Huskerland State Duals) (K-8th Grade) - GIRLS

We have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Huskerland State Girls Duals on Sunday, March 15th for K-8th grade. This event is held in Kearney, NE at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds Event Center. This is an excellent opportunity for us to put together a CWO girl's dual team and compete against other girls across the state. We plan to take a team to this event. WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE OUR NEW GIRLS DUAL TEAM SINGLET'S FOR THIS EVENT!!!

A separate email will be sent out with additional details and instructions for signing up to be a part of this dual team opportunity, including wrestle-offs information for our CWO girl wrestlers.

Upcoming Team Tournaments/Events:

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 Columbus Wrestling 'Anchor' Tournament (Columbus High School)
(see information above)

Saturday, February 28th, 2026 North Bend Matcats Tournament (North Bend High School, North Bend, 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. **Parents are responsible for sending in form and/or registering on-line on their own including making payment.**

Saturday, February 28th, 2026 NEUSAW Girls Heartland National Dual Team Qualifier for 1st - 8th grade
This is the only way a Girl can make the NEUSAW Heartland team. NEUSAW will not be using the State tournament to qualify the Girls this year. Top 3 place winners in each weight class at this tournament will qualify for the NEUSAW Girls Heartland 1st-8th grade teams. More information will be sent out to our girl wrestlers for this event.

Opportunity Tournaments:

No local tournaments available.

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

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