

Information Note #10 – Week of 3/9/26**Practices**

Even though it is spring break for CPS this week, we will still have normal practices on Monday and Thursday. Those of you who are wrestling on the Huskerland Dual Team should be at practice this week to stay sharp with your technique. We will not have check-ins this week due to spring break so please have your wrestlers come directly to the wrestling room.

Singlet Return

We will be sending out a separate email regarding singlet return times and dates. Please DO NOT have your wrestler bring their singlet back during undesignated times. Coaches do not have the singlet check-in sheets nor the deposit checks to properly check in your singlet. Our coaches are focused on running practices and can easily forget who handed in a singlet which could result in your deposit check being cashed. Email will be sent out this week with the check-in times anticipated to start next week.

Nebraska USA Wrestling District 3 Tournament (Results)

Congratulations to all our CWO wrestlers for a great performance at the NEUSAW District 3 tournament. We had 46 of our 65 wrestlers qualify for the State Tournament. All our wrestlers also contributed to the CWO winning the NEUSAW District 3 Team Championship! Great Job! Thank you to all the coaches who were there!

For the 46 wrestlers who qualified for the State tournament on March 21st and 22nd, the CWO will register and pay for their tournament entry. **Please do not register on your own**, we will take care of it for you. We will need parents to confirm with us that their wrestler intends on attending the State tournament. We will send out a survey form for our parents to fill out and commit to the tournament. Remember girls (all ages) and boys (PreK-K) automatically qualify for the State tournament if you attended Districts.

For those 1st – 8th Grade and above boys who did not automatically qualify (top 4 placement at Districts) and would like to petition to get into the State tournament if a spot opens in your weight class, there is a form you need to fill out and submit to be considered for getting into the tournament based on the petition.

Information posted by Nebraska USA Wrestling:

Q: What if I attended a district tournament but did not place high enough to qualify?

A: You can apply for a hardship waiver. Fill out the form and submit it.

Direct link to fill out a Hardship Petition:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfv-uQU7COFBTYDpfO1mCv9EsHC_SpscTFE5lk9OqrjU_HyXg/viewform

The deadline for hardship petitions is Friday, March 13th. You cannot register for the State Tournament until you are given instructions. If approvals are the same as last year, petitions will be notified by email whether it has been accepted or declined by the next Tuesday evening.

Because we had so many of our own wrestlers in several brackets, we ended up beating each other out and some of our wrestlers did not qualify for the State tournament. We hope everyone who was in this situation or especially those who placed 5th or 6th, should consider petitioning to get into the State tournament. Not all Districts had 4 wrestlers at every weight class which means there will be openings at State.

All PreK-K boys automatically qualify for the State tournament if they attended Districts, regardless of their placement, and will be bracketed again at State according to the weight that they weigh in at during satellite weigh-ins.

All girls that attended the District 3 tournament are automatic qualifiers and can enter the State tournament. This is a great way for our girls to continue to compete against other girls and demonstrate the skills they have been learning throughout the year.

Detailed information **INCLUDING PURCHASING RESERVED TICKETS IN ADVANCE FOR THIS EVENT** is located at <https://www.nebraskausawrestling.org/page/show/948141-state-folkstyle->. The event is going back to General Admission seating this year. You can buy tickets at the box office at the tournament to avoid Ticketmaster fees but understand there could be a line to get tickets. I will send out more information as I receive it regarding ticket purchases.

NEUSAW State Schedule Summary:

Saturday, March 21st

MAIN ARENA

Session A: 9:00 a.m. - All Boys 3&4 grade

Session B: 2:00 p.m. - All Boys 5&6 grade. [Approximate start time, will start after Session A.]

EXPO HALL

Session C: 9:00 a.m. - All Boys and Girls 1&2 grade.

Session D: 2:00 p.m. - All Boys & Girls PreK&K. [Approximate start time, will start after Session C.]

Sunday, March 22nd

MAIN ARENA

Session E: 9:00 a.m. - All Boys 7&8 grade.

Session F: 2:00 p.m. - All Girls 3&4, 5&6 and 7&8 grade [Approx start time, will start after Session E.]

EXPO HALL

Session G: 9:00 a.m. - All Boys and Girls High School.

Upcoming Dual Team Opportunity (Huskerland State Duals) – BOYS & GIRLS

A separate set of emails has been sent out with additional details and instructions for those who are a part of the final dual teams. We have some great boys and girls teams competing this weekend in the Huskerland State Duals !!!

Nebraska AAU State Tournament

The 2026 Nebraska AAU State Tournament will also be held during the Huskerland State Dual Tournament in Kearney the same weekend as Huskerland Duals. Grades PreK-2nd grade will wrestle Friday night with all other grades (3rd-8th) will wrestle on Saturday. The information for this tournament is available at the <https://nswca.com/huskerland/#aau> website. This is another great opportunity to participate in a tournament with great competition.

There are opportunities for 7th and 8th graders to qualify to wrestle on the Nebraska AAU Elementary National Dual Teams based on your placement at this tournament. Younger grades can make the teams but must also wrestle up in the 7-8 grade divisions to make the teams. More details are posted on the link above. Please note that the AAU national duals are the same weekend as the Nebraska USA Wrestling National Duals in Council Bluffs.

NOTE: All wrestlers must have an AAU Card to compete in Huskerland Duals and AAU State. (This is NOT the USA Wrestling Card purchased for you by the CWO.) Enrollment of all athletes can be done easily and painlessly online at the AAU Sports website. Direct link: <https://aausports.org/join-aau-2025/>

Note that there is a NEW LOGIN REQUIRED for 2026. You will need to create a new username and password to obtain a 2026 AAU Membership. Your old credentials did not transfer over to the new system. Once complete, go to Get a Membership section and click Athlete Membership and follow the instructions. For your wrestler, you need a “Youth Athlete Membership” then choose ‘Wrestling’ from the drop-down menu and click options for ‘Regular’ and then choose ‘No’ for “Are they a member of a club?”. CWO does not have an AAU team code.

Upcoming Team Tournaments (remainder of 2026 season):

Friday, March 13th, 2026 Huskerland Boys Duals Tournament [6-8 Grade] (Expo Center, Kearney)
Sunday, March 15th, 2026 Huskerland Boys Duals Tournament [3-5 Grade] (Expo Center, Kearney)
Sunday, March 15th, 2026 Huskerland Girls Duals Tournament [K-8 Grade] (Expo Center, Kearney)
[See note above.]

Friday, March 13th, 2026 Nebraska AAU State Tournament [Boys&Girls] [K-2 Grade] (Expo Center, Kearney)
Saturday, March 14th, 2026 Nebraska AAU State Tournament [Boys&Girls] [3-5 & 6-8 Grade] (Expo Center, Kearney)

[See note above.]

Nebraska USA Wrestling State Tournament (All Age Groups)

When/Where: Saturday, March 21st & Sunday, March 22nd in Grand Island, NE at the Heartland Events Center located on the State Fairgrounds. More details will be sent to our State qualifiers as we get closer to the event. **The CWO will register and pay for all State qualifiers.**

Huskerland State Tournament (All Age Groups)

When/Where: Saturday, March 28th & Sunday, March 29th in Kearney, NE. Wrestlers will only wrestle on Saturday OR Sunday depending on your grade. Detailed information on the tournament will be sent out later. **The CWO will register and pay for this State tournament.** Please do not register on your own or you will not get the team discount.

Heartland USA Elementary & Middle School National Duals (Qualifiers from NE USA State)

When/Where: Friday, April 3rd & Saturday, April 4th in Council Bluffs, IA. Wrestlers qualify for the Elementary or the Middle School Dual teams that will represent Nebraska based on your performance at the NE USA State Tournament. There are four elementary dual teams and three middle school dual teams for Nebraska. Detailed information on the tournament will be sent out later. Registration fees will be covered for our wrestlers for this National event.

Midwest Classic Nationals (All Age Groups)

When/Where: Saturday, April 4th in Kearney, NE. Wrestlers will wrestle on Saturday only for ALL ages. Detailed information is located at <https://www.mwcevents.com/midwest-classic>.

Opportunity Tournaments for parents to choose from are posted on the following websites:

Nebraska USA Wrestling Club Tournament Calendar:

<https://www.nebraskausawrestling.org/page/show/948251-other-events>

NSWCA/Huskerland Tournament Calendar:

<https://nswca.com/calendar/>

Additional tournaments may also be posted on TrackWrestling:

<https://www.trackwrestling.com/Login.jsp?TIM=1772414623033&twSessionId=ybtbsiqljh&tName=&state=28&sDate=&eDate=&lastName=&firstName=&teamName=&sfvString=&city=&gbId=&camps=false>

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

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