



NEW for 2025:

**ALL Stairways will be closed during wrestling
Entrance for Coaches – NE lower stairway**

The TEAM Camp is been moved outside of the arena. It is located ground level on the inside of the “elbow” of the NE ramp and Sun deck just east of the stairs where the coaches enter.

Only Board certified coaches, wrestlers listed on TW OPC and the Schools administrators listed on the member schools Home Page of aiaonline.org will be allowed on the arena floor during the team awards ceremony.

Parents, fellow students etc. can meet the teams after the awards ceremony at the North VMC Box Office.

BUS/SCHOOL VAN PARKING: - Plan on Heavy Traffic around VMC!

- School Buses and School vans are to enter off 19th Ave. & Monte Vista
- They will drop off at North Coliseum Box Office where teams will enter up the NE ramp.
- Buses/School vans are to proceed to park at the North end of the parking lot.
- All other vehicles will need to pay for parking - **\$12** per vehicle and no re entry.

WEIGH IN INSTRUCTIONS:

- First the **participating** wrestlers will check-in at the Northwest stairway entrance of the arena. *Look for Participating wrestler only signs!*
- All participating wrestlers can proceed to the WEIGH-IN area for Skin checks and weigh ins. AIA event officials will be giving wrestlers instructions on how to proceed. Weigh-ins will follow the **2024-25 NFHS Wrestling Rule 4.5.**
- The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has provided a physical release form for wrestlers to compete. This form must be completed prior to weigh-in or upon arrival at the site of a dual meet and/or tournament.
- The participating wrestlers will be called to the warmup area and should proceed immediately down the NE Ramp – to report to the Wrestler Only entrance for warmups. Participating wrestlers and coaches will enter from the NE corner entrance of the arena and be given their mat number. Once your match is completed wrestlers are asked to exit the floor going **WEST** and then go back up the NE Ramp to the upstairs wrestler entrance.
- In case of an **EMERGENCY ONLY** you can call the head table at:
Mark Panepinto Cell – 602-418-4957
Travis Miller Cell – 480-349-4753



AUTHORIZED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MAT-SIDE

- All Coaches will Check in at the Northeast stairway entrance of the arena to pick up their credentials and wristbands. *Look for coaches only signs!*
- Schools qualifying: (1-2) wrestlers will be given **TWO** mat-side wrist bands.
- Schools qualifying: (3-5) wrestlers will be given **THREE** mat-side wrist bands.
- Schools qualifying: (6 -9) wrestlers will be given **FOUR** mat-side wrist bands.
- Schools qualifying (10 +) wreslters will be given **FIVE** mat-side wrist bands

FLOOR ADMITTANCE

- Only two coaches, wearing an official coach's wristband/credentials, are permitted mat side. A coach with current session wristband/credentials will be allowed with an on-deck wrestler in the holding area. *Coaches and wrestlers not participating in a match at VMC must be off the competition floor area.*
- Only AIA staff, credential photographers Media and Certified Athletic Trainers will be admitted to the arena behind the scoring tables.

APPEARANCE OF COACHES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

The professional appearance of coaches will enhance the image of the sport of wrestling and the “ class” of the State Tournament. The AIA Wrestling Sports Advisory Committee is requiring all MAT-SIDE coaches at the State Tournament be attired in school logo collared shirts or shirt and tie. It is recommended that slacks in khaki, black, white or gray be worn. Cut-offs, shorts or any torn/ripped jeans (professional looking jeans are OK) are prohibited while at mat-side. Hats must be worn as intended (not backwards/sideways) and no questionable wording or logos.



ADDITIONAL TEAM PERSONNEL

- Any wrestler who participated in the Sectional Tournament and has a matching School ID can proceed to the NE Ramp pass gate to pick up their wristbands. Names will be checked off from the list of Sectional participating wrestlers only and school ID or other form of photo ID is required then will be given the wristband by event staff. *Look for Team Managers/non-Participating wrestlers only signs.* Seating will be in the 300 level and not on the floor or mat-side area.
- Any other person(s) traveling with the team will need to purchase an all day wristband.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Ice Chests/Food/etc** – Each TEAM may bring ONE cooler to the Veteran Memorial Coliseum the coolers MUST be staged along the **NE** wall below the Ramp in the Team Camp Area. Only wrestlers, coaches and Team personnel will be allowed into this area. Please label your cooler with school name.
- Divison I, II & III Schools that are from outside of the **Phoenix Valley** and are traveling with their Girls teams will be given time on the practice mats (**Thursday only**).

D I - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

D II - 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

D III - 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm