



MAT & PAIRING OFFICIALS FREESTYLE CLINICS



FRIDAY, March 5, 2010

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ben Davis High School, 1200 N. Girls School Road, Indianapolis IN 46214

Directions: Located on the west side of Indianapolis. ... I-465 to 10th Street West Exit, West on 10th Street to Girls School Road, North (right) on Girls School Road, Ben Davis High School is on the left.

The ISWA has scheduled the following clinics to assist you in education and training in pairing and officiating:

Vertical Pairing Clinic

Freestyle & Greco Mat Officials Rules Clinic

All clinics listed are free of charge and open to all who are interested.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

FYI: Both a Folkstyle Line Bracketing Clinic and a Referee's clinic are held each year the second Sunday in September, immediately following the ISWA Annual Meeting. If you plan to host a Folkstyle tournament in 2011, we urge you to attend the clinics. The next clinic will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2010.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAIRING DEVELOPMENTAL DIRECTOR

This year was another step forward for pairing in Indiana. 2009 was the third year we used computers to pair all of our State tournaments. While we had some hurdles to overcome each tourney helped us gain additional skills in the use of computer pairing.

There continues to be a learning curve with the TrackWrestling programs. While the Folkstyle line bracketing program went quite smooth in 2009, the Freestyle program presents more of a challenge. Indiana is one of the few states that use a Single Pool and TrackWrestling's programs are set up for A/B Pools. Having worked with TrackWrestling during the past two years has greatly increased our ability to handle the differences. The challenge continues to be the placement of fifth through eighth. While TrackWrestling does an excellent job of placing first through fourth, the pairing team must identify and correctly pair fifth through eighth. This results in a significant number of special bouts.

Even though we are using the computer system to pair our State tournaments, we still need people to learn how to pair. Local tournaments need help to pair, oversee and run the flow. So, I strongly encourage those interested in pairing to attend a Pairing clinic and learn how to pair and run tournaments.

We are presently working on developing a system of local and regional training sessions to help increase the number of pairers in Indiana.

I want to thank ALL pairers who worked throughout the state of Indiana this last year.

Hope to see you on March 5th!

Joe Downing