Information Note #6 & #7 Combined – Week of 2/17/25

Practice Schedule Reminders/Changes

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

Next week's practice schedule has been changed to the following: Monday (2/24) – Normal Practice times Tuesday (2/25) – Wrestle-offs for Huskerland Dual Teams (Boys 3rd-5th, Boys 6th-8th & Girls K-8th) (6-8 p.m.) Thursday (2/27) – Normal Practice times

CHS Wrestling State Qualifiers

The Columbus High School boys and girls wrestling teams had great performances this past weekend. The boys team finished as NSAA Class A District A4 Team Runner-ups and qualified 12 wrestlers for the Nebraska High School Boys State Tournament this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The previous weekend, the girls team finished in 9th place at the NSAA Class A District 4 tournament and qualified a team record of 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 17, 2025. Parents feel free to step into the wrestling room for this event. These 16 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!!

Columbus Wrestling Tournament (Sunday, February 23rd, 2025) – MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Our annual youth wrestling tournament will be held this coming Sunday, February 23rd, 2025. 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 (2025) – VOLUNTEERS Shortcut link: <u>https://ttsu.me/columbustournament2025</u>

COLUMBUS TOURNAMENT (2025) – FOOD DONATIONS – ALL SPOTS ARE FILLED – THANK YOU! Shortcut link: <u>https://ttsu.me/columbustournamentfood2025</u>

All parents are <u>expected</u> 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 (2025)" 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/2025/02/Columbus-Wrestling-Tournament-Guide-for-Volunteer-Positions-2025.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, 2/23/25)

CWO wrestlers are required to register and pay for the Columbus Wrestling Tournament. All entries must be made on-line 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, 2/21/2025 at 11:59 PM]: <u>https://www.trackwrestling.com/registration/TW_Register.jsp?tournamentGroupId=262428132</u> Tournament Website: <u>tournament.columbuswrestling.org</u> Tournament Flyer: <u>http://www.columbuswrestling.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Columbus-Wrestling-Anchor-Tournament-Form-2025.pdf</u>

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 1st, 2025 in O'Neill. We will be going to this tournament as a team. I am strongly encouraging <u>everyone</u> 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 15th and Sunday, March 16th (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 strongly 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.

<u>Satellite weigh-ins</u>: 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.

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

We have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Huskerland State Duals on Friday, March 7th for $6^{th}-8^{th}$ grade and Sunday, March 9th for $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ 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 $6^{th}-8^{th}$ grade Huskerland Duals will now be wrestled on *Friday* afternoon with AAU State for all ages on Saturday.

A separate email has been 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 9th 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 SINGLETS FOR THIS EVENT !!!

A separate email has been 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)

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

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