

What is the IWCOA and what is its mission?

The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association is the professional organization for wrestling coaches and officials in Illinois.

The IWCOA declare their mutual intent to cooperatively work together to:

- ◆ *Recognize accomplishments of groups & individuals at the All-State and Hall of Fame Banquets.*
- ◆ *Support the IHSA through clinics and classes for coaches and officials.*
- ◆ *Provide communication and social activities for the purpose of membership recruitment.*
- ◆ *Contribute to and Support the Ken Gerdes Memorial Scholarship Foundation.*
- ◆ *Sponsor and Direct the Fresh-Soph & Girls State Series, Illinois/Indiana All-Star Dual and Midwest Nationals Wrestling Tournament.*

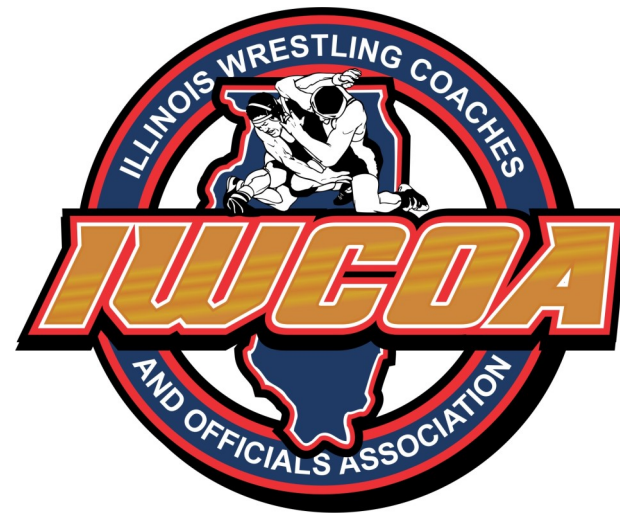
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Significant IWCOA Wrestling Events 2017-2018

- ◆ 10/21, 10/22 Officials Clinics
- ◆ 10/28, 10/29 Officials Clinics
- ◆ 11/4, 11/5 Officials Clinics
- ◆ 11/6 1st day of practice for IHSA
- ◆ 11/20 1st day of IHSA competition
- ◆ 2/3 IHSA Regional
- ◆ 2/9-10 IHSA Sectional
- ◆ 2/15-17 IHSA Individual State Tournament @ State Farm Center Assembly Hall
- ◆ 2/22 All-State Awards Nominations Open
- ◆ 2/20 IHSA Dual Team Sectional
- ◆ 2/24 IHSA Dual Team State Tournament @ US Cellular Coliseum, Bloomington
- ◆ 2/24-25 IWCOA Fresh/Soph Regional, sites TBA
- ◆ 2/28 Awards Nominations Close
- ◆ 3/1-11 All-State Awards Voting
- ◆ 3/3-4 IWCOA Fresh/Soph. Sectional, Sites TBA
- ◆ 3/10-11 IWCOA Fresh/Soph State @ Prairie Capital Convention Center
- ◆ 3/11 Illinois/Indiana All-Star Dual @ Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield
- ◆ 4/7 Hall of Fame Induction and Lifetime Service Awards Banquet, Holiday Inn of Countryside
- ◆ 4/8 All-State Banquet, Site TBA
- ◆ 6/18 Ken Gerdes III Memorial Golf Outing
- ◆ 7/14 IWCOA Midwest Nationals Tournament @ Illinois Wesleyan, Shirk Center, Bloomington

For more information/questions - write or e-mail:
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For a complete timeline of events visit:
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What are the major functions and benefits of the IWCOA?

- ◆ The IWCOA membership includes membership in the Illinois Coaches Association. This membership includes a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy among other benefits including available insurance coverage for open tournament and camps.
- ◆ The IWCOA will host 12 Live Rules Interpretation Clinics to kick off the new season. Dates, places and times are listed in the timeline on the back page of this pamphlet.
- ◆ The IWCOA will host 12 Official's Clinics in Level 1 and Level II training.
- ◆ The IWCOA and the IHSA have worked together and established Official's Technique Classes and the implementation of a progressive and positive Official's Mentoring Program for the evaluation and promotion of wrestling officials.
- ◆ The IWCOA has established a working relationship with the IHSA which has led directly to the creation of Grand Marshals (which are selected by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee).
- ◆ The IWCOA directs the annual Freshman-Sophomore & Girls State Tournament Series.
- ◆ The IWCOA directs the annual Illinois / Indiana Classic Duals which showcases our best graduating seniors versus Indiana's.
- ◆ The IWCOA is responsible for the creation, organization and presentation of the All-State Banquet & Convention which honors our All-State Wrestlers and Coaches.
- ◆ At this banquet we recognize our most accomplished athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and special friends of Illinois wrestling. Awards include:
 - Wrestler of the Year & Scholastic Wrestler of the Year for each class
 - Head and Assistant Coaches of the Year for each class
 - Official of the Year
 - Administrator of the Year for each class
 - Gold, Silver and Bronze Level Awards for Special Recognition
 - Ken Gerdes Memorial Scholarship Recipients
 - All-State Wrestlers in attendance are recognized with a certificate and T-Shirt
 - Newsmen of the Year
- ◆ The IWCOA is also responsible for the creation, organization and presentation of the Hall of Fame Banquet which honors Hall of Fame Inductees, Lifetime Service Awards, and Grand Marshalls. This banquet is held separate from the All-State Banquet.
 - On average, 12 to 18 people are Inducted into the Hall of Fame each year.
 - Athletes, Coaches, and Officials must be nominated by an IWCOA member.
 - The Hall of Fame Selection Committee is a panel consisting of Hall of Fame Members.
 - A voting quorum procedure is followed in the selection of Hall of Fame Inductees.
- ◆ The IWCOA organizes and directs the Midwest Nationals Wrestling Tournament held at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington on July 14, 2018

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2017-2018 Membership Application

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

Zip

School

E-Mail

Phone

Check all that apply: H.S. Head Coach H.S. Assistant

Official JHS/Club/College Coach Media

Retired Contributor Friend of Wrestling

\$35 — One (1) year **INDIVIDUAL** membership

\$25 each — One (1) year **TEAM** membership (MUST include 3 or more coaches from same team) (3 or more coaches pay just \$25 each). Each coach should fill out a membership application and return all forms and the check together OR email Nate Kessen for a team discount code to Pay pay online.

Return application(s) and checks to:
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