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Dear Wrestling Coaches:

Over the past several years, the IWCOA has made many changes to increase communication with its membership. With our website [IWCOA.net](http://iwcoa.net) and membership management system we have the ability to send group emails to our membership as well as send out renewal notices, intake donations, initiate nominations and voting for our awards, and administer online registration for our official's clinic series and for our banquets.

While this greatly cuts down on the cost of mailing, there is still something about a hard copy membership form. The IWCOA decided to follow up and send this letter to invite you to join or renew your membership to the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association. If you have already joined, either through the web site or through the mail, **THANK YOU** for your membership. Below is a list of benefits you receive by being a member of the IWCOA. As you can see, we do many positive things to advocate and promote our great sport.

Things the IWCOA does for wrestling in Illinois:

- Select and maintain the Hall of Fame.
- Direct Official's Clinics throughout the state and work with IHSA to recruit officials. ➤ Selection of Grand Marshals for the Individual State Tournament.
- Sponsorship of the Illinois/Indiana Classic Dual and the Fresh-Soph State Series.
- Host Hall of Fame Induction Banquet and All-State Convention (formerly Banquet) in April. In 2017 we initiated a revamp of the All-State Banquet, with the aim to become more of a convention with a live clinic for the wrestlers and coaches along with college information sessions for wrestler, coaches, and parents. We are accelerated this even more for the 2018 version. We will continue this format for 2019
- IL/IN Classic Dual. New 2018, we provided our wrestlers with a two-piece uniform and ¼ zip sublimated top! This gave the Illinois Team a very impressive look. Please encourage your top seniors to participate!

Your membership also includes:

- Insurance through the Illinois Coaches Association. This insurance is also available for camps, clinics and tournaments you may host.
- Free Coaches Pass Admittance to the Fresh-Soph state series (regionals, sectionals, and state).
- Nomination and Voting rights for all awards given by the IWCOA.

Members will be able to nominate and vote online for awards. Information on how to go about nominating an assistant coach, wrestler, administrator, newsman, official, or academic all-state wrestler can be found on our web site and will be emailed to all members. Please start thinking about qualified candidates.

Please find enclosed a membership application brochure. Online Registration can be done at <https://iwcoa.net/membership/>. To register 3 or more coaches as a team online, please contact me at iwcoa@outlook.com for a coupon code. You can also fill out the paper forms and send to me with one check for all memberships. Team Membership is still \$25 per coach for 3 or more coaches, 2 or less remains at \$35 per member. The IWCOA is a great organization with which to get involved. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at iwcoa@outlook.com.

Yours in Wrestling,

Nate Kessen, IWCOA Membership Chairman