

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 III Memorial Foundation.*
- ◆ *Sponsor and Direct the Fresh-Soph & HS Girls State Series & Illinois/Indiana All-Star Dual*
- ◆ *Support the Midwest Nationals Wrestling Tournament.*

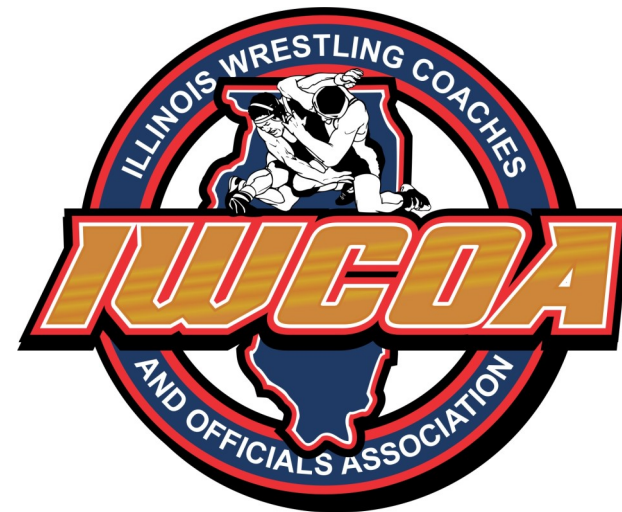
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Significant IWCOA Wrestling Events 2019-2020

- ◆ 10/19, 10/20 Officials Clinics
- ◆ 10/25-26 BTS/IWCOA Coaches & Officials Convention
- ◆ 10/26, 10/27 Officials Clinics
- ◆ 11/2, 11/3 Officials Clinic
- ◆ 11/11 1st day of practice for IHSA
- ◆ 11/25 1st day of IHSA competition
- ◆ 2/8 IHSA Regional
- ◆ 2/14-15 IHSA Sectional
- ◆ 2/20-22 IHSA Individual State Tournament @ State Farm Center Assembly Hall
- ◆ 2/25 IHSA Dual Team Sectional
- ◆ 2/29 IHSA Dual Team State Tournament @ Grossinger Motors Arena, Bloomington
- ◆ 2/29, 3/1 IWCOA Fresh/Soph Regionals @ sites TBA
- ◆ 3/1 Awards Nominations Open
- ◆ 3/4 Awards Nominations Close
- ◆ 3/7-11 All-State Awards Voting
- ◆ 3/7-8 IWCOA Fresh/Soph. & HS Girls Sectionals @ sites TBA
- ◆ 3/14-15 IWCOA Fresh/Soph & HS Girls State @ Bank of Springfield Center
- ◆ 3/15 Illinois/Indiana All-Star Dual @ Niles (Notre Dame College Prep)
- ◆ 4/25 Hall of Fame Induction and Lifetime Service Awards Banquet @ Holiday Inn of Countryside
- ◆ 4/26 Spring Convention & All-State Awards Presentation @ Alan B. Shepard H.S.
- ◆ 6/22 Ken Gerdes III Memorial Golf Outing @ Ruffled Feathers Golf Club
- ◆ 7/11 IWCOA Midwest Nationals Tournament @ Illinois Wesleyan Shirk Center

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 and Beat the Streets Chicago are hosting the 2nd Annual Illinois Coaches & Officials Convention on 10/25 & 10/26
- ◆ The IWCOA will host 13 Live Rules Interpretation Clinics to kick off the new season. Dates, places and times are listed on the IWCOA website.
- ◆ The IWCOA will host 13 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 & HS 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 Spring Convention & Awards Presentation 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 III Memorial Scholarship Recipients
 - All-State Wrestlers in attendance are recognized with a certificate and T-Shirt
 - Newsmen of the Year
 - Illinois Wrestling Person 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 supports the Midwest Nationals Wrestling Tournament held at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington on July 10, 2020

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2019-2020 Membership Application

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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 per coach — One (1) year **COACHES/TEAM** membership
 (MINIMUM 3 COACHES from same team). MUST BE
 POSTMARKED BEFORE 1/15/2020 to receive discounted rate.
 After 1/15/20 only \$35 rate is available Each coach should fill
 out a membership application and return all forms and the check
 together via MAIL ONLY.

Return application(s) and checks to:
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Or you can visit
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