

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.*

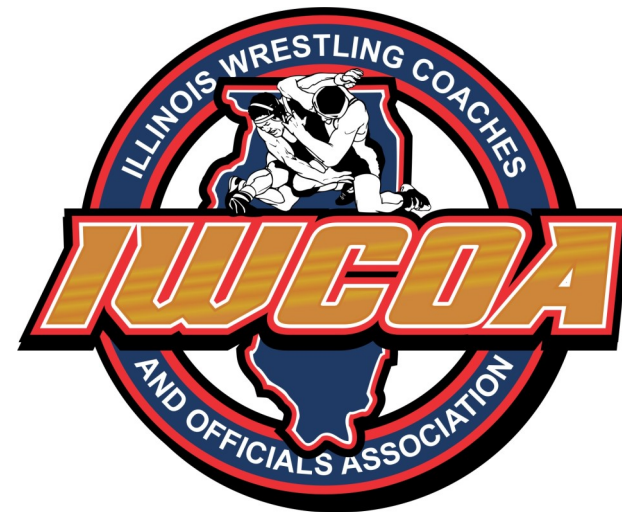
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Significant IWCOA Wrestling Events 2020-2021

- ◆ April Officials Clinics/Rules Reviews
- ◆ 04/19 1st day of practice for IHSA
- ◆ 04/26 1st day of IHSA competition
- ◆ 6/13 IWCOA Regional
- ◆ 6/19-20 IWCOA Sectional
- ◆ 6/21 IWCOA HS Girls State Tournament @ Bank of Springfield Center
- ◆ 6/22-23 IWCOA Fresh/Soph State Tournament @ Bank of Springfield Center
- ◆ 6/24 IWCOA 1A State @ Bank of Springfield Center
- ◆ 6/25 IWCOA 2A State @ Bank of Springfield Center
- ◆ 6/26 IWCOA 3A State @ Bank of Springfield Center
- ◆ 6/28 Ken Gerdes III Memorial Golf Outing @ Silver Lakes Country Club
- ◆ 7/10-11 Midwest Nationals Tournament @ New Castle Indiana High School
- ◆ TBD Hall of Fame Induction and Lifetime Service Awards Banquet @ Holiday Inn of Countryside

For more information/questions - write or e-mail:
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For a complete timeline of events visit:
<https://iwcoa.net/events/>

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 3rd Annual Illinois **Coaches & Officials Convention** in fall of 2021
- ◆ The IWCOA will hosts Live Rules Interpretation Clinics to kick off the new season. Dates, places and times are listed on the IWCOA website.
- ◆ The IWCOA will hosts 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
 - Newsman 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 New Castle Indiana High School July 10-11, 2021

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2020-2021 Membership Application

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

Zip

School

E-Mail

Phone

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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 6/01/2021 to receive discounted rate.

After 6/01/21 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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