**IWCOA 2024-2025 Membership Application** First Last Address Zip City School E-Mail Phone Are you purchasing this membership at an IWCOA Freshman-Sophomore Regional? If so, indicate which regional? Check which applies: High School Head Coach High School Assistant Coach \$35 — One (1) year INDIVIDUAL membership Each coach should fill out a membership application Official Other

## What are the major functions and benefits of the IWCOA?

\$25 TEAM membership of three (3) or more sent together as a group. (not available at regionals)

NOTE: team discount expires January 30, 2025

- IWCOA membership a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy for IWCOA open tournaments and camps.
- IWCOA directs the annual Freshman-Sophomore and Girls Open State Tournament Series.
- IWCOA recognizes our most accomplished athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, press, legends and special friends of Illinois wrestling with awards such as Hall of Fame Inductees, Lifetime Achievement Awards, Person of the Year, and Grand Marshalls. Additionally, the IWCOA awards outstanding wrestlers of the year, scholastic wrestlers of the year, and all-state awards which honors our IHSA State place winners, and more. Most awardees are recognized at the annual IWCOA Hall of Fame banquet held in April.
- IWCOA directs the annual Illinois / Indiana Classic Duals which showcases Illinois best boys and girls versus Indiana.
- IWCOA organizes and supports the Girls Dual Team State Championships held in December.
- IWCOA helps organize, promote, and support the Midwest Nationals Wrestling Tournament held annually in the summer.
- IWCOA financially supports grassroots college programs, college scholarships through the Ken Gerdes III foundation, and our local Olympic wrestlers. Additionally, IWCOA sponsors nominations to the Illinois chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, the National Wrestling Association, and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.
- IWCOA has been instrumental in promoting change at the state level including updating wrestling rules, positive changes to the IHSA State Tournaments, and supporting girls wrestling at the state level.
- IWCOA provides financial support for press articles that cover wrestling throughout the state year around.
- IWCOA hosts live Rules Interpretation Clinics including Level 1 and Level 2 training. Dates, places, and times are listed at IWCOA.net.
- IWCOA will host numerous Official's postseason rules reviews and weekly officials' forums.
- IWCOA and the IHSA have worked together and established official's technique classes, new officials' recruitment program, and the implementation of a progressive and positive official's mentoring Program for the evaluation and promotion of wrestling officials.