

How to survive your 1st Wrestling tournament

"This is a sport that has turned many boys into men and many men into leaders. And it is a sport in which you can be a GIANT regardless of how big you are."

-Carl Albert



Sign Up

- Via our website
- Dates, fees and deadlines in email.
- Flier attached to events on website.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- Novice can typically change weights at weigh in, try to be accurate.

Weigh In

- We will conduct a weigh in 24-48 hours before the tournament somewhere locally.
- Must wear Singlet to weigh in.
- Fingernails must be trimmed.
- If there are any skin issues ensure you have a skin form.
- If your wrestler doesn't make weight we will bump them up to the next weight class. ** Not always guaranteed and typically not in open.

Before the whistle blows

- Arrive early and try to find a seat with the team. We travel in large packs so if your 1st try to find a place that will hold a large group.
- Wrestling shoes on with laces taped or tucked. Locate headgear.
- Check trackwrestling.com for bracket or head out to the hallway to find hard copies. Many times it will be within 30 minutes of starting.
- Brackets may be combined, look up an down if you can't find them.
 Some will write match numbers on kids arm.
- Be ready to warm-up 30 minutes before the start time.

- Bring lots of snacks and water! Some tournaments will not allow coolers but you can always bring that cute 31 bag full of goodies.
- Be prepared they run from sunup to sundown! Don't expect to see the light of day! Bring a cushion to sit on, a book to read, a picnic lunch, a cooler and a crock pot of stew! Oh yes and a lawn chair in order to sit out in the hallway when the gym becomes a sauna of hot, sweaty, and smelly wrestlers.
- Put your wrestlers name on ALL their equipment. There's so much floating around, don't risk losing it. Shoes and headgear are found beneath the bleachers all the time. And the reply to coach's – "Whose is this? Is always, "Not mine!"
- Get there early!!! 30 minutes is not early enough. Coaches will NOT save you seats. Other wrestling parents get really grouchy when they see 20 blankets covering 5 rows of bleachers with 2 people sitting in them.
- Sit with other wrestling parents it helps to join hands when you want to run on the mat for an injury or to attack an official....they will hold you back.
- A wrestling tournament is not like Chuck E Cheese, you must keep tabs on your wrestler or they could escape!
- Bring a stadium seat for the bleachers! Or avoid bleacher butt by keeping a pillow in the wrestling bag, it also helps save your seat when you are away from it.
- Bring cash Some tournaments charge a buck or two to get in and concessions stands don't take plastic.

- Don't laugh the first time you see your son/daughter in a singlet.
- I don't know who does other clubs weigh-ins but your wrestler will always have at least 1 person who is a foot taller and about 15 pounds heavier – growls – and has facial hair. It's a fact!
- If your wrestler is in a headlock, their face is turning purple and they are mouthing the words, "I can't breathe", don't run out on the mat....the referee will notice eventually.
- Tournaments usually limit the number of coaches allowed to coach from the edge of the mat. Unless actually coaching no parents in the corner.
- All wrestlers must be accompanied at all times by a parent or legal guardian. You cannot drop off your child and leave them at tournaments. There will be NO exceptions to this rule.
- Always have your child notify a coach when they are "on deck" to wrestle. ("On deck" means that the wrestler's match is next on the board and will take place very soon.)
- No child should ever wrestle without a coach at their match. If there isn't a coach, request the ref to not start the match until you locate a coach.

- ALWAYS let the coach handle any problems that occur during a match. This would include point disputes and injuries. The coach will let you know if your assistance is needed.
- Keep a record of your child's performance (how many matches, how many wins pins, etc.)
- Tournaments can be very chaotic, so be sure to bring lots of patience. If you have questions at a tournament, find a coach or experienced parent and ask for help.
- Remember the majority of wrestling coaches are screamers don't take the coach's screaming and jumping around personally.
- Don't bother the coaches during a match (as mentioned above, they're a little high strung) When they come to you after the match, it's not to talk about your wrestler, but to ask for aspirin, Rolaids, throat lozenges or gum!
- While the match is in progress is not the time to be teaching new moves! Save the criticism and new moves until the next practice.
- Trophies or medals are typically awarded to the top 4 wrestlers in Open and all places in Novice.
- When the match is over, wrestlers shake hands with their opponent, referee and the opposing coach before returning to their coach.

- When they lose their 1st match don't let them quit, wrestling is a very up and down sport. Mental and physical toughness are both very important.
- With many experienced wrestlers you will not know who won or lost until they get off the mat and in their own space.
- If you want to video your wrestlers matches do it from the bleachers or side of the mat and most importantly make sure you are not doing it from the opponents "corner".
- Drama is for TMZ not TBT, don't argue, laugh, cuss or talk negatively about the opponent or anyone in their cheering section. Save it for the ride home, if there is an issue find a coach and we will address it.
- This will be one of the craziest youth sporting events you have ever attended, it will feel foreign and little crazy for the first couple, but you will actually miss it when the season ends.
- Tournaments –As parent, you will never understand how your gentle, sweet child, could possibly love to wrestle...to be stretched and twisted in ways nature never intended...but they do! So be happy when they win, supportive when they lose, and always have your camera/camcorder batteries charged!

What to bring.

- No matter what you do don't forget the singlet, shoes, headgear and your wrestler!
- Aspirin You're either going to have a headache from staying out too late the night before a very early morning, trying to read 12 scoreboards above the 4 mats, or the PA announcer saying sit down in front of the mats a 100 times an hour.
- Tissues These are for mom and dad for when their wrestlers wins or loses.
- Water Hydration is a major issue with wrestlers, but no one in the gym will need water more than you will. See Aspirin.
- Athletic tape, shoelaces must be tucked in tongue of shoes or taped.
- Keep a pair of nail clippers in your bag, Referees have a "thing" about wrestlers with long fingernails.
- Handheld games, a book or something to entertain them in between matches.

Terminology and Points

- Takedown 2 pts-Wrestler gains control of other wrestler
- Reversal 2 pts-Control between wrestlers switches
- Escape 1pt-Wrestler escapes from other wrestler's control
- Locked Hands 1/1/2/DQ-Wrestler in control can't lock hands unless in pinning combination or standing up-4th time=DQ
- Near Fall (2 sec) 2 pts-Exposing the back for at least 2 seconds
- Near Fall (5 sec) 3 pts-Exposing the back for at least 5 seconds
- Fall (Pin) Wrestler in control holds other wrestler's shoulders on mats for 2 seconds-match ends
- Neutral Both Wrestlers Standing
- Referees Position 1Wrestler on Top/1Wrestler on Bottom
- Stalemate No wrestler can gain an advantage

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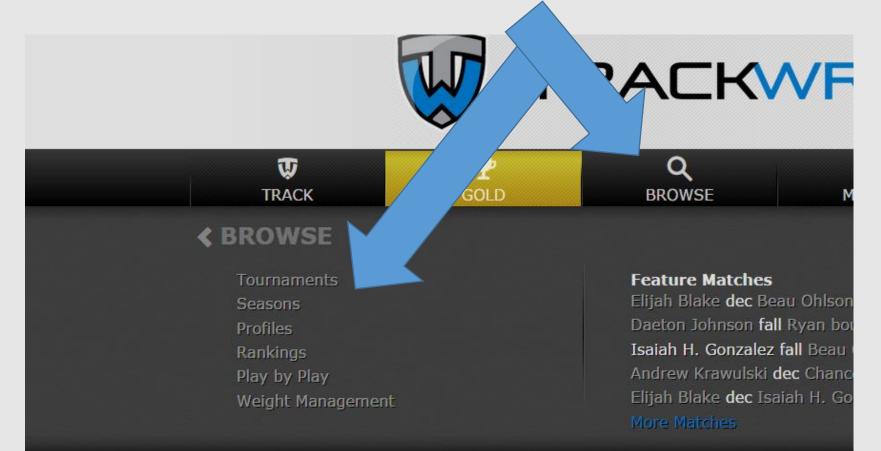
- Stalling Not initiating action
- Technical Violation Illegal move/action/hold
- Examples of technical violations include:
- Pulling opponent's singlet
- Pulling opponent's hair
- Locking hands
- Biting
- Cursing
- Poor Sportsmanship

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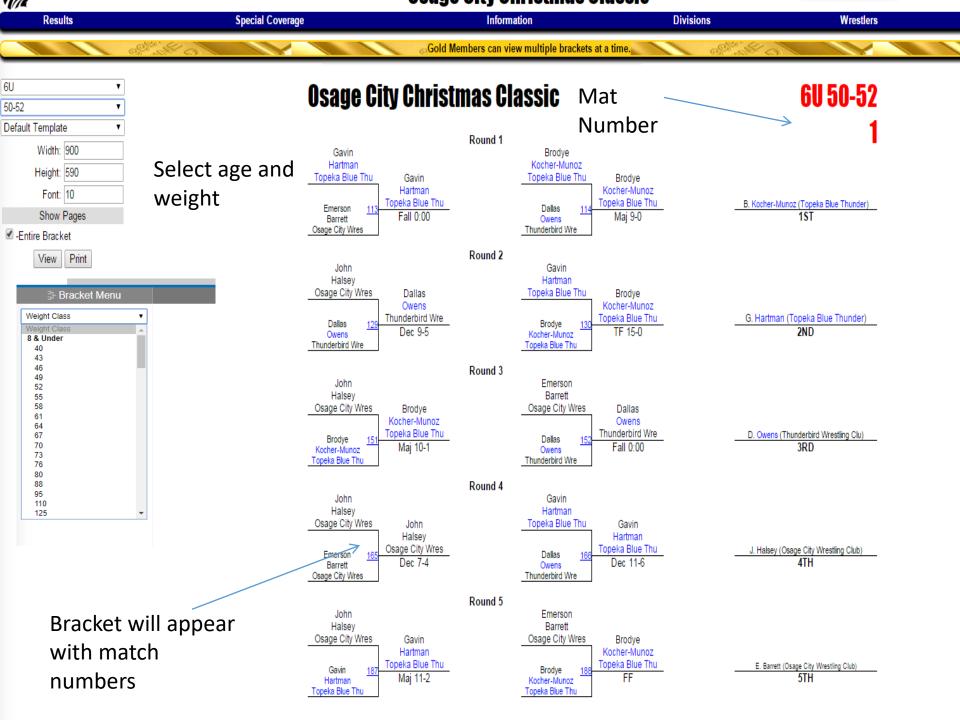


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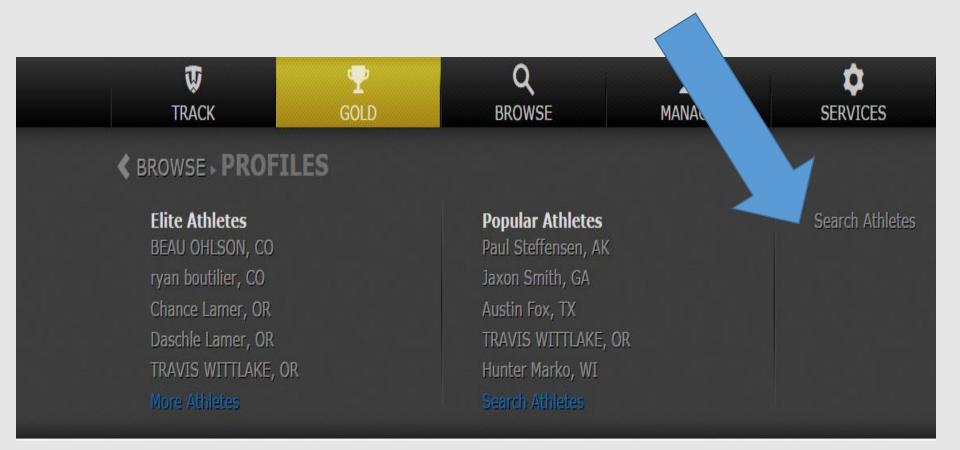
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Match Videos



T. Wash (Tope) vs B. Thelen (Team) USAWKS 2017 State Folkstyle Championship



T. Wash (Tope) vs R. Hada (Jr P) USAWKS 2017 State Folkstyle Championship



T. Wash (Tope) vs Z. Shaw (Lawr) USAWKS 2017 State Folkstyle Championship -



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T. Wash (Tope) vs M. Lies (Nev Battle of The Belt - Round 3 6U Open HWT - 10 months a

Track Record

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Date	Tournament	Weight Class	Place	Results		
12/16/2017	Paola Open & Girls (AM)	8 Under HWT	2nd	-		
12/10/2017	Gene White Memorial-Emporia	8&U 95	1st	-		
07/15/2017	Sunflower State Games Folkstyle	MALE 7-8 90-	1st	-		
03/26/2017	USAWKS 2017 State Folkstyle Cham	8 & Unde	DNP	-		
03/18/2017	USAWKS 2017 District 3 Champions	8 & Unde	3rd	-		
03/11/2017	USAWKS 2017 District 3 East Subd	8 & Unde	1st	-		
03/04/2017	Chapman Kids Invitational	7 & 8 76	1st	-		
02/26/2017	Kansas 6 Linder & Elementary	611.80	1st	Citiz D		

Brackets

- What is a bracket?
- How do I read it?
- Where will I find them?
- How are they organized?
- How do I get one?





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Adobe Acrobat Document Questions ...

It will be a long day! There will be hundreds of boys/girls crying! It will be non-stop screaming for 7 hours! Bring snacks, water, games, books, Band-Aids and lots of patience!

Don't be afraid to ask now or grab a returning parent later!

"We're building this thing the right way and we're building it to last."