

2018 State Wrestling Tournament Credentials – TV & Newspapers

State qualifiers for the Dual Team Tournament will be on the IHSAA website the evening of February 7 and the State Traditional Tournament qualifiers will be posted later in the evening of February 10.

TV & Newspapers were issued a permanent burgundy IHSAA credentials mailed in November after receiving the completed information form that was emailed. The credentials are valid for **all IHSAA State Tournaments in which you have a qualifying school/athlete**. The credentials are for reporters or photographers. As a result, there is no need to register on line. Radio credentials are issued by the IHSSN.

If a newspaper or TV station **did not receive a credential** there will be a limited number of event only credentials at the media table at the northwest entrance of Wells Fargo Arena.

A few general notes

- For those writers from dailies on deadline there is a media center located off the northeast corner of the arena. It is equipped with two large screen TVs so writers can work and monitor when they have a competing athlete “on deck.” The room is also equipped with WiFi.
- **WORK SPACES:** There are no major changes to media work spaces at wrestling’s dual team tournament or traditional tournament this year. However, there are three adjustments of note to better utilize the limited space on floor level during the tournaments.
 - 1) **TV and Photography attendees will move one room down in the NW hallway.** Their work space (with Internet lines still provided) is now in the third door on the right once you exit the NW elevator.
 - 2) **Photo zones** will be marked on the arena floor with black mats placed between and directly behind the wrestling mats. Media personnel using these photo zones will be expected to sit or kneel on these mats while working. We have also added media on-deck seating on the floor’s north end for those waiting to view or cover a match that is on-deck. **These seats are not meant to be permanent work stations.**
 - 3) We are working with IHSSN and Wells Fargo Arena staff to add PA speakers in the tunnels outside the Media Center and Warm-Up Areas. This will allow coaches, competitors, and some media members to stay updated on the action, but may also push the **Media Interview Area back into the currently unoccupied NW hallway. Please use assigned Media Interview Areas and provided backdrops whenever possible.**
- Complimentary programs for the media are available at the media table with your permanent credential.
- Only INA pool photographers are allowed at mat side.
- **A qualifying school is allowed only ONE photographer. He/she can be for a student publication OR the team photographer as verified by the school. In either case, he/she is subject to the following:** (1) They must have a ticket for **each session** their school is competing and (2) they must have a letter on school letterhead from a school administrator authorizing them as the school’s official photographer. (Please note a different person could be admitted each day providing they bring a ticket and letter to keep on file.) The ticket and the letter must be given to the IHSAA staff member at the media entrance and exchanged for a session credential. The individual cannot be on the mat and must use the shooting zones.