

New Member Information

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Good afternoon,

I have updated my address book with information from new members and simply wanted to send out an email to welcome everyone to the start of the wrestling season. I use the email addresses that were provided on the registration form, but if you have other emails you would like me to include on my list please let me know. If your son wrestled last year and will not be doing so this year and you would prefer to be removed from my list please let me know as well. We do use email as the primary means of communication with our members and I do try to be judicious in the emails that I send along. Just a couple of informational items for new and returning members that I did want to pass along at this point.

Practices

As was note on the information sheet we passed out at registration, the first practice for group 1 and 2 will be on December 12th. All practices are held at the Georgia Morse Middle school.

Group 3 will begin on December 13th and those practices are held at the high school wrestling room. I will send out a detailed email in the coming days to provide guidance for parents to help decide which group would ideal for their wrestlers, practice attire, and attendance. You will also find information related to the structure of these practices on the information sheet (I've attached a copy to this email as well).

Tournament Information

In the information sheet I noted that one unique feature about the sport of wrestling is that parents and wrestlers can decide to participate in tournaments at their own pace. Some families will begin competing the first week of January, while others may wait until the end of the season or decide not to compete at all. While it is beneficial to give young wrestlers a taste of competition early, we agree that parents are the best judge of a younger wrestler's capacity for winning and losing. If this is your first season we ask that you please gauge your son's interest in competing as the season progresses, and proceed accordingly.

With this in mind, I did want to point members to the tool that is used for tracking wrestling tournaments throughout the season. The most comprehensive list of tournaments can be found at the [North Central Youth Wrestling website](#) where clubs post their tournament information on a monthly calendar. A number of tournaments are currently listed, with the primary season starting just after the first of the year. Each Monday I will send out an email to the club letting members know what tournaments are coming up and the most likely location that the majority of Pierre will compete. There will be many local tournaments (Lyman, Onida, Highmore, Pierre, Ft. Pierre) in addition to tournaments held throughout the state. As tournaments begin to kick start up, I'll provide much more detail for our new families so you are informed about what your options are.

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