

2005 Utah National Wrestling Team Qualifier

Date: April 23,2005 Weigh ins 7:00 -7:45am

Site: Pleasant Grove High School, Hosted by the state.

Who should be in attendance?

If you would like to be part of Team Utah and want to compete in the summer events for Cadets and Juniors: Cadet Duals, Cadet Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota, or the Junior Duals, and the Junior Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota, you must participate in this qualifier. The Board of Directors decided to eliminate the state tournament as a qualifier for any state-sponsored team for Cadets and Juniors, because of conflicts with the national events. The Board felt it would be more appropriate to hold a national team-qualifying meet to qualify wrestlers wanting to participate on regional and national teams, so the Utah wrestlers can take advantage of the national wrestling events being held around the area.

Placement in the state tournament does not give you a spot on the national team. USA Wrestling allows the top 3 Junior Regional place winners and winners from a National Cadet tournament to attend the national tournament without counting them toward our team numbers, which are limited. However, they make it very clear that those wrestlers must go through their individual state qualifying process to be eligible. So, all Cadet and Junior wrestlers who want to participate on state-sponsored national teams (Team Utah) will qualify through this meet. If you are not planning to participate in the summer events, please do NOT plan to participate in this event.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

1. In accordance with our state by-laws, you must be a state resident, residence being determined by where you attend school.
2. Under all circumstances (There will be no exceptions). You must participate in the USAW - Utah local program (minimum of two tournaments) prior to the state tournament. We keep track of participants. This past year we allowed non-participants to pay \$100 to cover their lack of participation. We will not give that option this year. (No participation = not eligible) If an injury has affected your chance to participate, you must contact Steve Sanderson for a petition form immediately after the injury. Be prepared to submit medical documentation.

Cards will NOT be sold at state tournaments or at the National team qualifier. So, if you don=t participate in USAW local events, you are NOT eligible to participate on the state teams.

If you plan to participate in the Cadet or Junior Nationals, there will be a non-refundable \$200.00 deposit due at the qualifier. Participant cost for the national tournament will be approximately \$800. Forms will be available as soon as they arrive from the national office.

Parents should be aware that the national office has changed the policy on floor passes at the event. They will only provide floor passes to our national team coaches, according to an athlete-to-coach ratio. There should not be an expectation for you to be mat-side during your son=s matches.

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