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# INDIVIDUALS WRESTLE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT TITLES THIS WEEKEND

**Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association  
Individual Wrestling Championships  
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, 2011  
Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.**

**THE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The 68th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Individual Wrestling Championship Tournament will be held Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, at the Kohl Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. Ticket prices per tournament session are \$8. Tickets are available on-line on the WIAA Web site through Feb. 23. Beginning Feb. 24, tickets are only available at the Kohl Center.

**THE SCHEDULE:** Below is the schedule of competition for the individual tournament. All weight classes will be wrestled in consecutive order through the classes on a "next available mat" basis within the mat assignments.

### Thursday, Feb. 24

#### Session 1:

Division 1 Preliminaries - 3 p.m.  
Division 1 Quarterfinals - approximately 5:15 p.m.  
Divisions 2 & 3 Preliminaries - approximately 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 25

#### Session 2:

Division 1 Consolations - 10 a.m.  
Divisions 2 & 3 Quarterfinals - approximately 11:15 a.m.  
Division 1 Consolation Semifinals - approximately 1:45 p.m.  
Divisions 2 & 3 Consolation Semifinals - approx. 2:45 p.m.

#### Session 3:

Division 1 Semifinals at 7 p.m. on mats 1 & 2  
Division 2 Semifinals at 7 p.m. on mats 3 & 4  
Division 3 Semifinals at 7 p.m. on mats 5 & 6

### Saturday, Feb. 26

#### Session 4:

Division 1 Consolation Wrestlebacks at 11 a.m. on mats 1 & 2  
Division 2 Consolation Wrestlebacks at 11 a.m. on mats 3 & 4  
Division 3 Consolation Wrestlebacks at 11 a.m. on mats 5 & 6

#### Session 5:

Division 1 Championships at 6 p.m. on mat 1  
Division 2 Championships at 6 p.m. on mat 2  
Division 3 Championships at 6 p.m. on mat 3

**ALL MATCHES STREAMED LIVE:** All six mats of the pre-finals matches and the three mats of the finals will be streamed live on [foxsportswisconsin.com](http://foxsportswisconsin.com).

**FINALS ON FS WISCONSIN:** The championship finals for all divisions will be aired tape-delayed on FS Wisconsin. The Division 1 title bouts are scheduled to air Friday, March 25 at 9 p.m. The Division 2 championship match is scheduled to air Wednesday, March 30 at 9 p.m., and the Division 3 championship match will air Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m. Please check local cable listings for the FS Wisconsin channel in your area.

**2011 TOURNAMENT BY THE NUMBERS:** There will be champions crowned in 14 weight classes in three divisions. Wrestlers who finished first or second in each weight class at last weekend's eight Division 1 sectionals qualified for the State Tournament. The top three finishers in each weight class at the four Divisions 2 and 3 sectionals qualify for the tourney. There are 224 qualifiers for the championships in Division 1 and 168 in both Divisions 2 and 3. There are 231 schools represented at this year's individual championships, including 89 from Division 1, 76 from Division 2 and 66 from Division 3.

**MORE NUMBERS:** Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln has qualified the most wrestlers to the field in Division 1 with 12. Franklin and West Allis Central are next in line with eight. Ellsworth has qualified the most wrestlers in Division 2 with eight. Luxemburg-Casco is next with seven, and Oconto Falls has six qualifiers. In Division 3, Coleman has the distinction of having the most qualifiers for the third straight year with eight. Ozaukee has seven qualifiers and Edgar has six.

**TOTAL TITLES BY SCHOOLS:** Mineral Point has produced the most individual championships with 47. Stoughton has claimed 41 individual titles, and Milwaukee South is next with 39. Others with significant totals are

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Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln with 38, Athens with 32, Luxemburg-Casco with 31 and Coleman with 26.

**TRACKING THE CHAMPIONS:** There are 23 former champions in the tournament field this year, and 20 seeking to defend the title they won last year. In Division 1, nine former champions, including eight of last year's champions and three multiple champions, return to the tournament in hopes of adding another crown. Senior Jesse Thielke of Germantown attempts to win his fourth straight title and become one of only 11 wrestlers to accomplish the feat. He qualifies at the 130-pound weight class with a 45-0 record after winning the 125-pound class the last two years and the 112 crown in 2008. He has compiled a stellar 181-1 mark during his career. Senior Alex Dieringer of Port Washington moves up to 145 this year after winning the 140 class last year and winning the 103 crown in 2008. He begins the State Tournament with a 40-0 record this season. Senior Brad Dolezal of Marshfield won at 145 last year after winning the 140 championship in 2008. He qualifies this season at 160 and enters the tournament with a 43-0 record. Junior John Wells of Milton won the 103 championship last year and moves up a weight this year to 112. He enters the State meet with a 40-8 record. Senior Ryan McQuade of Appleton West is 42-0 this season after winning the 112 title a year ago. He moves up to 119 in quest of another shot at glory. At 135, a pair of former champions will vie for the State title. Senior Siven Furseth of Janesville Craig won the 130 championship last year and moves up a weight to challenge for the 135 title this year, boasting a 41-0 mark entering the meet. Senior Torin Boernke of Marshfield won the State title at 112 in 2009 and moved up three weights last year to finish runner-up to Furseth at 130. Boernke has compiled a 41-2 record this season. Furseth and Boernke will duel again if each gets past his first-round opponent this week. Senior Jake Suefloh of Arrowhead moves up a weight to 140 after wrestling to the 135 title last season. He enters the tournament with a 45-0 mark in pursuit of his second straight title. The Division 2 field includes seven returning champions. Junior Jarod Donar of Cuba City/Southwestern headlines the list as a two-time champion. He moves up two weight classes to 135 after capturing the 119-pound title in 2009 and the 125 championship a year ago. He has yet to lose a match in his prep career. He enters action with a 46-0 record, giving him 140-0 mark in his first three prep seasons. Senior Chad Bartschenfeld of Amery moves up a weight class to 112 after claiming the title at 103 last season. He has compiled a 41-1 mark to this point of the season. Junior Hunter Weber of Marshall moves up a weight to contend for back-to-back titles. He qualifies at 119 with a 52-0 record after winning the 112 championship last year. His record over the past two seasons is 100-1. Senior Joseph Her of Two Rivers moves up a weight to 125 after winning the 119 weight class in

2010. Entering action this week, he has compiled a 34-3 record this season. The 145-pound division will provide intrigue with two returning champions. Senior Isaiah Erickson of Cumberland is back to defend his title at the weight. He has yet to lose a match this season at 37-0. Junior Mitch Berceau of Luxemburg-Casco moves up into the 145 class after winning the 140 crown last year. He has posted a 43-2 record this season. If both wrestlers survive the competition in their half of the bracket, they will meet in the final. Senior Taylor Henry of Viroqua attempts to win back-to-back titles at 285 and become the first wrestler to claim two championships at that weight. He enters the competition with a 44-1 record this season. There are seven former champions and six defending champions returning in Division 3. The only two-time champion in the division is senior Justin Mudlaff of Random Lake, who makes his second attempt to win his third crown after placing runner-up at 119 last season. He has moved up three weights and has his sights on the 135-pound championship. Mudlaff won the Division 3 112-pound title in 2009, and he won the Division 2 title at 103 while attending Luxemburg-Casco in 2008. He enters the meet with a 41-0 record. Senior Evan Miller-Obert of De Soto won the 103 weight class last season. He moves up two weight classes to contend for the 119 championship this year. He enters the tournament with a 41-0 record. Junior Cody See of Westby also moves up two weight classes to 125 following his gold medal performance at 112 a year ago. He has lost just one match this season, posting a 37-1 record entering the meet this week. Senior Roy Monroe of Cadott is attempting to win back-to-back titles in more of an unconventional way, moving to a lower weight class. He won the title last year at 145 and will compete for the 140 title this year with a 41-2 record entering the tournament. Senior AJ Zemke of Oshkosh Lourdes moves up to 145 after claiming the crown at 135 a year ago. He has yet to be defeated this season with a 48-0 record, giving him a 97-2 tally over the last two seasons. Senior Tucker Pittz of Mineral Point jumps two weight classes to 152 following last year's title at 140. He has amassed a 37-1 record so far this season after going undefeated at 46-0 in 2010. Senior Ben Taucher of Bonduel won the 189 title a year ago. He has his sights on matching that feat at 215 this season. He enters the State Tournament with a record 44-1.

**UNBLEMISHED MARKS:** There are 22 wrestlers who enter the State Tournament this weekend undefeated, including 12 in Division 1, five in Division 2 and five in Division 3. The 10 Division 1 wrestlers entering the State Tournament with perfect records are freshman Ben Thornton of La Crosse Central (45-0) at 103, senior Tony Perl of Sheboygan North (40-0), senior Ryan McQuade of Appleton West (42-0) at 119, senior Jesse Thielke of Germantown (45-0) at 130, senior Siven Furseth of Janesville Craig (41-0) at 135, senior Jake Suefloh of Arrowhead (45-0) at 140, senior Alex Dieringer of Port Washington (40-0) at 145, juniors Branden Capetillo of Sheboygan South (40-0) and Matthew Gray of Wilmot Union (40-0) at 152, senior Brad Dolezal of

Marshfield (43-0) at 160, junior Devin Petersen of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (46-0) at 189, and junior Jordan Gruettner of Muskego (36-0) at 215. In Division 2, those still undefeated heading into the State Tournament are junior Hunter Weber of Marshall (52-0) at 119, junior Mark Dessart of Seymour (42-0) at 130, junior Jarod Donar of Cuba City/Southwestern (46-0) at 135, senior Isaiah Erickson of Cumberland (37-0) at 145 and sophomore Jake Morrissey of Oconto Falls (39-0) at 171. The five undefeated wrestlers in the Division 3 field are senior Evan Miller-Obert of De Soto (41-0) at 119, seniors Justin Mudlaff of Random Lake (41-0) and Charlie VanStraten of Shiocton (39-0) at 135, senior AJ Zemke of Oshkosh Lourdes (48-0) at 145 and senior Jake Dean of Laconia at 171. There are 28 wrestlers in the meet that have suffered defeat only once this season.

**HISTORY OF CHAMPIONS:** For a complete list of all-time individual wrestling champions, access the WIAA Web site: <http://www.wiaawi.org/wrestling/individualchamps.pdf>

**NEED THE QUALIFIERS?:** State Tournament brackets and tournament schedule are available on the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=214> or by accessing the TrackWrestling site at: <http://www.trackwrestling.com>.

**NEED RESULTS?:** Access results through the WIAA Web site at: <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=578> or by accessing the TrackWrestling.com Web site at <http://www.trackwrestling.com>.