

2026

WIAA STATE TEAM WRESTLING

At the La Crosse Center – La Crosse, WI

Time Schedule

Friday, March 6

SESSION 1

Quarterfinals - 6 mats

3:15 p.m. - Teams may enter

4:15 p.m. - Weigh-ins (Draw determines quarterfinals; semifinals will be next weight class)

4:30 p.m. - Gates open for spectators

5:30 p.m. - Competition

Quarterfinals Matches 1 & 2 - 6 mats - All Divisions

7:30 p.m. - Competition

Quarterfinals Matches 3 & 4 - 6 mats - All Divisions

Saturday, March 7***

SESSION 2

Divisions 2 and 3 - Semifinals - 6 mats

7:45 a.m. - Teams may enter

8:45 a.m. - Weigh-ins Divisions 1, 2 & 3
(Draw determines semifinals; finals for all divisions will be next weight class)

9:00 a.m. - Gates open for spectators

10:00 a.m. - Competition

Semifinals Matches 5 & 6 - 6 Mats - All Divisions

SESSION 3

Championships - 3 mats

2:00 p.m. - Gates open

3:00 p.m. - Competition

***** WE MUST CLEAR THE BUILDING BETWEEN SESSIONS ON SATURDAY *****



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** IMPORTANT **

PRIORITY MATERIALS/INFORMATION

- I. This booklet contains important information which will affect the quality of this tournament experience. Be **thorough** in reviewing it's contents. Distribute copies of materials to those that need them.

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II. POLICIES

A. Carry in Policy: Slightly amended to cater to the wrestlers specifically.

We must check bags that come in: this includes bags, purses, backpacks, etc. After a bag gets checked, the bag can travel anywhere in the building, does not have to stay in one certain area. Wrestlers can bring in healthy personal items such as water, juice, fruit, or breakfast bars. Coolers will not be allowed. Drinks such as coffee or other drinks will not be allowed in the building. Spectators will not be allowed to bring any food or drink in to the building.

B. Prohibited Items:

- Purses, bags, backpacks or other bags that are larger than 12" x 6" x 12" (guests with bags not meeting guidelines will be asked to return them to their vehicles).
- Weapons of any kind, including guns, knives, pepper spray/mace or anything that management determines to be potentially injurious or may otherwise affect the safety of other guests or the performance of the event.
- No Smoking (includes vaping and e-cigarettes).
- Animals (exception for certified service animals).
- Food and beverage (non- and alcoholic).
- Glass or metal containers (of any kind).
- Laser Pointers.
- Bullhorns & Noisemakers.
- Distribution of unauthorized promotional/commercial material.
- No Professional Cameras.
- Other items management considers to present a potential hindrance or threat may also be prohibited.

All patrons entering the La Crosse Center are subject to search. Storage facilities are not available for checking prohibited items.

III. CONTENTS OF YOUR STATE QUALIFIERS BOX

- 34 Contestant/Coach/Manager String Tags (numbered)
- 5 Crowd Control Personnel String Tags
- 1 Cheerleader Advisor String Tag
- 1 School Photographer String Tag
- 1 School Videographer String Tag
- 1 Team Parking Sign – PLACE IN LEFT FRONT WINDOW
- 1 Spectator Bus Sign – PLACE IN LEFT FRONT WINDOW

IV.. STATE PROGRAM INFORMATION NEEDED

Note: Team information for Program – Teams advancing to the State Team Tournament are expected to provide full and complete program information to the WIAA (name, grade, weight, record) on all athletes who will dress for competition. Roster changes and corrections for the state tournament program must be supplied to the WIAA no later than 8 a.m. on Mon., March 2. Team photos that have not yet been sent to the WIAA must be delivered to the WIAA no later than 8 a.m. on Mon., March 2.

CONGRATULATIONS ON QUALIFYING FOR THE 2026 STATE TEAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

In order to make this a positive and memorable experience for you, your team, and fans we need your help.

- * Distribute maps and other materials you received today to appropriate people.
- * Tell your bus driver where and where not to unload and park. Please cooperate with attendants and remind them they will need a ticket to enter the event.
- * **If cheerleaders arrive with team, be certain they have a ticket for admission.**
- * Talk to your band director, be certain to notify the WIAA if your band plans on attending. Band members must purchase a ticket to enter.
- * Tell your head crowd control individual to identify themselves to WIAA and Security upon their arrival.
- * Be certain your crowd control personnel know they are to function as first responders to problems.
- * Don't come early, e.g., band or fans. **La Crosse Center opens 1 hour before competition for spectators, bands, etc.**
- * Be sure we have the information asked for on the School Information Google Form to the **WIAA no later than Tues., March 3, at 9 a.m.**
- * Crowd control administrative meeting – we will have a short zoom meeting with the athletic directors of all qualifying teams on Monday, March 2 at 2 p.m.

In the Event of Bad Weather

If you are in doubt as to whether or not the event is running on schedule, **call the following numbers in the order listed.**

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| 1. (715) 344-8580 | WIAA office Stevens Point (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) |
| 2. (608) 789-7405 | La Crosse Center Office |
| 3. (608) 444-5026 | Mel Dow |



Parking Map

Parking Facility	Address
A 	La Crosse Center Ramp 201 Jay St
B 	Main Street Ramp 115 3rd St N
C 	Market Square Ramp 410 Jay St
D	Oktoberfest Grounds 711 3rd St N
E 	Pine Street Ramp 222 Pine St
F	Pumphause Lot 119 King St
G 	Riverside Ramp 424 2nd St S
H	7th Street Well Lot 131 7th St S

Estimated Walk Time

 10 Minute Walk

Right of Way

 Traffic flow

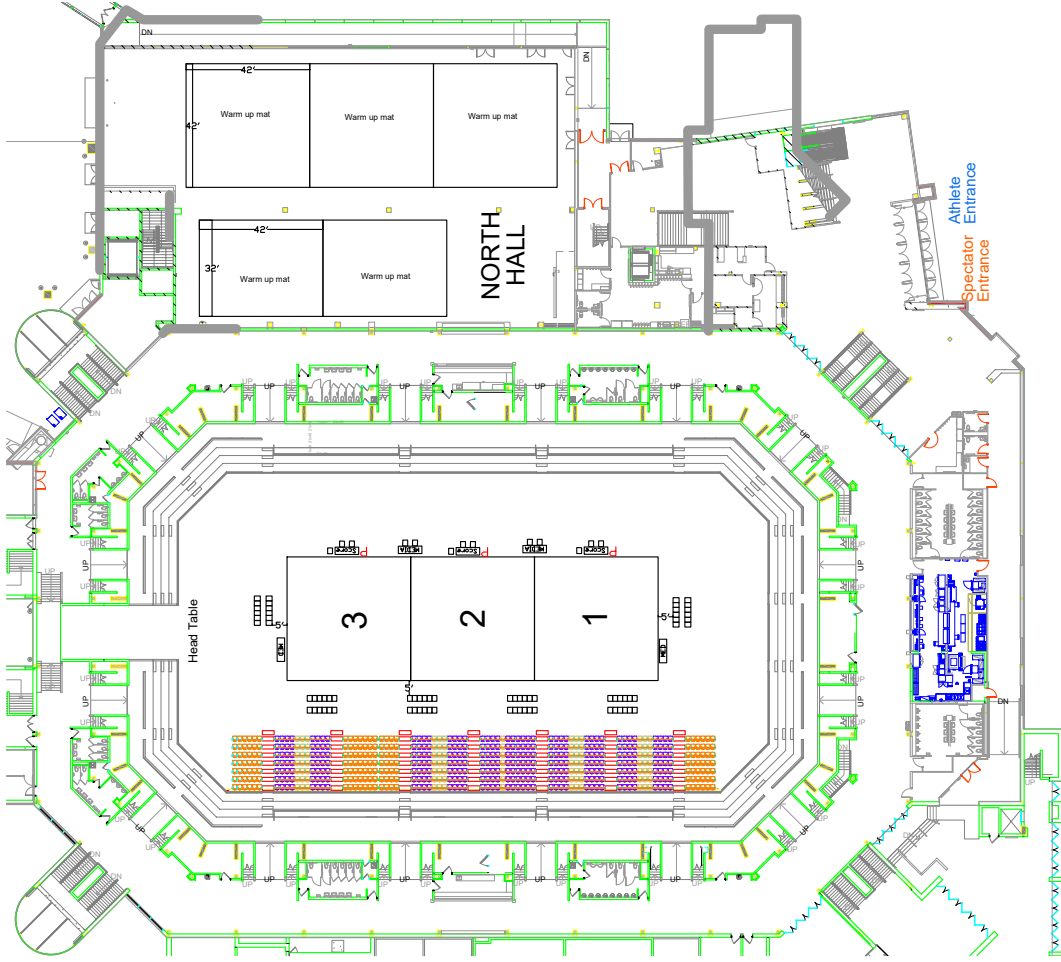
-  ADA Accessible Parking Spaces
-  Electric Vehicle Charging Station
-  Elevators

PARKLaCrosse
A Division of La Crosse Police Department

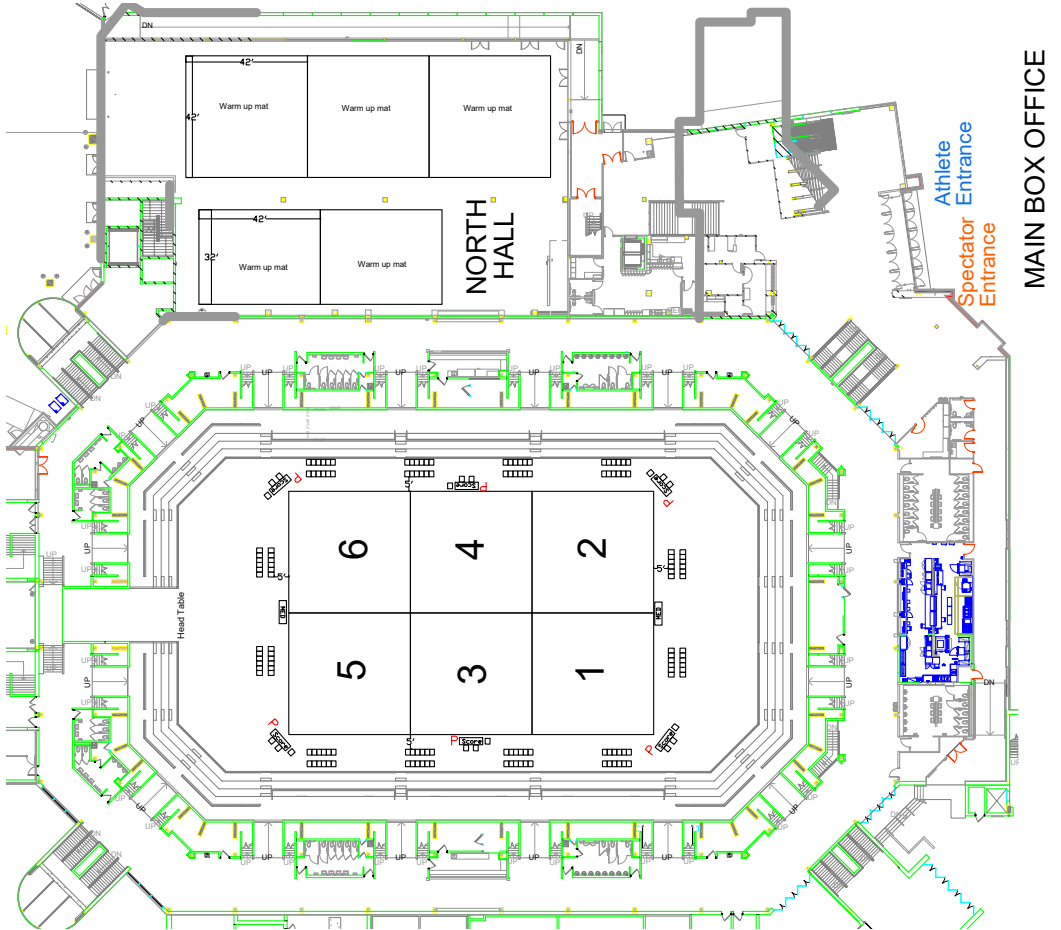
For more information
visit cityoflacrosse.org, search for "Parking"

ParkMobile
a Smarter Way to Park





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MAIN BOX OFFICE

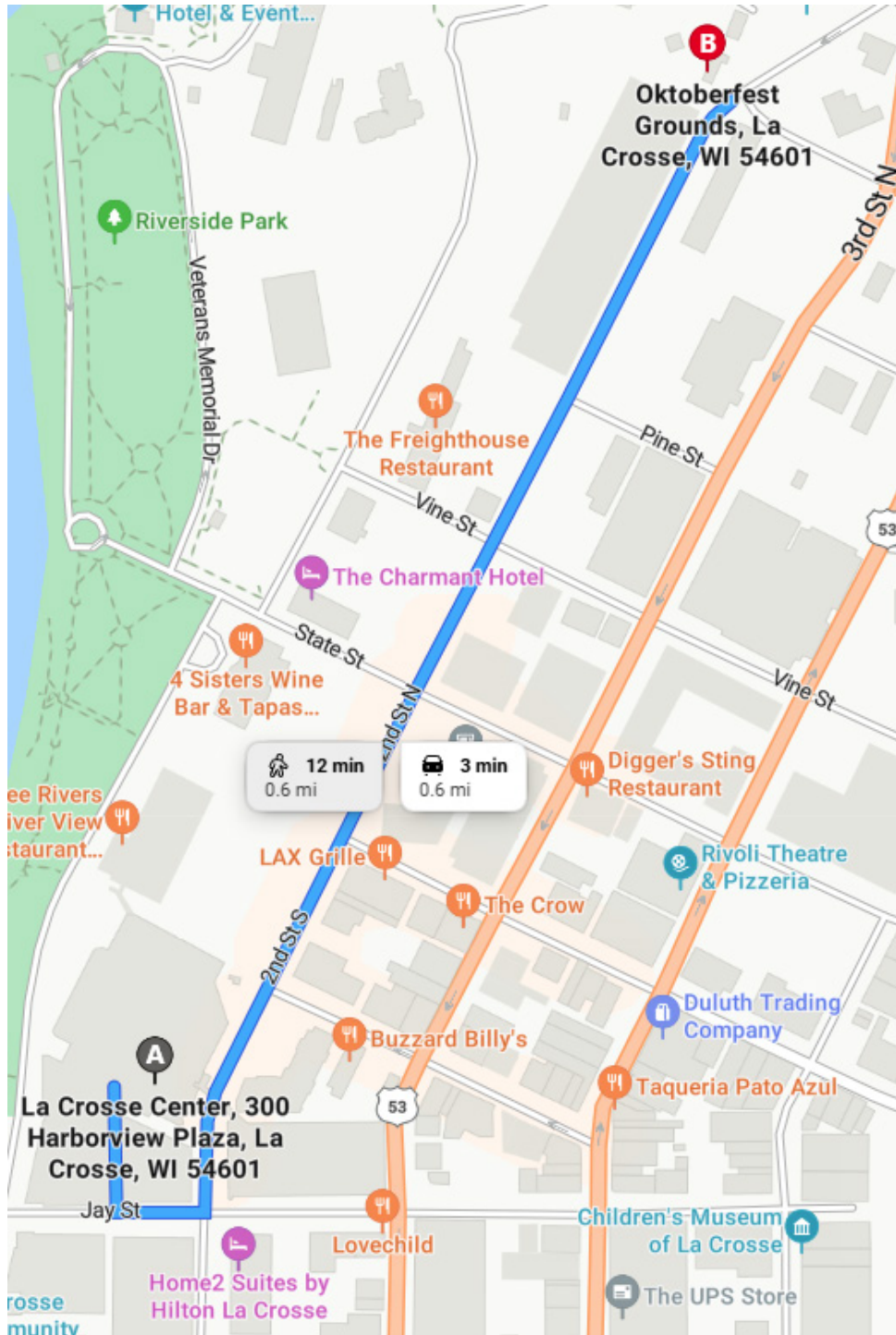
PARTICIPATING TEAMS SPECTATOR BUS DRIVERS

— Please Follow These Instructions —

- A. School Spectator Buses will be allowed to unload/pickup on 2nd Street near Main Box Office Entrance. Spectator buses may park in Octoberfest Grounds as space allows. Spectators should enter through Main Box Office Entrance. Limit of 10 minutes drop off time.
- B. Bus drivers must have a ticket to gain admission to the La Crosse Center.**
- C. Buses are to pick up spectators on 2nd Street after their session is completed as noted in A. above.
- D. Any questions pertaining to where parking is available on campus can be directed to the City of La Crosse website.

Buses parked in the loading zone or no parking areas will be towed at the expense of the customer. Areas are clearly marked.

Observe all parking/towing restrictions.



TEAM INFORMATION

I. NO PRACTICE AT SITE

Participating schools are not allowed to practice in the Arena before normal warm up for their session.

II. TEAM PARKING/ENTRY TO THE La Crosse Center

Note: Remember, all wrestler and cheerleader bags are subject to search - allow extra time. Cheerleaders arriving with team must have ticket for admission.

A. Free admissions provided for 28 wrestlers, plus six additional persons (34 total).

▪ **Additional coaches, managers, photographers must enter through spectator gates**

B. Team buses arriving for competition should enter Main Box Office Entrance Lot off 2nd Street. After unloading, team buses will need to secure parking at the Octoberfest Grounds. **Unloading and parking is not available for your team bus more than two hours before your session.**

III. TEAMS ENTERING THE LA CROSSE CENTER

A. Main Box Office Entrance - Your entire entourage can enter Main Box Office Entrance when weighing-in and/or competing. All that enter Main Box Office Entrance must enter as a group (Maximum 34). Bag check - non-glass containers only.

B. If there are individuals that do not arrive with your team, they can use the credentials you receive today to enter the stadium through Main Box Office Entrance or purchase a ticket.

C. Wrestlers will be allowed to carry snacks in their duffel bags and beverages in non-glass containers. No energy drinks (i.e. Red Bull, 5-Hour Energy) per WIAA PES policy. NO COOLERS. Bags are locked in storage during the event with no access. Bring snacks in a lunch sack to bench if needed.

Reminder: Coach/Athlete Credentials will only be allowed through Main Box Office Entrance, and will not be honored for general public admission.

IV. PHYSICIANS AND TRAINERS - MUST ENTER WITH TEAM AT MAIN BOX OFFICE ENTRANCE

A. If your team doctor/trainer travel separate, enter at Main Box Office Entrance with documentation from school.

B. The WIAA will have a physician assigned to the tournament. Their role will be to review skin related concerns and assist with injuries which occur during the competition. **Their decision regarding skin conditions and continuation of an injured wrestler will be final.**

C. If you have your own physician, he/she may attend to your wrestlers. **The final decision as to whether or not an injured wrestlers may continue will be made by the WIAA physician.**

D. The WIAA will have athletic trainers assigned to each session. Their responsibilities will be to assist the physicians and to assist the teams with any special trainers' needs they might experience during the course of the event. **They will not be available for taping your team prior to the contest.**

V. VIDEO TAPING (Team Video)

A. Tripods: teams may use one tripod for filming. May not be in front of team bench. Camera operator must be seated and must be counted within your maximum of 34 contestants/team personnel.

VI. ONE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER AND ONE VIDEOGRAPHER WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EACH TEAM IN DESIGNATED AREAS - MATSIDE

A. School photographer and videographer tags are provided in your team box.

B. Please write the name and school of your photographer and videographer on the front of the appropriate tag.

C. The individual must also purchase a ticket from your pre-sale supply or at the gate. Your school photographer and videographer may be a student or adult, but must be wearing the string tag provided.

D. School photographers and videographers must be in designated photography/media areas and may use any style of hand held camera. **No tripods.**

E. **Commercial use of photos and images taken with a School Photographer pass is strictly prohibited.** Video or still images may not be sold, rented, loaned, transmitted on the Internet or shared with other schools or any entity or media outlet with the intent to transmit or commercialize. Any commercial sponsorship or commercial use of the video is prohibited. Violation of this policy will subject the school or individual to the photo license, video and transmission rights fees.

F. Live streaming rights belong exclusively to Rush Media and the NFHS Network. Please remind your fans, coaches and school photographers/videographers that they may not stream live in any format from the State tournament.

The WIAA retains ALL rights to its State Tournament Series.

VII. NEED EARLY NOTICE FOR BAND OR ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

COACHES

I. Weigh Ins – Changing Rooms – Skin Checks

- A. **On Saturday consecutive days of competition will result in 1 lb. increase, 106 = 110 on Friday, and 106 = 111 on Saturday.**
- B. Teams enter the La Crosse Center one hour and 15 minutes prior to weigh-ins (2 hours and 15 minutes prior to competition) through Main Box Office Entrance and will be directed downstairs to the lower level locker area changing rooms and weigh-in room (North Hall).
- C. Only coaches and wrestlers will be allowed access to lower level locker area.
- D. Equipment bags, back packs, etc. will not be allowed in spectator or team bench areas.
- E. Coaches and team managers will be allowed to bring reasonable, minimum essentials (e.g. water bottles, small snacks, first aid, video) to team bench area. No energy drinks (i.e. Red Bull, 5-Hour Energy) per WIAA PES policy. **Pick up your team bench area after your match.**
- F. WIAA tournament physician will be available to examine skin related concerns as necessary. **Coaches are reminded to have any skin conditions examined/treated in advance of the State Tournament and to bring appropriate forms and information to weigh-ins. WIAA tournament medical staff will make final determination on all skin conditions.**

II. TOWELS AND VALUABLES

Limited showers are available following competition. Each team will be responsible for supplying its own towels. Your personal items will be secured when you are competing. You should arrange to secure your wrestler's valuables such as wallets, ipads, etc. Please do not leave those items in bag check area.

III. Warm-up Prior to Session

- A. Mats and team benches will be assigned in advance.
- B. Mats will be available for warm-up following weigh ins. Only wrestlers are to be on mats during warm-ups.
- C. Competition mat are NOT used for warm ups.

IV. PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATIONS - Media and School Photographer

Media and school photographers will be allowed mat side with appropriate credential - as space allows.

*WIAA property – Not for re-sale/commercial use.

V. AWARDS

- A. Awards for each division will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the championship session. Awards will be presented to teams in the order they complete their competition.
- B. Coaches should gather their squads at their respective bench area promptly after squads shake hands.
- C. Awards will be presented in front of each team bench area at center mat. **Medals will be draped on wrestlers you identify.**
 - 1. **Only 28 wrestlers to receive individual awards - on wrestlers you identify.**
 - 2. The coach to receive the team trophy.

VI. WHEN TEAMS ARE NOT PARTICIPATING

Noncompeting teams may enter La Crosse Center via Main Box Office Entrance, but only as a group with a coach to watch other matches. Team bus will need to arrange off campus parking if you are not competing.

VII. TIES IN DUAL COMPETITION DURING STATE TEAM TOURNAMENTS

In the event there is a tie in dual competition during the sectional and State phases of competition, National Federation dual meet tie-breaking criteria shall be applied to determine a winner (NF Rule 9-2-2)

Note 1: If none of the listed criteria resolve the tie in quarterfinal and semifinal competition, an official will meet with captain of each team in center of mat and break tie by flipping colored disc with green representing home team and red representing visiting team.

Note 2: STATE Championship Finals: NF tie breaking criteria will be applied. If after all NF tie breaking criteria have been applied a tie remains unbroken - Co-Champions will be declared in lieu of flipping a colored disc.

BANDS - CHEERLEADER - CROWD CONTROL

I. PARKING

- A. School Spectator Buses will be allowed to unload/pickup on 2nd Street at the east side of the venue (recommended). Spectators should enter the La Crosse Center through Main Box Office Entrance. Limit of 10 minutes drop off time. Pick-up/loading of passengers will also be on 2nd Street.
- B. Spectator buses must secure over flow parking at Octoberfest Grounds.
- C. **Bus drivers must have a ticket to gain admission to the La Crosse Center.**
- D. Buses will load spectators on 2nd Street, as noted in item 1 above, after their session is completed.
- E. Send intentions early.

II. INSTRUMENT CASES/DUFFEL BAGS

There is no storage space for instrument cases in the La Crosse Center. **No music stands.** If this is not satisfactory, cases should be left on the school bus.

III. ENTRANCE

Band members should enter Main Box Office Entrance (see attached diagram). Gates will open one hour before each session time. Bands do not receive free admission. Members will need a ticket to enter.

IV. SEATING

Band members will be seated in the same sections as general fans. If you wish to reserve a specific location for them, it will be the responsibility of your chaperones to do so. No prior arrangements will be made by the WIAA or ushering service.

V. NATIONAL ANTHEM - PLAYED FROM STANDS

The National Anthem will be played for each session. If both schools express interest, the first school alphabetically will perform in even-numbered years (2026, 2028, etc.) and the second school alphabetically will perform during the odd-numbered years (2025, 2027, etc.). (Band directors may wish to contact each other to coordinate additional performing arrangements.)

VI. BETWEEN SESSIONS ON SATURDAY

Between sessions on Saturday, La Crosse Center and WIAA are not responsible for instruments (may not be left in the La Crosse Center).

VII. NOTIFICATION NEEDED IN ADVANCE

Please let us know if you are planning on sending a pep band to the State Team Wrestling Tournament. Each band member must have a ticket for admission.

CHEERLEADERS

I. ADMISSIONS

- A. Cheerleaders must have a ticket for admission.
- B. They should enter the same gates that fans enter, i.e., Main Box Office Entrance.

II. LOCATION

Cheerleaders will be allowed inside the ropes at mat side, in designated area. A reminder that cheer pillows are allowed. All bags are subject to search. There is no storage available for cheerleader bags.

CROWD CONTROL PERSONNEL

I. ENTRANCE

Fans should enter the La Crosse Center through Main Box Office Entrance (see attached diagram).

Time Schedule

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SESSION 1

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4:30 p.m. - Gates open for spectators

5:30 p.m. - Competition

Quarterfinal Matches - 1 & 2 - All Divisions - 6 mats

7:30 p.m. - Competition

Quarterfinal Matches - 3 & 4 - All Divisions - 6 mats

Saturday, March 7***

SESSION 2

Divisions 2 and 3 - Semifinals - 4 mats

7:45 a.m. - Teams may enter

8:45 a.m. - Weigh-ins Divisions 1, 2 & 3 -
(Draw determines semifinals; finals for all divisions will be next weight class)

9:00 a.m. - Gates open for spectators

10:00 a.m. - Competition

Semifinals Matches - All Divisions - 6 mats

SESSION 3

Championships - 3 mats

2:00 p.m. - Gates open

3:00 p.m. - Competition

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II. SPECTATOR SEATING AND CARRY-INS

- A. Spectator seating will be identified by school name corresponding to team mat assigned.
- B. Disabled Patrons – The gate attendant will direct you to the appropriate seating. There is no guest services assistance available.
- C. **La Crosse Center Events Policy**

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III. BANNERS

- A. Individual temporary banners are allowed, with some restrictions. Banners, signs and flags must be hand held and stationary. These banners may NOT have offensive language, be used to disrupt players or officials, interfere with spectators' view, used in an inappropriate manner or be carried around the facility during an event. Banners may not be hung from balconies, ceilings, etc.

IV. CONFETTI

- A. Paper confetti, because it is a fire hazard and because it requires tedious clean-up, is prohibited. Schools using confetti may have their expense share reduced by the cost of such clean-up.

V. LASER POINTERS AND NOISEMAKERS

- A. Laser pointers are not allowed at any WIAA tournament. Laser pointers will be confiscated and any individual using a laser pointer will be ejected from the tournament for the remainder of the event.
- B. Air horns, whistles and devices that simulate gunfire are not allowed. (canons, cap pistols, etc.)
- C. Appropriate noisemakers are allowed at regular season and tournament competition; provided that they are not used during playing action.
- D. Tournament managers and/or contest managers may restrict use of noisemakers if, in their judgment, they are disrupting coach/athlete communication or if the devices are excessively loud.

VI. DRESS – ALL SPECTATORS ARE REQUIRED TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY.

VII. THE LA CROSSE CENTER IS A NO SMOKING FACILITY

VIII. CROWD CONTROL ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

We will have a short zoom meeting with the athletic directors of all qualifying teams on Monday, March 2 at 2 p.m.

FINANCES

Finances

(1) Participating School Allowances

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament City at the rate of \$1.75 per mile. NOTE: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament City.
- (b) A meal and lodging allowance of \$750.

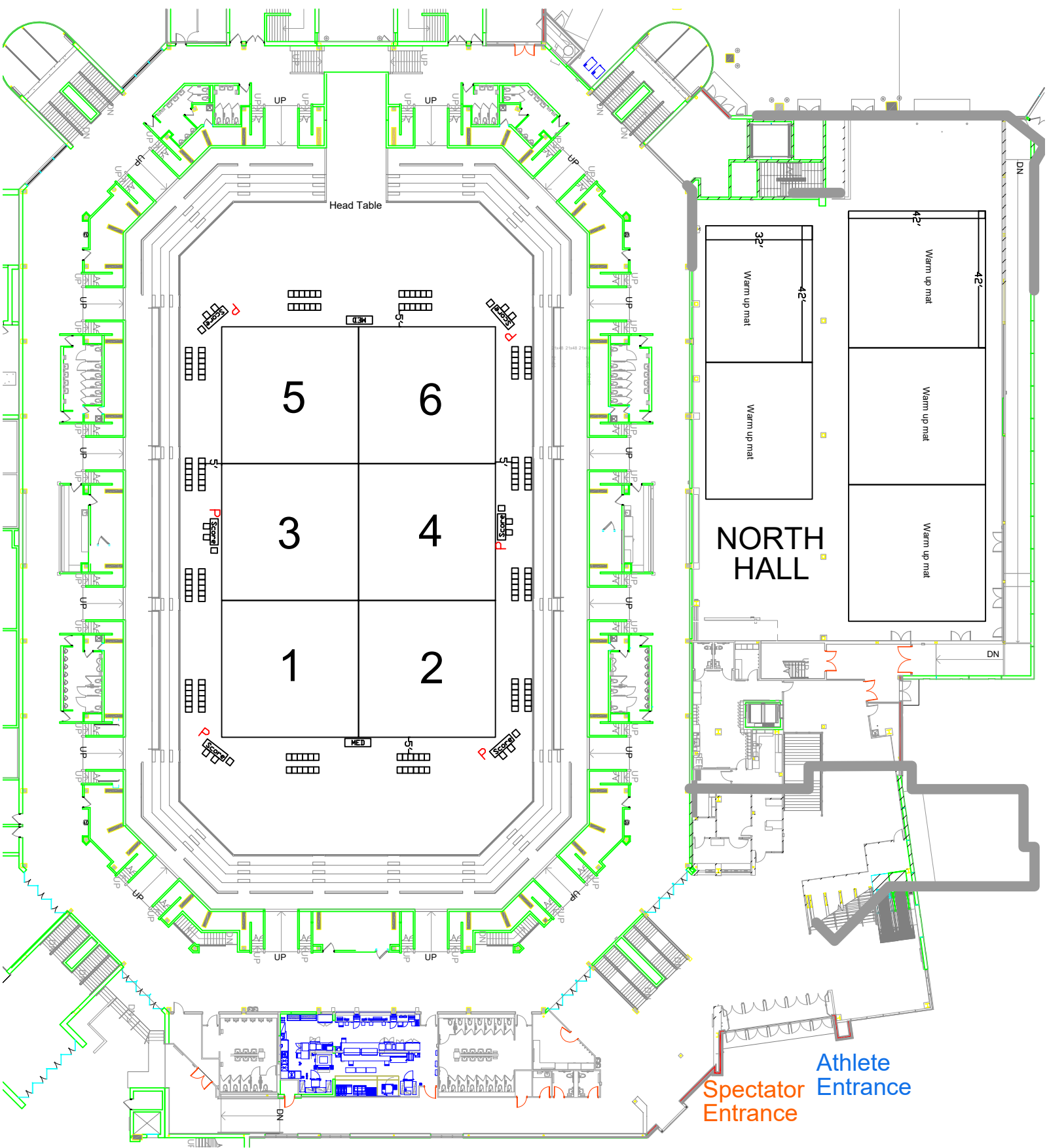
(2) Ticket Prices – Child/Student/Adult – Children 2 and under do not require a ticket.

Friday Night - Session 1 (Division 1 Quarterfinals and Semifinals).....	\$16*
Saturday - Session 2 (Divisions 2 & 3 Semifinals).....	\$11*
Saturday - Session 3 (Divisions 1, 2 & 3 Finals).....	\$11*

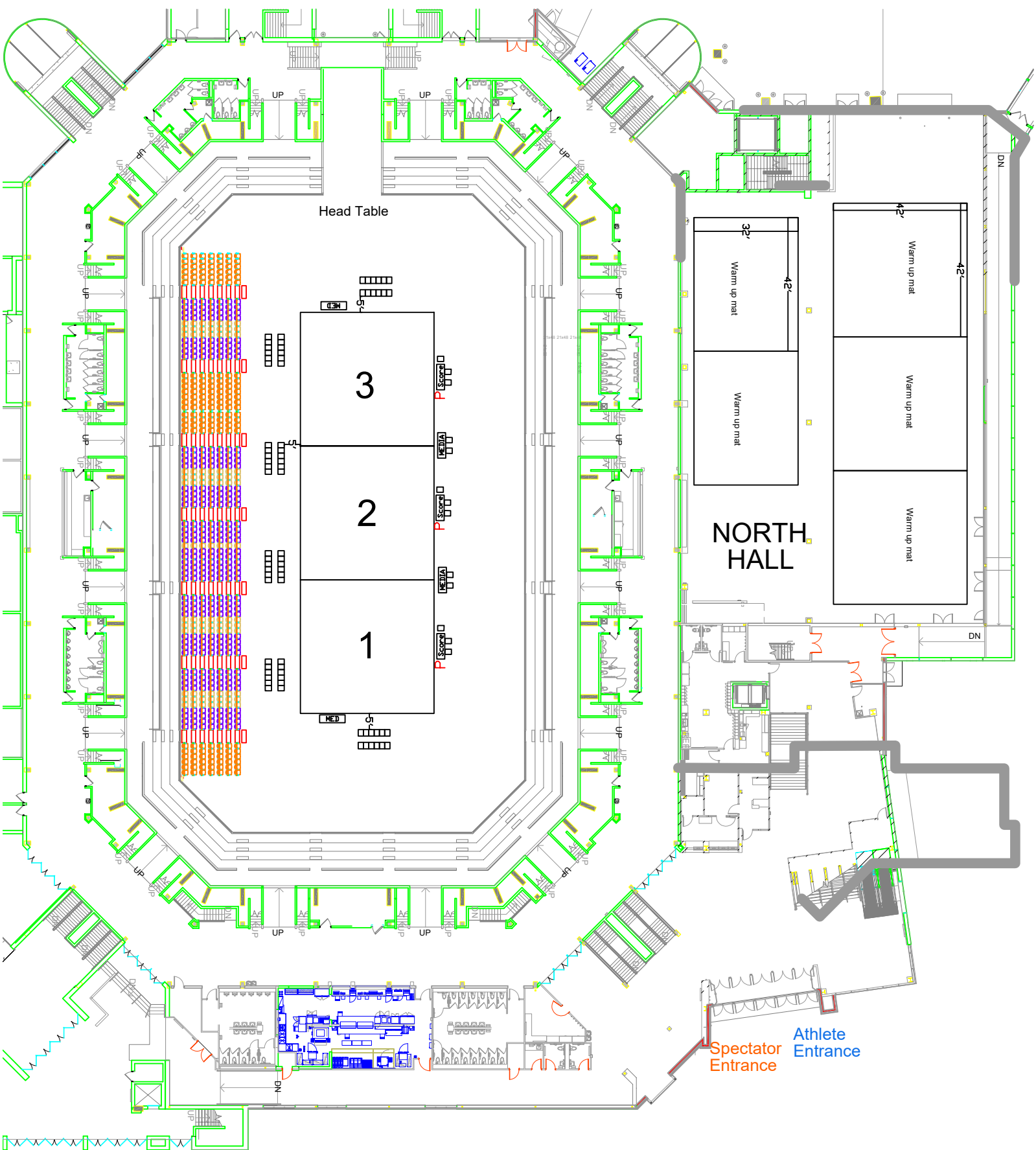
*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus up to fourteen (14) alternate wrestlers and six (6) additional persons.
- (b) There is no provision for free admissions for administrators or cheerleaders.



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