Coaches,

The following information concerns all Area qualifiers for the Carolina Invitational. The format of the tournament is full double elimination using 16 man brackets and placing six wrestlers who will advance on to the Sectional tournament. Tournament Directors will have the option of splitting weight classes based on the size of the bracket. If a weight is split, the top 3 finishers from each bracket will move on to the Sectional tournament.

The weight classes for these events are as follows:

- **MS** – 80, 88, 96, 102, 108, 114, 120, 126, 135, 145, 158, 175, 205, 285

*** 2 pound weight allowance applies after January 1. (e.g. 80 will be 82, 88 will be 90, etc)

All registration for this event will be handled through an online registration. Registrations will need to be completed by midnight on the Wednesday prior to the event. Scratches and changes after registration is closed will need to be emailed to the Mitch Hudson (mhudson@lexington1.net) and Todd Polly (wrestlingislife@twc.com). Cutoff for these scratches will be Friday at noon (Thursday at 9:00 pm for those doing JV on Friday for JV scatches).

Registration links can be found at the following locations once registration is open.

- FloArena website: [https://arena.flowrestling.org](https://arena.flowrestling.org)

*** For both of the above, find the Area qualifier you are scheduled to be at and use the link for that tournament ***

- Keep in mind that a Varsity wrestler is only allowed 16 dates. There should be no Varsity level wrestlers competing in the qualifying tournament regardless of grade.
- MS and JV wrestlers are considered different teams.
- Once the Brackets are drawn and numbered, you are responsible for payment of any wrestler you registered that is in the numbered brackets. So, do not wait until weigh-ins to scratch your wrestler.

Listed below are the schools eligible for this Area qualifier

**Area 5: Counties** Newberry, Edgefield, Lexington, Orangeburg, Aiken

**Schools** Newberry, Mid-Carolina, Whitmire, Chapin, Dutch Fork, Irmo, Lexington, River Bluff, White Knoll, Airport, Brookland-Cayce, Gilbert, Swansea, Pelion, Orangeburg Wilkinson, Aiken, Midland Valley, North Augusta, Ridge Spring Monetta, South Aiken, Silver Bluff

Tournament Info: Wrestling will be held at Gilbert High School

- **Weigh-In Time:** 7-8am
- **Start Time:** 9am
- **Entry fee:** $10 per wrestler
- **Checks payable to:** Gilbert High School

***No Coolers will be allowed in the Gym. A concession stand will be available for purchases.***

We look forward to hosting you for this area qualifier.

**Thanks,**

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