Friends, Families, and Fans,

Please pay attention to highlighted text! On behalf of the South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association and Lexington High School, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 50th Annual Carolina Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Our tournament staff is very excited about this year's event and we all look forward to what will surely be an action packed weekend!

This is the third decade now that the SCWCA has taken over the tournament from National Hall of Fame member Hank Hammond. All of the wrestlers participating have qualified through one of the region qualifiers and have advanced through the sectional qualifiers that have been held throughout the season all over the state. These are THE BEST Middle School and JV wrestlers in the state of South Carolina.

This year's tournament will consist of 14 Middle School and 14 JV weight classes. Each weight class will have the top 16 wrestlers in that weight. The top three in each weight will receive medals. Team scores will also be kept, and the team champion will be recognized.

Since 1974, many of the wrestlers that have participated in this tournament have gone on to be some of the best wrestlers South Carolina has ever produced. We wish you and your team Good Luck and hope that you have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Yours in wrestling,

Chase Owens
Lexington High School
Head Wrestling Coach

Lexington High School

Drop Off/ Bus Parking

BUS DROP OFF LOCATION

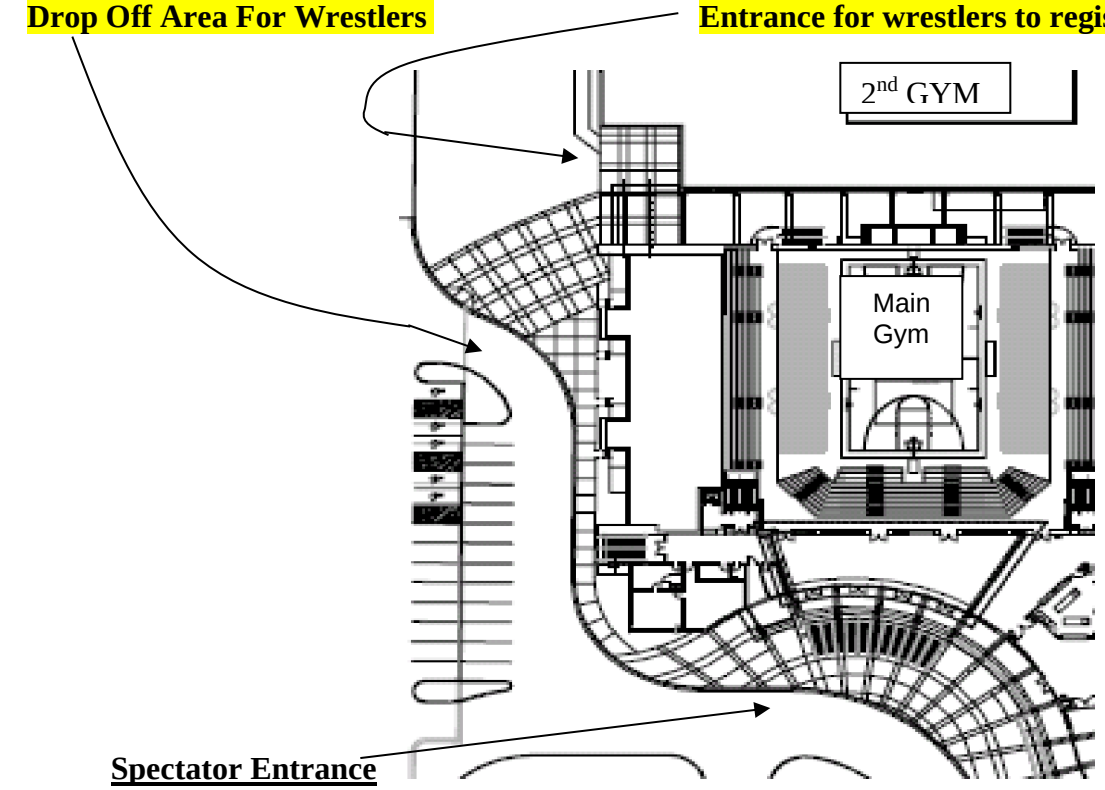
To the left of the gym is a drop off area, drive through let your kids off, they will enter where it says registration. This entrance is for wrestlers entered in the tournament and up to Three Coaches per team. Anyone else must use the Spectator entrance and pay Admission to the tournament.

BUS PARKING LOCATION

After Dropping off Wrestlers the buses need to go into the parking lot and will need go in the direction of the football stadium. The buses will use the parking in front of the Football Stadium. This is to save room closest to the gym for spectators.

Drop Off Area For Wrestlers

Entrance for wrestlers to register



Spectator Entrance

The front of the gym as you turn into Lexington High School

To The Parking area in front of the Stadium

Carolina Invitational Team Information

Registration

Coaches - Your Entire team must be present for you to register and weigh in. Please coordinate your arrival if you are not coming on a bus together. Registration is at the entrance to the Old Gym, directly in front of the Baseball Field Press Box. You cannot get to registration by going through the main entrance. You will be charged admission. **3 Coaches' Passes per team with 2 or more kids. 2 Coaches' Passes for teams with 1 kid. Teams with more coaches than passes given should work out who is paying at time of check in.**

Weigh-Ins

You will be informed of weigh in locations when you register. The weigh-ins will be held in 1 of 2 locker rooms. **Weigh-ins open @ 7:00am for Middle School and 11:30am for JV.**

Gym Rules

The New Gym has a NO FOOD OR DRINK policy. Please help us enforce this, Our School Staff works hard to maintain our facilities, if you could ask your kids to keep all food and drinks out of the new gym. *****Coolers and Food Boxes will not be allowed into the building. Parents are encouraged to set coolers and food boxes at a central car so wrestlers can walk outside get what they need and return to the gym.** Trash Cans will also be placed in these spots and replaced regularly, please help our staff maintain your area the best you can.

Food and Tables

We will provide concessions in both gyms. **There will be A LIMITED NUMBER IF ANY tables in the hallway that separates the two gyms but they are first come, first serve and will be for you to eat food at and not take it into the new gym.** Please keep main walkways open and do not move already placed tables. **A parent will not be allowed to enter the registration area to place a cooler or food box at a table, because again they are not allowed.**

*****ALL Spectators will come into the gym through the Main Entrance. Admission will be $10.00 per person at the door with cash or online. Ticket Link is here: https://lexington1.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/2322?es=90g0e4mdq68t6lfuuognd3asfh**

*****Only Coaches that are members of the SCWCA will be allowed into the hospitality room.**

Clear Bag Policy for Your Spectators: They don't need to be surprised when they arrive - we are going to tell them to yell at you and not us.

Forty-Ninth Annual
Carolina Invitational Tournament

- **Where: Lexington High School**
- **When: January 20st (Make up date January 27th If necessary)**
- **Who: Any middle school or JV wrestler that has qualified for this tournament and eligible by "THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE"**
- **Entry Fee: $15.00 per wrestler **Please bring the check or the PO #****
- **Admission for spectators $10 dollars for adults and students. Ticket Link here.**
- **Awards medals for first three places**
- **Team awards- JV champion, runner up JV - middle school champion and runner up.**
- **Weigh-In: January 21, 2023 from 7-8:45 AM in Lexington High School Wrestling Room and/or Locker Rooms.**

- **School coaches must sign and verify that all wrestlers meet High School League Certification at registration. Parent signatures will not be accepted.**
- **Coaches it would be helpful if you would notify us of any wrestler that qualified but does not plan on attending the tournament.**
- **Brackets will be 16 man brackets with a double elimination tournament. In case the 5 match rule comes into play, both wrestlers will receive a third place medal.**
- **Scoring will be according to National Federation rules.**
- **Questions of who qualified should be directed to the appropriate Sectional/Area 7 tournament director. We plan on taking the names sent to us.**
- **Contact Information: Contact Tommy Bell at T.L. Hanna High School 864-260-5110 Ext. 85152 - thomasbell@anderson5.net**

Coaches

1. **Registration from 7:00-8:45 AM**
2. **Coaches meeting @9:00, registration packet, location wrestling room.**
3. **Wrestling as soon as possible after coaches' meeting ~ 9:10 AM.**

Payment

All entry fees for the finals will be made out to the SCWCA

Please bring that check with you to the finals or mail it to:

Tommy Bell
SCWCA Secretary
3665 South Industrial Drive
Simpsonville, SC 29680

Lodging:

Wingate Hotel – Ask for the Lexington Wildcats discount! Contact info on next page:
803-957-5000
www.lexingtonwingate.com
108 Saluda Pointe Ct
Lexington, SC 29072

Other Hotels in the area:

Holiday Inn- (803) 808-0800 – 5 miles from school (Microwave, refrigerator, continental breakfast)
Hampton Inn- (803) 356-8300 – 4 miles from school (Continental breakfast)
Quality Inn- (803) 359-3099 – 4 miles from school (two queen beds)
Ramada Limited- (803) 356-6533 – 6 miles from school (Continental breakfast

Hospitality Room-
A hospitality room will be sponsored by the SCWCA and Lexington High School. This room is provided for members of the South Carolina Wrestling Coaches Association and tournament workers only.