

Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation

Information about competing in the IKWF - 2023-24

Parents, Guardians, and club coaches should be aware of the following **IMPORTANT** items when purchasing your son's or daughter's USA Wrestling athlete membership and participation in IKWF events.

1. **All NEW wrestlers to the IKWF** must include a copy of their birth certificate with this application.
2. To be eligible for any IKWF event, the attached form and payment (for all wrestlers) and a copy of a birth certificate (for new wrestlers) **MUST** be submitted to the IKWF office 2 weeks prior to competing in said event. *Example: To wrestle in **December 2, 2023** events, the above information **MUST** be submitted (postmarked) to the IKWF office by **November 18, 2023**.*
3. **The IKWF is a club-based organization.** This means once you have declared a club for your son or daughter, he/she is a member of that club for the entire IKWF competition season. The designated head coach of your club has the final say in your son's or daughter's participation in any IKWF event.
4. **Any wrestler who purchases their membership for preseason training purposes**, has until **November 25, 2023** to declare their IKWF club affiliation. **Failure** to declare a wrestler's club affiliation by **November 25, 2023** will result in **ineligibility** in the IKWF State Series. **Parents, guardians, or club coaches should send an email to ikwf@ikwf.org with a wrestler's club affiliation.**
5. **Any wrestler who purchases an athlete membership after November 25, 2023** has ten (10) days from the date of purchase to declare their IKWF club affiliation **or** they will be ineligible for the IKWF State Series.
6. **IKWF by-laws allow wrestlers to request a club transfer after the above November 25, 2023 deadline.** Please see **WRESTLER CLUB TRANSFER REQUEST** on the **MEMBERSHIP** page of **WWW.IKWF.ORG**. **The deadline to submit a club transfer request is January 1, 2024.**
7. **The "IKWF Age" of all wrestlers in the IKWF is determined by their age on December 31, 2023.**
8. **All wrestlers must be a member of an IKWF charter club to participate in any IKWF event.**
"Unattached" wrestlers **cannot** compete in any IKWF event (including the state series).
9. **State Series Eligibility Deadline:** A wrestler's membership form, payment, and a copy of a birth certificate for new wrestlers **MUST** be submitted to the IKWF office by **February 3, 2024** (postmark date).
10. In compliance with Part VI, Section B, Line 13 of Federal Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, the IKWF requests that any suspicious activity that a member, a members' parent or guardian witness, be reported to Jim Brasher at jbrasher@ikwf.org.

ATTENTION!

Please remember the following when completing the attached form:

- 1) Please provide all requested information.
- 2) A parent or a guardian **MUST** sign the form.
- 3) Payment must be included with the form.
- 4) **NEW WRESTLERS** - A copy of his/her birth certificate must be included with the form.

**SEND COMPLETED FORM, PAYMENT, AND COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR NEW WRESTLERS TO:
IKWF, 4932 Wilshire Blvd, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 (make all checks payable to IKWF)**

Annual Membership: \$50, card valid 9/1/2023 through 8/31/2024

Make checks payable to IKWF (payment must be included with form)

(Relationship to minor)