

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR

47th ANNUAL

NYSPHSAA

WRESTLING

CHAMPIONSHIPS

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE RELEASED

Event returns to Times Union Center in Albany, February 27-28

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LATHAM, NY – The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has announced tickets are on sale beginning December 16th for the 2009 high school wrestling state championships at the Times Union Center on Friday, February 27th and Saturday, February 28th. The Association has also released its official competition schedule for the upcoming tournament which is sponsored in part by Worldwide Sport Supply, Jostens, CSEA, MaxPreps, the Marines and ImPact.

THE 2009 TOURNAMENT, now in its sixth year of a two-division format, will follow a similar schedule to last year's event held at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester however it will return to a Friday-Saturday schedule. This year will mark the third year an additional 120 wrestlers will fill the byes in the brackets bringing the total number of participants to over 500. Qualifiers will hail from the 11 NYSPHSAA sections, as well as from the New York City Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) and the Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA). The 2009 schedule is as follows:

SESSION #1

Friday, February 27

10 am	Parade of Champions/National Anthem
10:30 – 2:30 pm	Preliminaries: Division 1 and 2
2:30 – 4:30 pm	Quarterfinals: Division 1 and 2
4:30 – 6:30 pm	Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2

SESSION #2

Saturday, February 28

9:30 am	National Anthem/Special Awards
10 am – 12:30 pm	Semifinals: Division 1 and 2
	Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Wrestlebacks/Cons Semifinals: Div. 1 & 2
2 pm – 3:30 pm	Consolations Finals: Division 1 and 2

SESSION #3

Saturday, February 28

6 pm	FINALS: Division 1 and 2 (2 mats only)
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THREE TICKET PACKAGES are being offered for the tournament including a "Premium package" for \$38 in which an attendee would receive a ticket for each of the first two sessions and a third ticket for the last session in a premium seating area closer to the floor (finals only). Also available will be a one-session ticket for \$12 as well as a three-session package without premium seating for \$33. All seating is general admission except for premium seating for the finals. Premium seating will not be sold separately during the finals.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE beginning Tuesday, December 16th at the Times Union Center Box Office, select Price Chopper outlets, by phone at 1-800-30-EVENT, or at www.timesunion.com.

THE EVENT WILL STAY IN ALBANY at the Times Union Center through 2012 after the NYSPHSAA wrestling state committee unanimously voted in favor of a bid submitted by the arena, the Association announced two weeks ago.

TO REQUEST A MEDIA CREDENTIAL for this event, please contact Chadd Ryan, Marketing Manager at the Times Union Center, via e-mail at: chadd.ryan@timesunioncenter-albany.com. Media members will be asked to provide a photo ID prior to receiving their credential at the ticket window during the tournament. Regardless of having secured an official NYSPHSAA tournament credential, this venue REQUIRES ALL MEDIA to contact the arena to request a credential and announce their attendance.

HISTORY/VENUES OF WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1963 – Cornell University, Ithaca
1964 – Walt Whitman High School, South Huntington (Long Island)
1965 – Ithaca College, Ithaca
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1967 – Niagara University, Niagara Falls
1968 – Onondaga County War Memorial, Syracuse
1969 – George H. Clark Gymnasium, Rochester
1970-72 – Onondaga County War Memorial, Syracuse
1973 – Utica Memorial Auditorium, Utica
1974-2003 – Onondaga County War Memorial, Syracuse
2004 – University at Buffalo, Amherst
2005 – Pepsi Arena, Albany (currently the Times Union Center)
2006 – Nassau Veterans Coliseum, Uniondale
2007 – Times Union Center, Albany
2008 – Blue Cross Arena, Rochester
2009-2012 – Times Union Center, Albany