

77th Open Wrestling Championships at Wilkes University

"The Rose Bowl of Wrestling"

570- 823-3164 / 1-888-445-4559 (toll free in PA)

Monday, December 28, 2009

- REGISTRATION** Sunday, December 27, 2009 (If not pre-registered)
250 wrestlers will be accepted. Pre-registration is encouraged
- WRESTLING** Monday, December 28th at 9 AM
- LOCATION** Wilkes University, Henry Gym - Marts Center, 274 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766
- RULES** The 2008-2009 NCAA Rules will govern all contests. Referees' decisions will be based on the National Collegiate Point System. Full wrestle backs.
- UNIFORMS** Tights or well-fitted trunks, sleeveless shirts, supporters, and gym shoes. (This Rule Will Be In Strict Order). The 2008-2009 NCAA Rules define and display the legal uniform.
- AWARDS** Trophies for First, Second, Third, and Fourth place will be awarded in each weight class. Special awards will be given for Outstanding Wrestler (John Reese Award), Individual High Point Man (Marv Antinnes Award), and the George Ralston Award will be presented for the "Greatest Number of Falls in the Least Total Time".
- WEIGHT CLASS** The following weight classes will be contested: (no weight allowance) 125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285
- REGISTRATION** Sunday evening, December 27, 2009 from 5 PM - 7 PM. Team representatives are welcome to attend a seeding meeting at 7:30 PM. A team entry fee is available for 10 or more wrestlers. (\$30 each for the First 10 Wrestlers on a team - \$25 for each additional wrestler)
- WEIGH-IN** **Monday, December 28, 2009 at 7 AM – Skin Checks begin at 6:30 AM**

Athletes and coaches are encouraged to register online at www.gimpssoftware.com . If unable to register online you may mail your entry or entries on or before December 12, 2009 (WALK-ONS WILL BE ACCEPTED) with your entry fee of \$30.00 per contestant enclosed to: **Keystone State Games, Inc., c/o Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament, PO Box 1166, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-1166.** Additional entry blanks may be reproduced. Detach and return. **Make checks payable to Keystone State Games, Inc.**

ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT www.keystonegames.com (until 12/27/09 @ 12 Noon)

ENTRY FORM

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any right and claim for damages that I may have against the Keystone State Games, Inc. and Wilkes University, its agents, representatives, successors, and assigns for any injuries.

Name: _____ Age _____
(Please Print)

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Coach: _____ Unattached: _____ Weight Class: _____

College or Other Affiliation: _____

Past Championships: _____
Tournament Year Place

Signature: _____

October 2009

Dear Coach,

Enclosed is the announcement of the 77th Annual Open Wrestling Championships at Wilkes University, Henry Gym - Marts Center, 274 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766.

The Tournament is set for Monday, December 28th, 2008 as the date for wrestling. The mandatory weigh-in (No Weight allowance) will be held at 7:00am on December 28th. Walk-on registration will take place on Sunday, December 27th, 5pm – 7pm. The tournament will take only 250 wrestlers. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. It is expected that all participants (individually or team) will be paid on/or before the close of registration. Wrestlers need not attend registration on Saturday provided they have registered online, by mail or represented by a coach at registration. A seeding meeting will take place at 7:30pm for all interested coaches.

We hope your institution will be represented at *The Rose Bowl of Wrestling* as we celebrate the 77th anniversary of the Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament. Several great colleges/universities have appeared here at tournament time for more than seven decades. The Wilkes Open Wrestling Tournament is a tradition, and we anticipate registration at full capacity.

Entry forms are enclosed, and may be reproduced as needed. You may register via mail or on our website at www.keystonegames.com or www.gimpssoftware.com starting November 1. Directions and hotel accommodations may also be found on the website. Call me if any assistance is needed at 570-760-0352.

Best wishes to you, we look forward to seeing you and your athletes at the Tournament.

Sincerely,

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