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WRESTLING
State Qualifier's
Handbook

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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Congratulations on your team's advancement to the Wrestling State Tournament. This handbook has been prepared to serve as a guide to administrators and coaches and provide information about the state tournament. You will find this material valuable as you prepare for the meet and upon your arrival to the meet.

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COVID-19 TEAM & SPECIFIC GAME PROTOCOLS

- **Masks:**
 - All Employees, coaches, wrestlers, and guests must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public. Masks/Facial Coverings are required for all guests entering the Berry Center and must be worn at all including the seating area.
 - Exemptions from wearing a face covering are listed below.
 - Wrestlers while actively wrestling in their match
 - A guest in their seat who is actively eating or drinking
- **Social Distancing**
 - Groups should always maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other groups, including while entering, waiting to be seated, and while seated. A group is defined as no more than 10 persons including the members of the household and those persons who traveled together to the facility or on the same reservation.
 - Groups should leave 3 empty seats adjacent to both sides of their groups and should not sit directly in front of or behind other groups.
 - Only wrestlers, coaches, media, credentialed personnel and tournament workers will be allowed on the arena floor.
 - There will be designated seating for wrestling teams only (indicated in orange)
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the building for employee, coaches, wrestlers, and guests use.
- **Covid-19 Health Screening**
 - Do not enter Berry Center if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have Covid-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days
- **Tickets**
 - Tickets will be available **online only**
- **Facility Policies**
 - Visit <https://www.berrycenter.net/policies> for the full list of Berry Center Policies
 - No outside food and drink will be allowed in by guests. Wrestling teams may only bring in outside food and drink before 10am through Entrance 3. After 10am no team will be allowed to bring in food and drinks.
 - Clear bag policy will be in use for all guests that come in the patron entrance.
 - No weapons, alcohol, tobacco (including vapes and e-cigarettes), or strollers will be allowed in the facility.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2021 UIL Wrestling State Championships April 23-24, 2021 Berry Center: Cypress, Texas

Tournament Director. A.J. Martinez will serve as the tournament director. The tournament director and rules committee members shall rule on all state tournament wrestling rule situations.

School Packets. 5A School packets will be available for pickup from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 22nd. 6A School packets will be available for pickup from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Friday, April 23rd, in the Atrium of the Berry Center through Entrance 3. There will be NO mat time during packet pickup.

Programs. Programs will be in an electronic format only, no programs will be printed or sold onsite. These electronic programs can be printed and are free of charge to anyone on the UIL Wrestling State Championship page.

Coaches' Meeting. There is a mandatory coaches' meeting on **Wednesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm** via Zoom. A link will be emailed to every state qualifying coach prior to the meeting date. Specific tournament information will be covered for you at this meeting.

Coach/Trainer Credentials. Each school team (boys and girls) will be given **TWO coach wristbands**, these wristbands will be valid for access to the arena floor throughout the tournament. *Trainers* will be given a comp pass by request only, (see A.J. Martinez or Crystal Victorino), but will **not** receive arena floor access.

Student Manager/Student Trainer Credentials. Each school team (boys and girls) will be given **ONE complimentary pass for student managers/trainers**. This pass will **not** allow arena floor access but will get them in the tournament. No additional wristbands for student managers/trainers will be given.

Tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase online only, Monday, April 19, 2021

Ticket prices: \$20.00 per day

All Tickets Sales will be digital and link will be on the UIL website.

Parking. Parking at the Berry Center is free. Please see attached map for parking assignments. Teams will park in lots "C" and "D" Thursday through Saturday and enter through Entrance 3.

Locker Rooms. There will be locker rooms for both boys and girls available. Those locker rooms will be labeled on a map included in your school packet.

Food and Drinks. Teams will be allowed to bring in food and drinks at the beginning of each day through Entrance 3 only, and up until 11:00 am. Parents can bring kids food up until 11:00 am through Entrance 3, only by meeting a coach at the entrance. There will be a pre-order box meal option for teams through the Berry Center. Flyer for those meals are on our website.

Weigh-Ins. Weigh-ins for the UIL Wrestling State Championships will be held on both the arena floor and conference room at the Berry Center (girls/boys) and in accordance with Rule 4-5 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book. The times for official weigh-ins are listed in the state tournament schedule. These times will not be altered or extended. Detailed information of the weigh-in procedure will be included in your school packet upon arrival. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING BAGS OR ADDITIONAL ITEMS INTO THE WEIGH-IN AREA until after weigh-ins are complete.** Pre-weigh is available in the regular weigh-in area. Girls will need to wait until boys' weigh-in is finished before going to regular weigh-in area.

- Alternates will **NOT** be weighed in
- **TATTOOS** will be picked up at the scales for competitors

Warm-Up Area. A warm-up area will be provided and is in conjunction with the staging area. See map for location.

Alternates. Alternates will **NOT** be weighed in with the other competitors. Alternates will be placed in the bracket if the advancing wrestler is unable to attend. **Alternates will not replace wrestlers who fail to make weight.** No complimentary pass will be given to alternates.

Athletes and coaches that have qualified for finals are required to check-in between 5:15-5:30pm in the staging area

(Atrium outside the arena) to prep for the Parade of Champions.

Team Honors. UIL will score six places for the boys and six places for the girls at the state tournament. In district, regional and state tournaments, team honors shall be determined by the National Federation scoring standards detailed in the wrestling rule book.

Awards. The top three finishers in each weight class will receive medals from the UIL. The top ***THREE*** teams will receive trophies. This is a special time for both athletes and coaches. All athletes need to be dressed appropriately and on time to the award ceremony.

- **Participant Attire: sweat pants, a school logoed top/t-shirt, no headgear of any kind.**

Photos. 1st Photo Texas will be taking photos at the awards stand. Please visit the 1st Photo Texas' website to order photos (www.1stphototexas.com).

Unsportsmanlike Conduct. According to National Federation rules, all points accumulated by a wrestler who is disqualified for an unsportsmanlike conduct violation will be deducted from the team score.

Noisemakers/Signs. No artificial noisemakers or large signs/banners are allowed.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

NFHS Network will provide a live webcast of the 2021 UIL Wrestling State Tournament on April 23-24, from the Berry Center in Cypress, Texas.

Fans, family and alumni unable to attend the event can watch Friday and Saturday matches of the UIL Wrestling State Tournament live online with a subscription at www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/uil. Subscribers can also watch on the go by downloading the NFHS Network app for iPhone and Android devices.

The live webcast will begin on NFHSNetwork.com on Friday, April 23rd at 9 a.m. CT, each mat will have an individual video stream on the NFHS Network.

2021 STATE WRESTLING COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 21st

TIME	CLASS	DIVISION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:00 PM	5A/6A	BOYS/GIRLS	Head Coaches Meeting	Zoom Call

Thursday, April 22nd

TIME	CLASS	DIVISION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3:00 – 5:00 PM	5A	BOYS/GIRLS	Team Registration	Command Center (West Side Concourse)
3:00 – 5:00 PM	5A	BOYS/GIRLS	Weight Check	Conference Center
**5:15 PM Officials Meeting in Berry Center "Officials Room"				

Friday, April 23rd

TIME	CLASS	DIVISION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:00 AM	5A	ALL	Doors Open	Entrance #3
7:00 AM	5A	BOYS	Weigh-In	Line up on Arena floor by weight class;
9:00 AM	5A	BOYS	Championship Round 1 & 2	Arena Floor (8 Mats)
9:30 AM	5A	GIRLS	Weigh-In	Berry Center Atrium & Conference Center
11:10 AM			Mat Cleaning/Break	
11:30 AM	5A	GIRLS	Championship Round 1 & 2	Arena Floor (8 Mats)
1:00 PM			Mat Cleaning/Break	
1:20 PM	5A	BOYS	Semi-Final & Consolation 1	Arena Floor (8 Mats)
2:50 PM	5A	GIRLS	Semi-Final & Consolation 1	Arena Floor (8 Mats)
3:00-5:00P	6A	BOYS/GIRLS	Team Registration Weight Check	Command Center Conference Center
3:50 PM			Mat Cleaning/Break	
4:10 PM	5A	BOYS	Consolation Semi-Finals	Arena Floor (6 Mats)
4:50 PM	5A	GIRLS	Consolation Semi-Finals	Arena Floor (6 Mats)
5:30 PM			Parade of Champions	
5:45 PM	5A	BOYS/GIRLS	Championship Matches 1st, 3rd, & 5th	Arena Floor (6 Mats)

Saturday, April 24th

TIME	CLASS	DIVISION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:00 AM	6A	ALL	Doors Open	Entrance #3
7:00 AM	6A	BOYS	Weigh-In	Line up on Arena floor by weight class;
9:00 AM	6A	BOYS	Championship Round 1 & 2	Arena Floor (8 Mats)
9:30 AM	6A	GIRLS	Weigh-In	Berry Center Atrium & Conference Center
11:10 AM			Mat Cleaning/Break	
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parking. Lots "C" and "D".

Entrance. School/Team/Coach enters through Entrance 3.

Food and Drinks. Bring through Entrance 3 with Team until 10:00 am! Parents may bring in food for kids up until 10:00 am ONLY and must bring it through Entrance 3 by meeting with the school coach at the entrance.

Weigh-In. Have athletes on time and ready to go in accordance to NFHS Rules (Boys line up on Arena Floor; Girls line up in Atrium Hallway @ appropriate times).

Schedule. 8 Mats; Athletes will make their way to the Arena floor from the staging (warm-up room) for their matches.

Mat Clean/Sanitized. Will be done following every round of competition.

Athletes. Only athletes that have their tattoo and singlet on will be allowed on the arena floor. No boy or girl athlete will be allowed on the floor while the other gender is wrestling.

Student Trainers/Managers. They will be allowed in the atrium and warm-up areas, but they will not be allowed on the arena floor with their complimentary wristband.

Coach Seating. All coaches without a competing wrestler should be seated in the designated coaching seats on the concourse level. (Located beneath Control Center/ designated for COACHES only)

Parade of Champions. Line up in the Atrium outside the Arena Floor @ 5:15 pm.

Awards. 1st through 6th place; Start after Final Matches have begun; Have kids on time and dressed appropriately. *Parents/spectators are not permitted in the awards area.*

Rules Committee.

AJ Martinez – Tournament Director (361) 816-1281

Rex Anderson – Head Referee (281) 814-2901

Dan Lang – Rules Interpreter (281) 684-7720

CREDENTIALS AND TATTOOS

Credentials. Each school will be given 2 wristbands per team (boys and girls) for coaches. Only 2 coaches should be on the floor at one time.

Tattoos (Boys & Girls). Athletes will be issued tattoos at the scales for weigh-ins. If an athlete has a tattoo rub off, they can come to the UIL Office to receive a new one from A.J. Martinez or Crystal Victorino.

Temporary Tattoo Directions:

1. Skin should be clean and free of oils and makeup.
2. **Remove clear, protective top sheet.**
3. Press tattoo firmly onto clean, dry skin, with design facing down.
4. **Hold wet paper towel or cloth against back of tattoo, press down and make sure to wet it thoroughly.**
5. **Wait 30 seconds (don't hurry). Peel off paper backing.**
6. Gently rinse image with water for best effect.

TATTOOS MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE TOP OF THE HAND.

****Warning:** Don't apply to sensitive skin or near eyes.

To Remove. Saturate tattoo with household rubbing alcohol or baby oil; wait 10 seconds, then rub away tattoo with a cotton ball OR lift tattoo from dry skin using several pieces of transparent household tape.

WEIGH-IN INFORMATION

Weigh-ins will be conducted in the conference center that is adjacent to the warm-up area. Below is a description of the format we will use for both boys and girls and will be in accordance with Rule 4-5 of the National Federation Wrestling Book. *All qualifying athletes will be weighed in at the same time.*

Boys:

Weigh-in staging area: The boys will all report to the arena floor for weigh-ins. We will line up the boys by weight class, in single file, by ranking order (14 lines). We will then proceed to walk each weight class to the weigh-in area. Once a weight class is completed, we will walk the next weight class down.

Girls:

Weigh-in staging area: The girls will all report to the atrium for weigh-ins (between the arena floor and the warm-up area). We will line up the girls by weight class, in single file, by ranking order (10 lines). We will then proceed to walk each weight class to the weigh-in area. Once a weight class is completed, we will walk the next weight class down.

Weigh-Ins will be conducted at the following times:

Friday, April 23rd

- 7:00 am – 5A Boys Weigh-Ins
- 9:30 am – 5A Girls Weigh-Ins

Saturday, April 24th

- 7:00 am – 6A Boys Weigh-Ins
- 9:30 am – 6A Girls Weigh-Ins

All participants must remain in the weigh-in area when weigh-ins begin.

As stated in the National Federation Rules, activities that promote dehydration are prohibited in the weigh-in area. Individuals found to be in violation of this rule will be disqualified from participation in the tournament.

*There will be a physician on site during the weigh-in.

****Rex Anderson, Dan Lang, and A.J. Martinez will be available for any questions/concerns pertaining to the weigh-in!**

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS/AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Parade of Champions.

Athletes

Athletes will line up in the Atrium of the Berry Center by weight classes beginning with boys on the left, girls on the right. They will then be escorted out to the arena floor (go right) and will continue walking around the arena to their designated mat.

Coaches

Coaches will line up next to their athletes in their perspective lines. As athletes are being escorted to the right after entering the arena, coaches will go left and line up in rows along the end and wait for Parade of Champions to conclude.

Awards.

- The weight class order is listed on page 9
- There is a separate podium for both boys and girls competitors
- We will award the classes by alternating between the girls and boys
- ****A.J. will relay to Kat when each presentation is set to announce****

Once all weight classes are awarded we will move to the overall awards.

Team: (announce teams to come to designated podium when called)

3rd Place Girls

3rd Place Boys

2nd Place Girls

2nd Place Boys

1st Place Girls

1st Place Boys

AWARDS PRESENTATION "DETAIL"

The top 6 finishers are to report to the awards area immediately and must be wearing the appropriate attire (warm-up bottoms, a school logoed top, no head gear), so please make sure your athletes are readily available. The 3rd through 6th place finishers will wait until the championship match has concluded to participate in the awards Ceremony.

5:30 pm

- Parade of Champions
- National Anthem

5:45 pm – Championship Matches Begin

GIRLS (Mats 5,6,7)

95 Weight Class
 102 Weight Class
 110 Weight Class
AWARDS 95 WEIGHT CLASS
 119 Weight Class
AWARDS 102 WEIGHT CLASS
 128 Weight Class
AWARDS 110 WEIGHT CLASS
 138 Weight Class
AWARDS 119 WEIGHT CLASS
 148 Weight Class
AWARDS 128 WEIGHT CLASS
 165 Weight Class
AWARDS 138 WEIGHT CLASS
 185 Weight Class
AWARDS 148 WEIGHT CLASS
 215 Weight Class
AWARDS 165 WEIGHT CLASS

AWARDS 148 WEIGHT CLASS

AWARDS 148 WEIGHT CLASS

BOYS (Mats 2,3,4)

106 Weight Class
 113 Weight Class
 120 Weight Class
AWARDS 106 WEIGHT CLASS
 126 Weight Class
AWARDS 113 WEIGHT CLASS
 132 Weight Class
AWARDS 120 WEIGHT CLASS
 138 Weight Class
126 WEIGHT CLASS
 145 Weight Class
AWARDS 132 WEIGHT CLASS
 152 Weight Class
AWARDS 138 WEIGHT CLASS
 160 Weight Class
AWARDS 145 WEIGHT CLASS
 170 Weight Class
AWARDS 152 WEIGHT CLASS
 182 Weight Class
AWARDS 160 WEIGHT CLASS
 195 Weight Class
AWARDS 170 WEIGHT CLASS
 220 Weight Class
AWARDS 182 WEIGHT CLASS
 285 Weight Class
AWARDS 195, 220, 285 WEIGHT CLASS

Individual:

Girls Outstanding Wrestler
 Boys Outstanding Wrestler

Team: (announce teams to come to designated podium when called)

3rd Place Girls
 3rd Place Boys

2nd Place Girls
 2nd Place Boys

1st Place Girls
 1st Place Boys

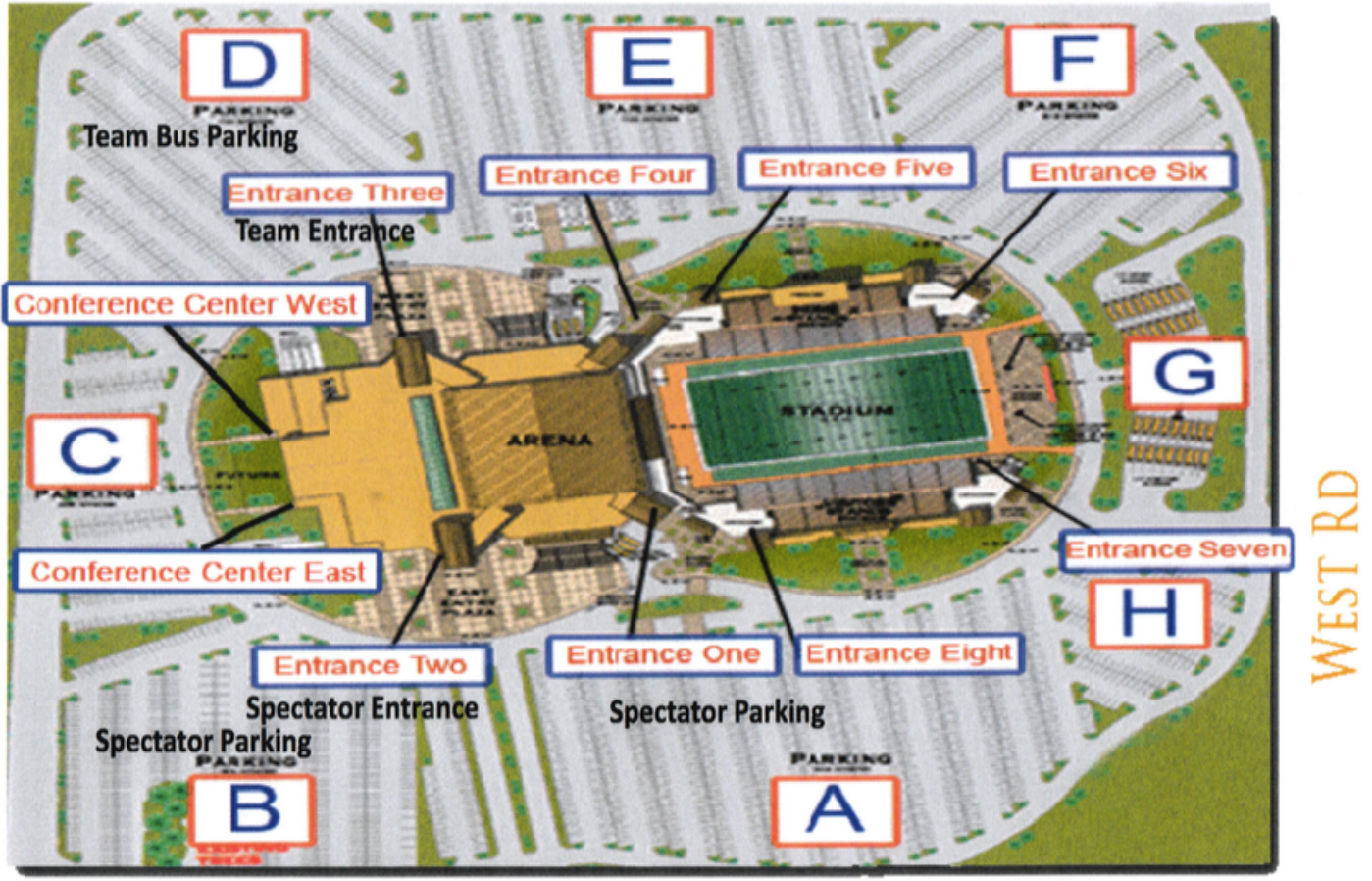
GIRLS TEAM TROPHIES BOYS TEAM TROPHIES

- We will begin awards after 3 weight classes have wrestled
- 1ST through 6th place awarded with medals (1st – 3rd "U.I.L.", 4th – 6th "W.A.")
- Trophies will be awarded once all weight classes have been awarded

PARKING AND ENTRANCE MAP

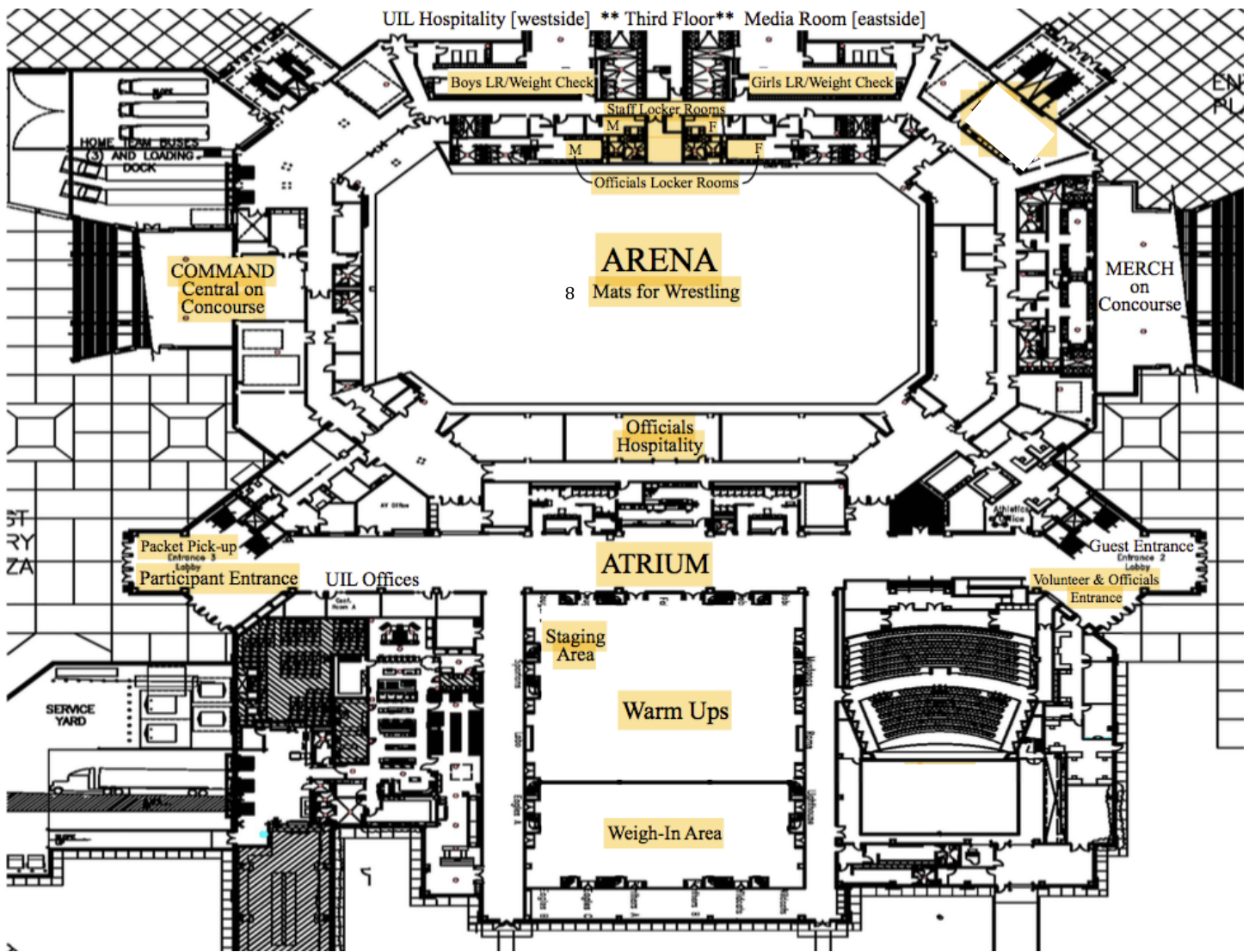
Team Parking: Lot D
Team Entrance: Entrance Three

Spectator Parking: Lots A and B
Spectator Entrance: Entrance Two



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BERRY CENTER LAYOUT



ARENA FLOOR

■ COACHES/UII OFFICIALS SEATING ONLY
 ■ WRESTLING TEAM SEATING ONLY
 ■ PATRON SEATING



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