



*Division I Wrestling
Championship Administrative
Meeting*

THE SPOTLIGHT AWAITS



AGENDA

- Welcome (Mark Bedics)
- Broadcast (ESPN)
- Rules (Jimmy Chung)
- Officials (Mike McCormick)
- Operations (Host/Venue)
- Parking (Venue)
- Media Requirements (Bedics)
- Things to Know (Bedics)
- Awards Presentation (Bedics)

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WELCOME

- David Gilbert, CEO of Destination Cleveland and the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission.

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ESPN

- ESPN+ Streaming
 - All sessions, all rounds
- Individual Mat Feeds
- MatCast
- Order of Finals Matches

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AIR WINDOWS

- Thursday (1st Round): 12 p.m. – ESPN2
- Thursday (2nd Round): 7 p.m. –ESPN

- Friday (Quarters): 12 p.m. –ESPNU
- Friday (Semis): 8 p.m. – ESPN2

- Saturday (Medal Round): 11 a.m. – ESPNU
- Saturday (Finals): 6:30 p.m. – ESPN

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ANNOUNCE TEAM

- **Day Sessions:** Shawn Kenney, Rock Harrison, Tim Johnson
- **Night Sessions:** Mike Couzens, Jordan Burroughs, Rock Harrison
- **Reporter:** Quint Kessenich
- **Matcast:** Shane Sparks, Mike McMullan

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COVERAGE PLAN

- 20+ Cameras
- Robotic Cams on Floor
- RF Camera
- Clock and Riding Time on MatCast
- Access/Interviews

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START AND BREAK SCHEDULE

1st and 2nd Rounds - :05 start

1:00 & 1:30 breaks (ALL BREAKS ON THE FLY)

Quarters - :04 start

4:30 breaks (NO PREGAME BREAK AND BREAK AFTER EACH WEIGHT CLASS – POSSIBLE INTERVIEW FIRST)

Semis – :04 start

4:30 breaks (NO PREGAME BREAK AND BREAK AFTER EACH WEIGHT CLASS – POSSIBLE INTERVIEW FIRST)

Medal Round - 03:30 start

4:30 breaks (NO PREGAME BREAK AND ALL BREAKS ON THE FLY)

Finals -:05 start

4:30 breaks (BREAK TIME STARTS AFTER COMPLETION OF POST MATCH INTERVIEW - NO PREGAME BREAK AND BREAK AFTER EACH WEIGHT CLASS. INTERMISSION BREAK OF 10:00 BETWEEN MATCHES 5 & 6)

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COMPETITION FORMAT

- Rounds 1 - 2
- Quarterfinals
- Semifinals
- Medal Round
- Finals

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FIRST, SECOND AND QUARTERFINALS

<p>SCORE TABLE</p> <p>BLACK 40495</p> <p>1</p> <p>RESILITE</p>	<p>SCORE TABLE</p> <p>BRIGHT BLUE 40494</p> <p>3</p> <p>RESILITE</p>	<p>SCORE TABLE</p> <p>BLACK 40496</p> <p>5</p> <p>RESILITE</p>	<p>SCORE TABLE</p> <p>BRIGHT BLUE 40498</p> <p>7</p> <p>RESILITE</p>
<p>BRIGHT BLUE (D1 Finals Mat) 40546</p> <p>2</p> <p>RESILITE</p>	<p>SCORE TABLE</p> <p>BLACK 40487</p> <p>4</p> <p>RESILITE</p>	<p>SCORE TABLE</p> <p>BRIGHT BLUE 40490</p> <p>6</p> <p>RESILITE</p>	<p>SCORE TABLE</p> <p>BLACK 40493</p> <p>8</p> <p>RESILITE</p>

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SEMIFINALS

SCORE TABLE

BLACK 40495 1

SCORE TABLE

BRIGHT BLUE 40498 7

SCORE TABLE

BLACK 40487 4

SCORE TABLE

BRIGHT BLUE 40490 6

SCORE TABLE

BRIGHT BLUE (D1 Finals Mat) 40546 2

SCORE TABLE

BLACK 40493 8

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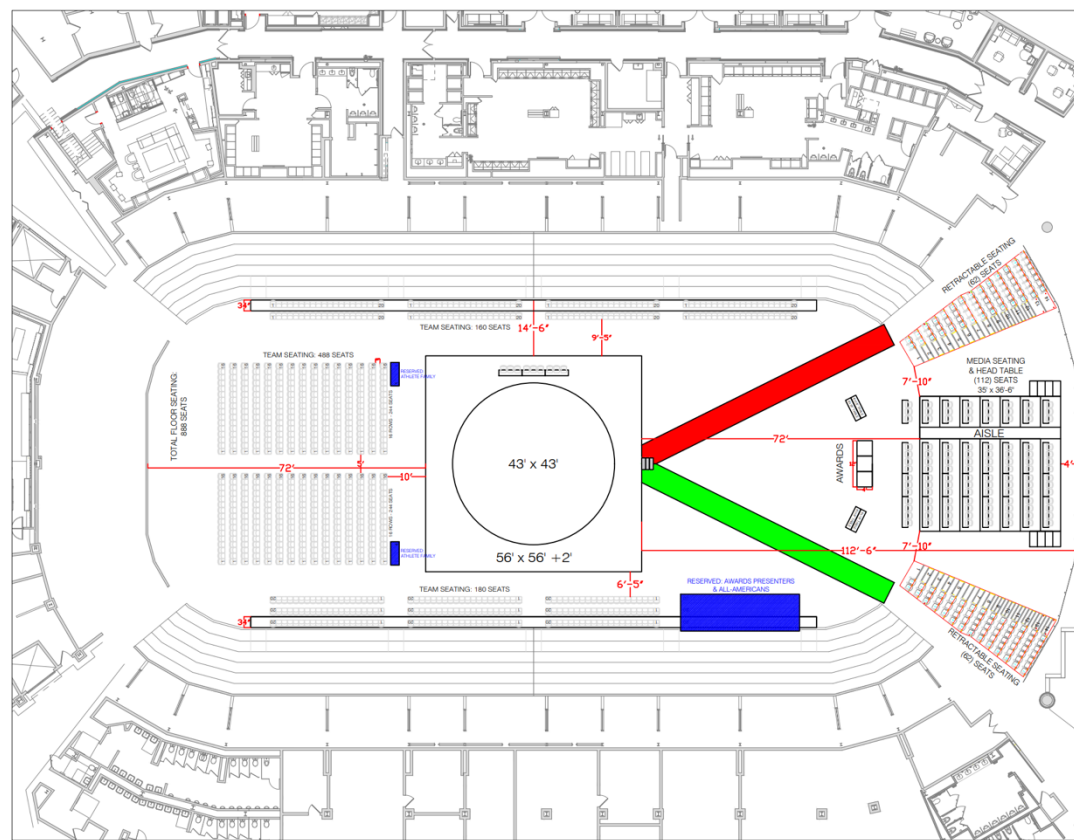
MEDAL ROUND



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FINALS MATCHES



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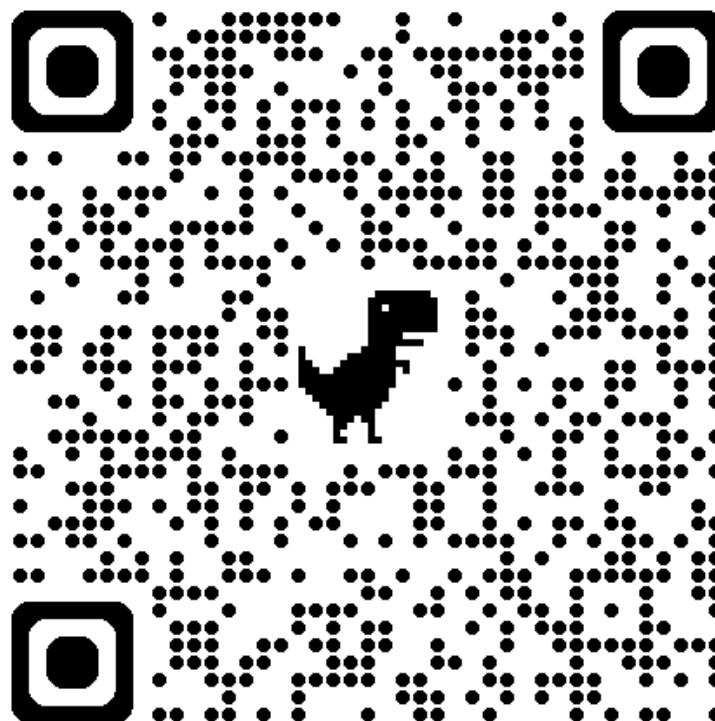
RULES

- Video Review
- # of Challenges
- Officials Review vs. Coaches' Challenges
- Grooming Checks (9:45 on Thursday, 9:50 on Friday; 8:55 am on Saturday)
- Weigh-ins (no coaches in the area)
- Properly attired
- Must wear credential
- No food in the competition area
- Medical Forfeits
- Headgear

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Video Challenges



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OFFICIALS

- Control of corner
- Attire
- Approaching table
- Control of mat violations
- Questioning rules applications
- Singlets
- Video review
- Challenge brick
- Unsportsmanslike conduct

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OFFICIALS

- Injury time
- Once the wrestlers leave the mat, the results become final.
- Two-man mechanics
- Sportsmanship
- After match celebrations
- Challenges

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Venue Operations

- Venue opens to participants at 7 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, will open at 6 a.m. on Saturday.
- Athletic training room will be available same time.
- **YOU MUST HAVE CREDENTIAL TO ENTER**

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PARKING

- Complimentary parking for all teams
 - Gateway East Garage – max clearance 9'-6"
 - Sumner Ave – Buses & vehicles taller than 9'-6"
- Parking placards are distributed at registration. The parking placard will provide entry into your designated parking area.
- **We must have the license plate on file for every parking placard distributed.**
- If you don't have a parking pass AND turned in your license plate at registration, you will be charged for parking.

Rocket Arena Parking



Entrances

- Sherwin-Williams Entrance (NW)
- Cleveland-Cliffs Entrance (NE)
- SERVPRO Entrance (S)
- Center Court (Team Shop)

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2026 NCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
GARAGE PARKING
(MAX CLEARANCE 9'-6")

Map Legend

- Parking Garage
- Surface Lot
- Gateway East Garage
650 Huron Rd E, Cleveland OH 44115
- Route #1 into Garage
- Route #2 into Garage



PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place parking placard on dashboard
2. Head east on Huron Rd E.
3. Turn right into Gateway East Garage
4. Approach parking attendant and come to complete stop
5. Attendant will record license plate number to ensure you do not receive a ticket
6. Drive forward and follow directions of garage staff

*Process must be completed every time you enter the garage.

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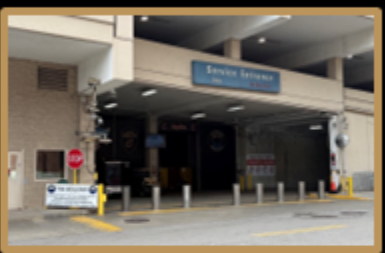
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2026 NCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
BUS DROP-OFF / PICK-UP

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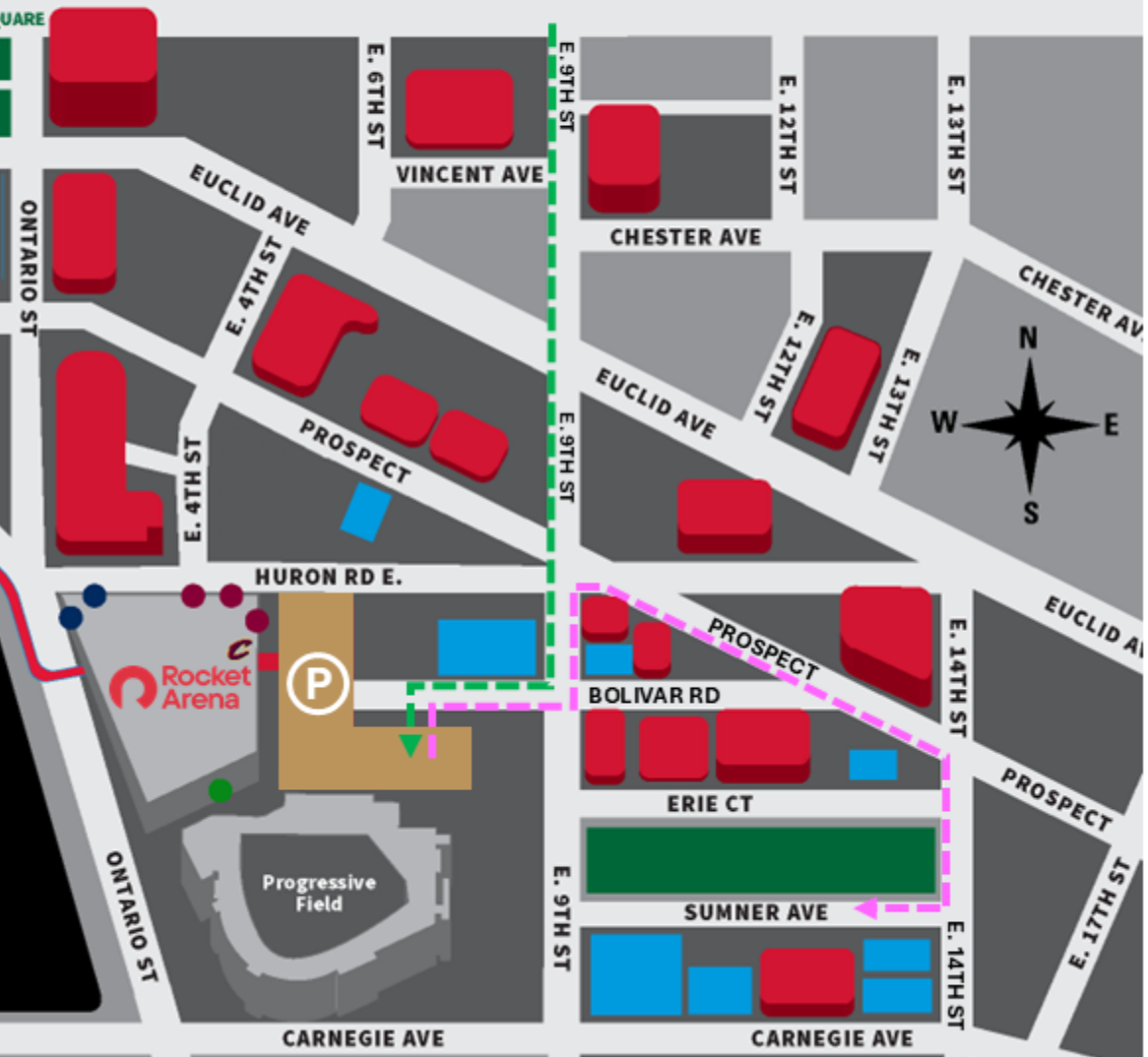


Rocket Arena Underground Service Area Entrance
 758 Bolivar Rd, Cleveland OH 44115



→ **Route into Garage**
 Drop-off / Pick-up

→ **Route to Sumner Ave**
 Bus Parking



DROP-OFF / PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place parking placard and permit on dashboard
2. Head west on Bolivar Rd
3. Turn left into the Service Entrance driveway and come to a complete stop
4. Security officer will verify placard and lower bollards
5. Drive forward to the Command Center Entrance
6. Once the bus has unloaded, turn around and proceed to the exit

*Vehicle may be subject to K-9 sweep / screening prior to accessing USA. Please allow for additional time accordingly.

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Exit underground and turn right on Bolivar Rd
2. Turn left on E. 9th St & immediate right on Prospect
3. Turn right on E. 14th St
4. Turn right on Sumner Ave & park along north curb

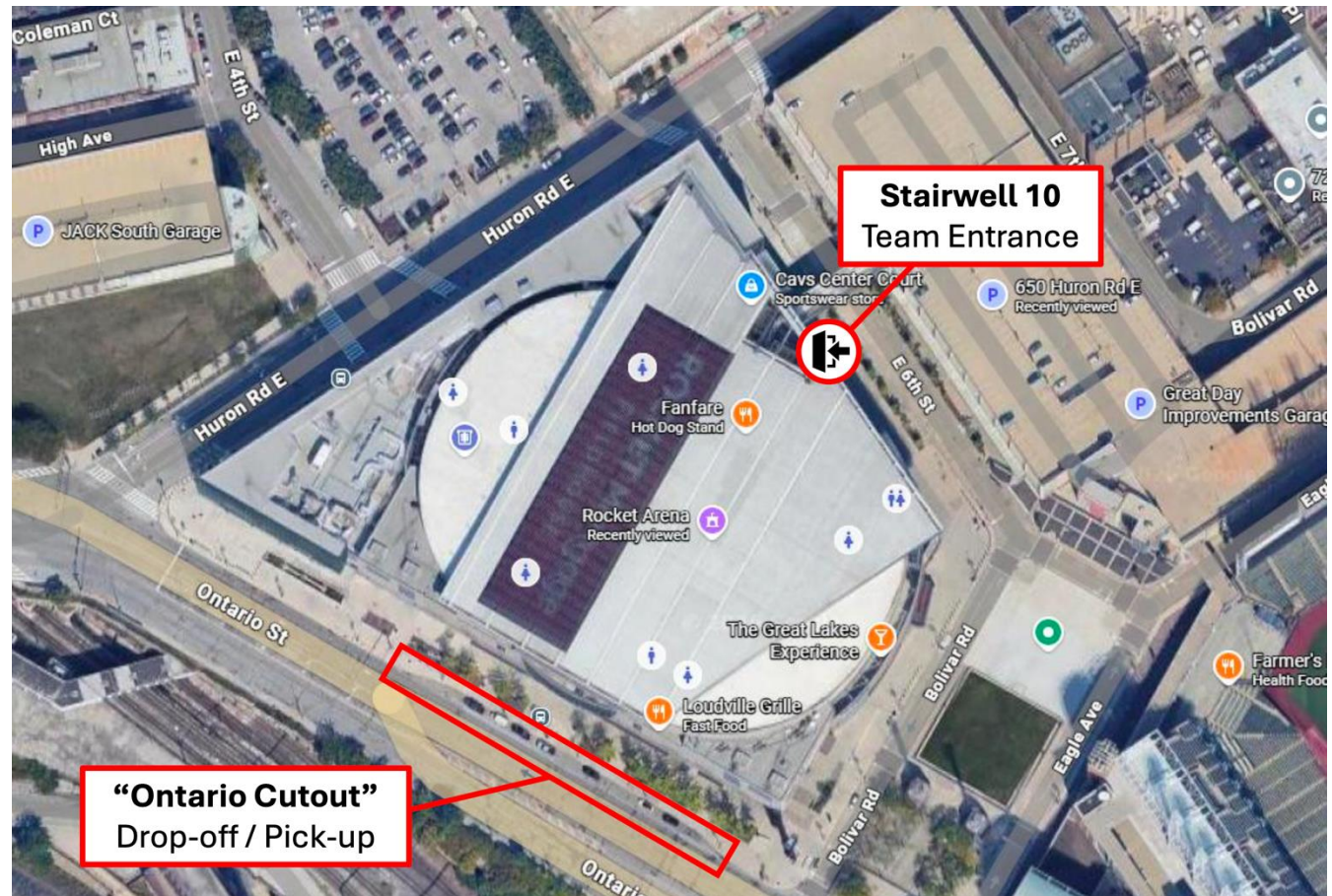


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DROP-OFF / PICK-UP

- The only designated drop-off / pick-up area around the perimeter is the area referred to as the “Ontario Cutout” on Ontario St. It is a short walk from the Team Entrance (see right).
- **Space is limited, and pick-ups will be challenging during egress. Please expect heavy post-event traffic and prepare accordingly.**



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CHAMPIONSHIP OPERATIONS

- Team Camp Areas
- Team Services
- Locker Room Use
- Coaches' Hospitality
- Participant Seating Area
- Tunnel Holding Areas
- Drug Testing



TEAM CAMP AREAS

Cavs Practice Court



BRIDGES



TEAM SERVICES

- Will be located between Tunnel/Vom C.
- Distribution of programs and brackets.
- Credential issues.
- **Lost credentials will be \$200 to replace.**
- Other general championship questions.





LOCKER ROOM USE

- The locker rooms will be available for use by all teams
- Towels will be provided in the locker rooms for showering
- Locker rooms are available to **ALL TEAMS**
- **NO FOOD** permitted in the locker rooms
- Locker room E is for teams with only one qualifer, please do not enter that room if you are not on one of those teams.



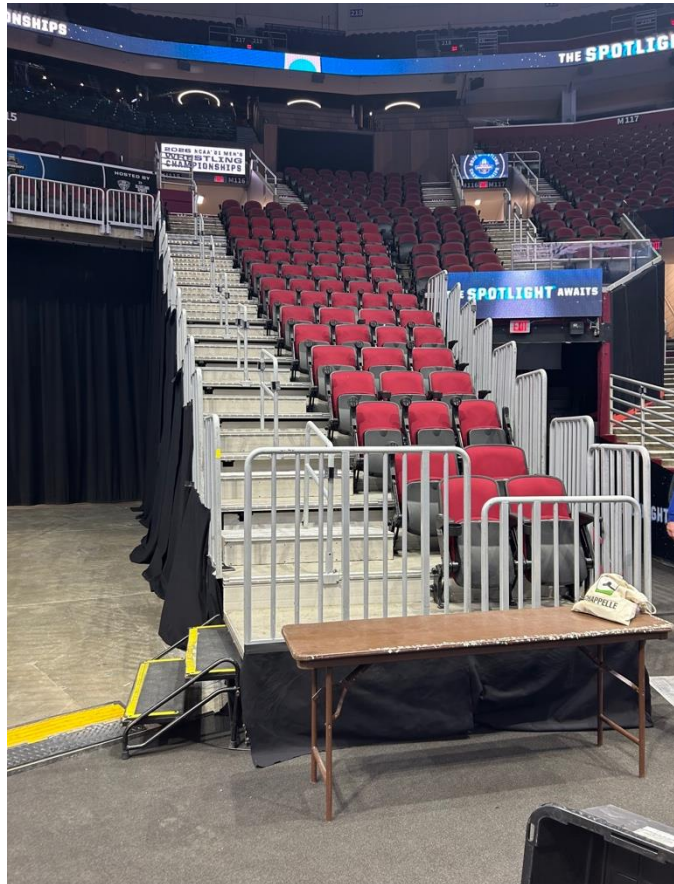
COACHES HOSPITALITY

➤ Hospitality for coaches and team administrators will be in the Comcast Chairman's Business Club.





PARTICIPANT SEATING



Sessions 1-5

Sections

112

116

118

Session 6

Seats on floor





TUNNEL HOLDING AREAS

Wrestlers will be held in the tunnel until the match before theirs is over.





DRUG TESTING

- The NCAA no longer announces whether there is drug testing on site or not.
- If we have drug testing, a coach, administrator or athletic trainer will be notified along with the student-athlete after their first match.
- Any testing of student-athletes would occur after their last match of the competition.



MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

- Quarterfinal winners in session 3 to mix zone.
- Semifinal winner's press conferences on Friday evening.
- 3rd, 5th, 7th place winners Saturday morning (mix zone).
- Head coach of national championship Saturday night. (press conference).
- Individual national champions Saturday night. (press conference).



THINGS TO KNOW

- There will be NO Parade of All Americans
- Awards Presentation
- Reminder about Weigh-In Times
- 10 a.m. Thursday and Friday (report times 9:45 Thursday, 9:50 Friday)
- 9 a.m. on Saturday (report time 8:55 am Saturday)
- On deck wrestlers hold in tunnels until released to mats
- Event Direct Registration
- **MUST REGISTER TO RECEIVE MESSAGES DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- Updates on Challenges, etc.



Good Luck!