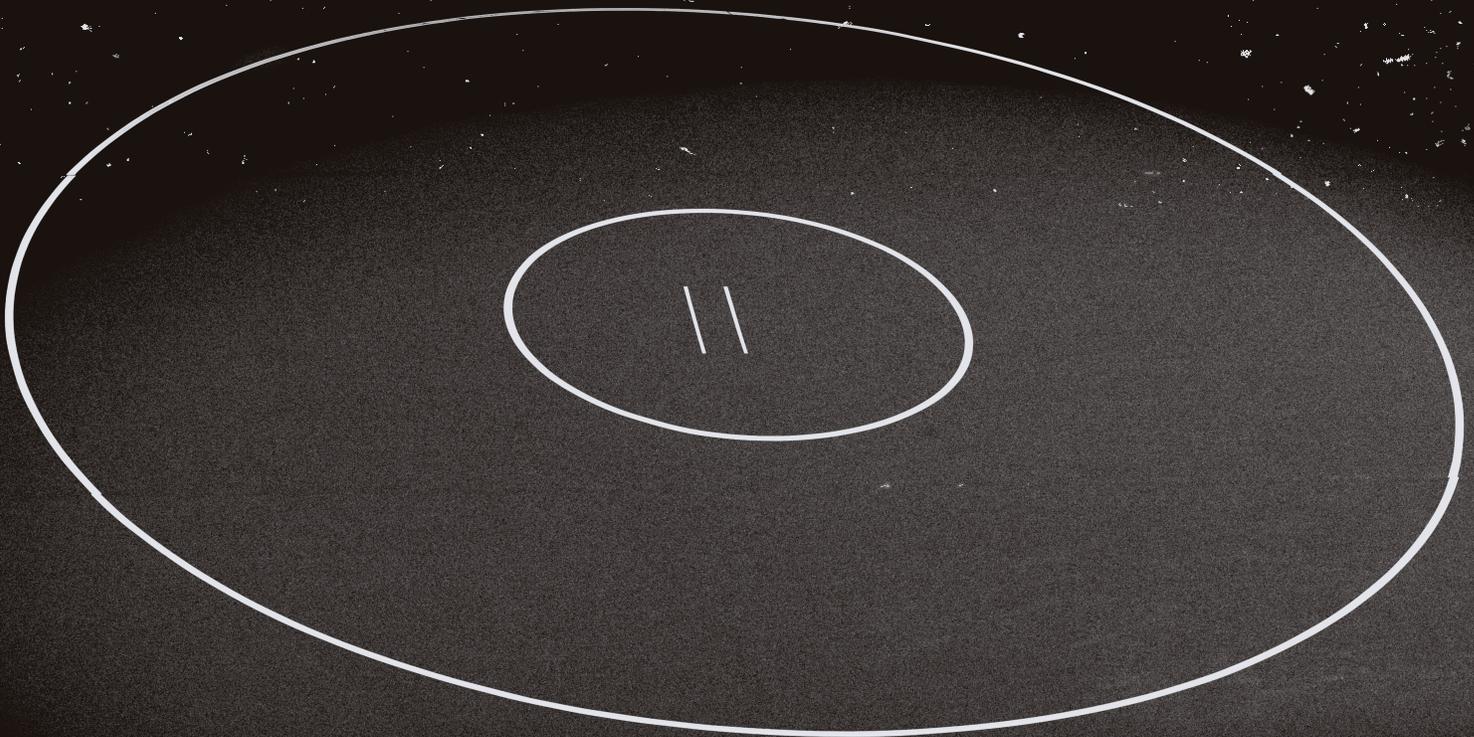




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Team contact information shall be submitted within the *Team Registration Portal*. The below information is required to be submitted from all institutions sponsoring Division I Men's Wrestling:

1. Team contact information for primary (1) Sport Administrator, (1) Head Coach, (3) Assistant Coach(es), up to (2) Medical staff and (1) team personnel.
2. Projected hotel arrival/departure dates.
3. Hotel room block needs per the qualifier formula (doubles vs. kings). All student-athletes will need to be listed under the qualifier section.
4. Names for credentials.

**TEAM REGISTRATION AND ALL REQUESTED FORMS ARE DUE
BY NOON (ET) ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026**

[2026 Division I Men's Wrestling Championship Team Registration Link](#)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All Times Eastern Time

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, March 17	6:30 a.m.	Parking opens	Gateway East Garage (650 Huron Rd E)
Tuesday, March 17	1:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Team registration	Rocket Arena (East Food Court)
Tuesday, March 17	2 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Athletic training room open	Rocket Arena (Athletic Training Room)
Tuesday, March 17	2 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Participant doors open	Rocket Arena (Stairwell 10 – E 6 th St)
Tuesday, March 17	2:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Team media/SID credential pickup	Rocket Arena (Media Entrance)
Tuesday, March 17	3 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Competition and practice mats open	Rocket Arena
Wednesday, March 18	6:30 a.m.	Parking opens	Gateway East Garage (650 Huron Rd E)
Wednesday, March 18	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Media/Administration credential pickup	Rocket Arena (Media Entrance)
Wednesday, March 18	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Participant doors open.	Rocket Arena (Stairwell 10 – E 6 th St)
Wednesday, March 18	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Athletic training room open	Rocket Arena (Athletic Training Room)
Wednesday, March 18	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Team registration	Rocket Arena (East Food Court)
Wednesday, March 18	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Assigned team practice times on competition mats	Rocket Arena
Wednesday, March 18	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Merchandise stand open on the concourse	Rocket Arena Concourse
Wednesday, March 18	3 p.m.	Medical skin checks	Rocket Arena (Athletic Training Room)
Wednesday, March 18	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Physicians & trainers meeting	Rocket Arena (Athletic Training Room)
Wednesday, March 18	6 p.m.	Mandatory coaches/Administrators meeting	Virtual
Thursday, March 19	5:30 a.m.	Parking opens	Gateway East Garage (650 Huron Rd E)
Thursday, March 19	7 a.m. 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.	Participant doors open Athletic training room open	Rocket Arena (Stairwell 10 – E 6 th St) Rocket Arena – (Loading Dock Entrance & Athletic Training Room)
Thursday, March 19	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Coaches & Administrators hospitality	Comcast Business Chairman’s Club
Thursday, March 19	7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Student-Athlete hospitality	Team camps
Thursday, March 19	9:45 a.m.	Student-Athletes must be in line for grooming checks and weigh-ins	Rocket Arena Competition Floor
Thursday, March 19	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Credential pickup for media and administrators	Rocket Arena (Media Entrance)
Thursday, March 19	10 a.m.	Weigh-ins	Rocket Arena Competition Floor
Thursday, March 19	Noon	Session 1	Rocket Arena
Thursday, March 19	4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Coaches & Administrators hospitality	Comcast Business Chairman’s Club
Thursday, March 19	7 p.m.	Session 2	Rocket Arena
Friday, March 20	5:30 a.m.	Parking opens	Gateway East Garage (650 Huron Rd E)
Friday, March 20	7 a.m. 7 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Participant doors open Athletic training room open	Rocket Arena (Stairwell 10 – E 6 th St) Rocket Arena – (Loading Dock Entrance & Athletic Training Room)
Friday, March 20	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Coaches & Administrators hospitality	Comcast Business Chairman’s Club
Friday, March 20	7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Student-Athlete hospitality	Team camps
Friday, March 20	9:50 a.m.	Student-athletes must be in line for grooming checks and weigh-ins	Rocket Arena Competition Floor
Friday, March 20	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Credential pickup for media and administrators	Rocket Arena (Media Entrance)
Friday, March 20	10 a.m.	Weigh-ins	Rocket Arena Competition Floor
Friday, March 20	Noon	Session 3	Rocket Arena
Friday, March 20	5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Coaches & Administrators hospitality	Comcast Business Chairman’s Club
Friday, March 20	8 p.m.	Session 4	Rocket Arena
Saturday, March 21	4:30 a.m.	Parking opens	Gateway East Garage (650 Huron Rd E)
Saturday, March 21	6 a.m. 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Participant doors open Athletic training room opens	Rocket Arena (Stairwell 10 – E 6 th St) Rocket Arena – (Loading Dock Entrance &

			Athletic Training Room)
Saturday, March 21	6 - 10 a.m.	Coaches & Administrators hospitality	Comcast Business Chairman's Club
Saturday, March 21	8:55 a.m.	Student-athletes must be in line for grooming checks and weigh-ins	Rocket Arena Competition Floor
Saturday, March 21	6 - 9:30 a.m.	Student-Athlete hospitality	Team camps
Saturday, March 21	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Credential pickup for media and administrators	Rocket Arena (Media Entrance)
Saturday, March 21	9 a.m.	Weigh-ins	Rocket Arena Competition Floor
Saturday, March 21	11 a.m.	Session 5	Rocket Arena
Saturday, March 21	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Coaches & Administrators Hospitality	Comcast Business Chairman's Club
Saturday, March 21	5 p.m.	All-American Hospitality Room Opens	Rocket Arena
Saturday, March 21	6:30 p.m.	Session 6	Rocket Arena

AWARDS

Awards in each weight class will be presented after each weight class championship match beginning with the second weight class championship match. The top eight finishers in each weight class will be recognized. The champions in each weight class should also report back to the finals mat for a group champions photograph after all team awards have been presented. Statistical leader awards, as well as team awards, will also be presented. Coaches are reminded to instruct all award winners to wear their official team warm-up to the awards stand. No hats or signs are permissible. THERE WILL NOT BE A PARADE OF ALL-AMERICANS THIS YEAR. However, the Hipp lounge on the event level will be open to the all-americans prior to the start of session six for food and drinks.

NCAA Academic Recognition Program

The Elite Scholar-Athlete Award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 92 championships. It is a tremendous opportunity to honor the academic accomplishments of the top student-athletes during our championships.

Each institution with at least one student-athlete qualifier for the finals site of any NCAA championship is eligible to submit an Elite Scholar-Athlete nomination. The web page is located [here](#). Here you will find the nomination form that is to be used for all the championships along with the deadlines for each. The criteria for award eligibility are included on the nomination form. The link to the website is located at [Elite Scholar-Athlete Submission Forms](#).

CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE

For the first time, a merchandise stand will be open on Wednesday, March 18 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the Street Level near Portal 7, for all student-athletes and coaches to purchase merchandise prior to fans.

In addition, Event 1, Inc., the official souvenir merchandiser for the NCAA, is offering participating teams and individuals the opportunity to preorder shirts for the 2026 NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships.

Please visit <http://www.event1teamstore.com>. Click on the NCAA icon and then select your division and sport. Complete the order form by selecting the quantities and sizes needed. Credit card information is mandatory to process the order immediately. **University purchase orders cannot be accepted. Please select that this is a team order.**

Please note that institutions placing orders by the deadline will have their orders shipped directly to their campuses the week after competition is complete.

As a point of information, these shirts also will be available for sale at your competition site. However, we cannot guarantee that your sizes will be available at the event.

Please contact JP Pfeiffer at Event 1 at john.pfeiffer@unrivaledteamwear.com if you have any questions.

**The deadline for submitting orders is 10:00 p.m. CDT, on Saturday, March 28, 2026.
Orders submitted after this time will not be accepted.**

CREDENTIALS & VENUE ACCESS

Each institution will be awarded up to four (4) coaches' credentials, if requested for eligible coaches, regardless of the number of competing student-athletes. Coaches' credentials will be issued only to those coaches listed via the registration portal. Each coach must be a recognized member of the coaching staff authorized by the institution. Each team is also eligible to receive one Sport Administrator credential, up to two Medical staff credentials and the ability to purchase one team personnel credential.

Credentials may be used only by eligible competing student-athletes and recognized members of the coaching staff authorized by the respective institutions. Only credentialed participating student-athletes and coaches shall be permitted to take part in practice and warmups.

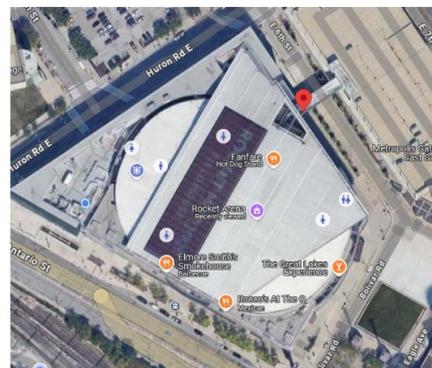
Team Registration:

Pick-up of team credentials will be at Rocket Arena's East Food Court Doors. The address for Rocket Arena is 1 Center Court, Cleveland, OH 44115. The East Food Court Doors are located on the east side of the building on E. 6th Street, across from the Metropolis Gateway East Garage; just beyond the Center Court Team Shop doors. If you are driving, please park in the East Garage via the Huron Rd Entrance. **Please have a photo or your license plate written down on hand that you can give to the staff to validate parking when you pick up your credentials. Failure to give the plate number will result in a fee.** Signage will be placed outside of the venue directing teams to the team registration and participant doors.

TEAM REGISTRATION SCHEDULE	
Tuesday, March 17	1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. ET
Wednesday, March 18	9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET

East Food Court Doors

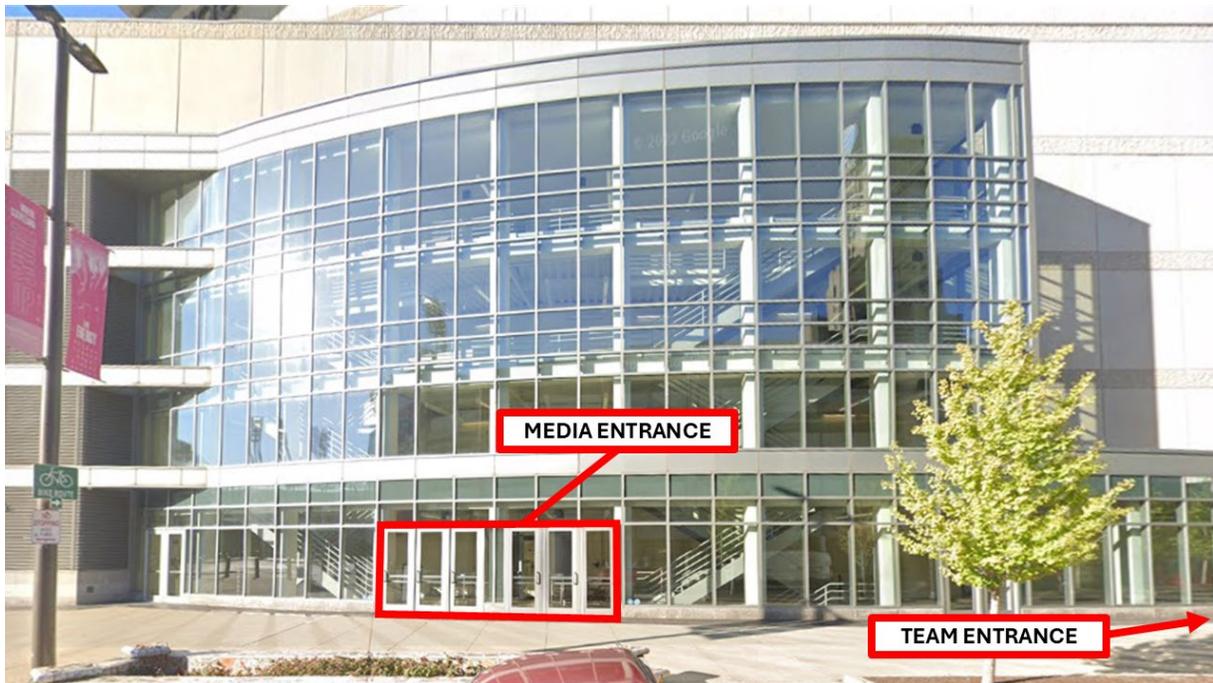
Entrance is off of East 6th Street; just beyond the Center Court Team Shop doors





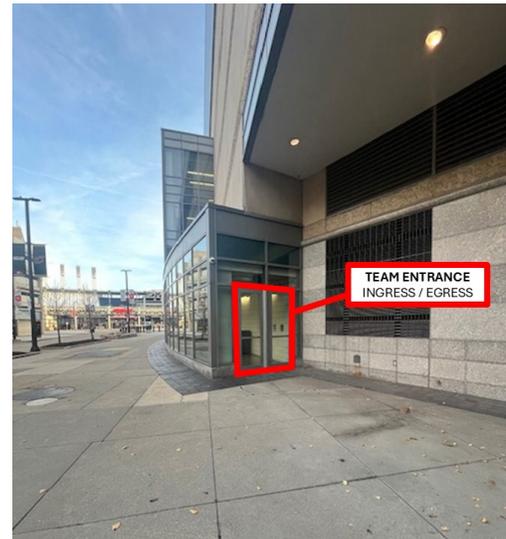
Late Arrivals – VIP/Administrators:

Anyone arriving on Thursday, March 19th or later, this includes VIPs/administrators, must pick up credentials at the **Media Entrance**. The Media Entrance is located along E. 6th Street, just south of the Team Entrance. All the above procedures for credential pickup will apply.



Team Entrance:

Credentialed Team Individuals (Athletes, Coaches, Administrators, etc.) will enter via the dedicated Team Entrance. The Team Entrance is located on E. 6th Street, across from the East Food Court Doors where registration takes place. This entrance will be open at the following times:



VENUE ACCESS FOR PARTICIPANTS	
Tuesday, March 17	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET
Wednesday, March 18	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
Thursday, March 19	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. ET
Friday, March 20	7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. ET
Saturday, March 21	6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. ET

FILMING

The NCAA reserves all commercial and non-commercial rights to the use of still photographs, films and videotapes of its championships. The filming or videotaping of NCAA championships by parties (i.e., participating institutions), and for commercial film purposes may be permitted only with the advance written consent of the NCAA. All commercial film requests should be directed to:

Kristen Jacob Smith

NCAA - Associate Director, Championships and Alliances, Broadcast Services

P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222

Phone: 317-917-6584

Email: kjsmith@ncaa.org

ACCESSING VIDEO OF MATCHES

Following the Championships, matches can be retrieved through the Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC).

1. **Log into your OPC/Season team page**
2. **Click on the NCAA Championships event**
3. **Click the [Videos] button. (you may need to click 'More' depending on screen size/resolution)**
4. **Click the camera icon to view any match OR right-click and 'save link as' to save the archive to your computer**

If any issues arise, coaches can submit a support ticket using the link below:

<https://support.trackwrestling.com/s/contactsupport>

GROCERY CARDS

Teams will receive their Heinen's Grocery cards at team registration. Each card is valued at \$35.00. Heinen's Grocery Store has been known for its exceptional quality products and world-class customer service since 1929. Heinen's carries everyday basics, gourmet foods, organic foods, vegan and vegetarian foods, and affordable non-brand name products not found in traditional convenience and grocery stores.

Heinen's is located in downtown Cleveland at 900 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115. Please follow the link below for additional information - <https://www.heinens.com/stores/downtown-cleveland/>

HOTEL NAME	DISTANCE FROM HEINEN'S (ARCH STREET)
Hilton Cleveland Downtown	0.7 miles (15 min walk)
Westin Hotel Cleveland	0.4 miles (11 min walk)

STORE ADDRESS

900 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115
(216) 302-3020

STORE HOURS

In-Store Shopping
Mon-Fri: 8:00am-8:00pm
Sat-Sun: 8:00am-7:00pm

HOSPITALITY

Coaches & Administrator Hospitality

The Coach / Team Medical / Team Administrator hospitality area is available in the Comcast Business Chairman's Club. This hospitality area is available throughout the championships by credential only.

Student-Athlete Hospitality & Team Camp Area

The student-athlete hospitality and team camp areas are located in the Practice Court and Bridges banquet room. Both spaces are located on the Huntington Club Level (4th floor). Teams will be assigned a designated camp area in either of the spaces. Teams with only one (1) qualifier will be assigned to a communal-style camp area in Locker Room E on the Event Level (1st floor).

HOTEL INFORMATION

The NCAA has contracted with the Hilton Cleveland Downtown and Westin Cleveland Downtown as the official team hotels for the 2026 NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships. Arrangements have been made to ensure housing accommodations, based on the NCAA allocation formula below, for participants, coaches, and institution's official travel party for the championships.

In making housing arrangements, NCAA rules state once the teams/qualifiers have been determined and assigned to their hotel, the reservations should be confirmed within 48 hours in the names of the institutions; and thereafter, the institutions shall be responsible for the reservations. Participating institutions are responsible for payment for the rooms reserved by the NCAA.

*NOTE: All teams **MUST** use the rooms requested and assigned at the designated property. Failure to use the assigned rooms may result in penalties, including but not limited to forfeiture of per diem and travel reimbursement. By clicking or entering the below link, you will be directed to the registration site.

[2026 Division I Wrestling Championship Registration](#)

NUMBER OF QUALIFIERS	NUMBER OF HOTEL ROOMS
1	3
2 – 3	4
4 – 5	5
6 – 7	6
8 – 9	7
10	8

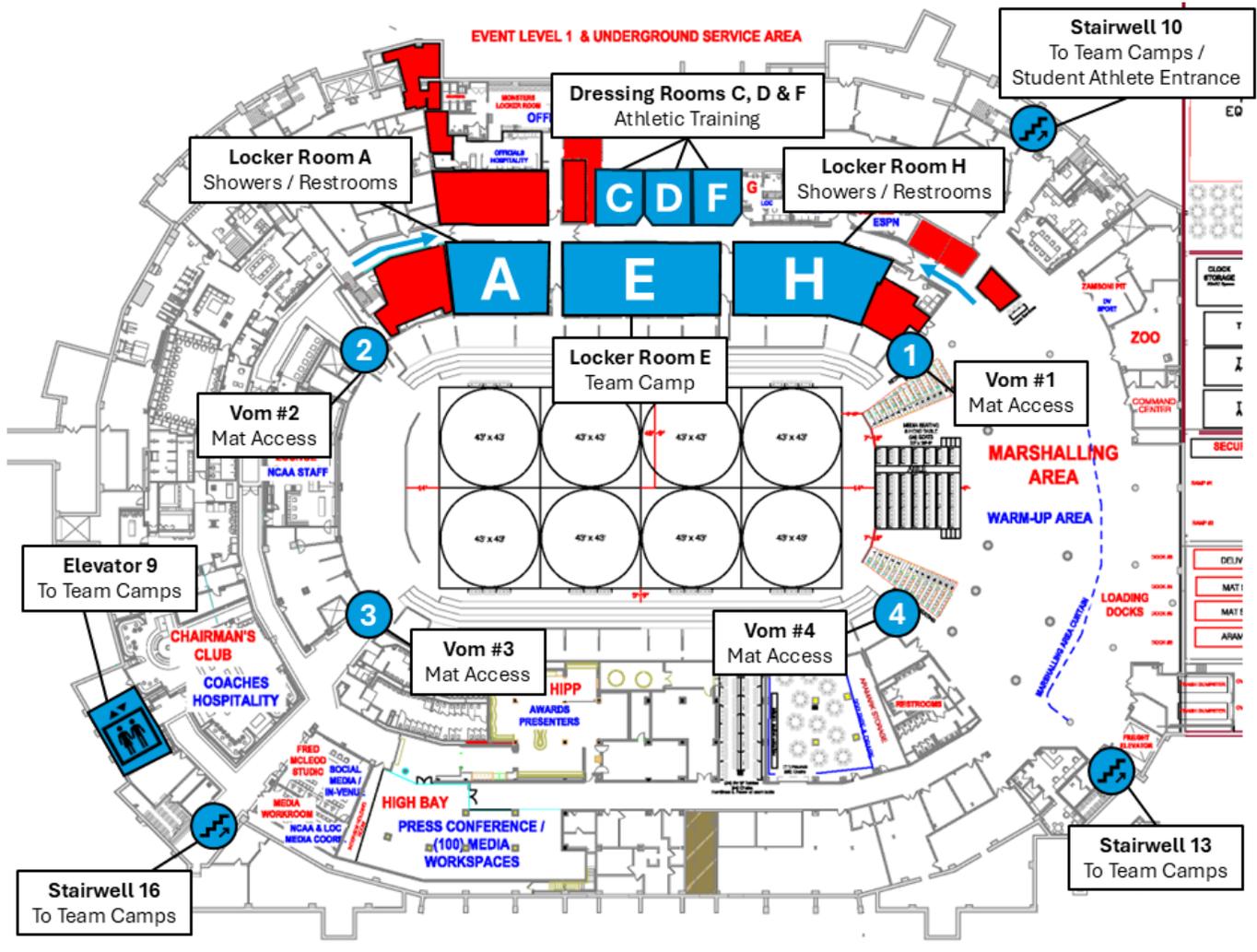
NOTE: One (1) additional room shall be provided, if requested, for a team administrator. The additional room is outside of the qualifier formula and is not guaranteed to be at the same hotel property as the team.

TEAM AREAS AT ROCKET ARENA

Teams will be assigned locations to set up camp for the championship. Each location will be provided power, a table, chairs, and a trash can. A map will be distributed at registration, directional signage will be posted throughout the venue, and school names will be posted at each designated location.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker Rooms A & H on the Event Level (1st floor) of Rocket Arena will be available for participants. Locker rooms may be used for restrooms and showers ONLY. They are NOT to be used as team camps.



LOCKER ROOM HOURS OF OPERATION	
Tuesday, March 17	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET
Wednesday, March 18	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
Thursday, March 19	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. ET
Friday, March 20	7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. ET
Saturday, March 21	6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. ET

LAUNDRY SERVICES

At Team Hotels:

The Westin Cleveland Downtown

Laundry dropped off at front desk by 8 am can be picked up that evening

Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Valet laundry is offered for same day service.

NEARBY LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Soap Opera Laundromat

3216 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Payne Laundromat

3028 West 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio

216-515-1516
1.9 miles from Hilton
1.7 miles from Westin
Hours: Daily 7:30 am – 11 pm

216-579-0606
2.8 miles from Hilton
2.9 miles from Westin
Hours: M-F 9:30 am – 6 pm
Sat-Sun 8:00 – 6 pm

MEDICAL

HIPAA Rules

Under the HIPAA rules and guidelines, each student-athlete competing in the NCAA DI Men’s Wrestling Championships may choose, but is not required, to submit the signed HIPAA form. Please refer to the form contained within this document. If the student-athlete chooses to sign the HIPAA form, it must be submitted to Jackie Kawamoto via e-mail at jjkawamoto@ncaa.org or at on-site team registration.

Medical Meeting

There will be a meeting for **ALL** medical personnel (physicians and athletic trainers) to discuss medical procedures and policies. This meeting will be held Wednesday, March 18, at 4 p.m. ET in the Athletic Training Room on the Event Level in Dressing Rooms C, D & F. The Tournament medical staff will make brief remarks and will review and distribute “Tournament Medical Logistics” information to the attendees. **Please plan to attend this short but important meeting.**

Medical Credential Information

If an institution’s team physician and/or certified athletic trainer plans on attending the championships and desires a medical credential, the institution must request these credentials via the registration portal. If an institution wants an athletic training student to use one of its medical credentials, then the following action must take place:

- The athletic training student must show a school photo ID.
- The institution’s certified athletic trainer/athletic trainer program director must write a letter in advance stating this student is enrolled in an accredited athletic training education program and is deserving of receiving a medical credential.

Please send a letter via email to the attention of Bob Gray, grayb1@ccf.org.

Medical credentials will be available at the Rocket Arena at the Medical Registration Table.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION TABLE SCHEDULE	
Tuesday, March 17	1:30 – 8 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please adhere to the following procedures to obtain medical credentials:

- All athletic trainers and team physicians must pick up their own credential during registration.
- Team physicians must provide photo identification to receive their credential.
- Athletic trainers must display their board of certification card and photo Identification to receive their credential.

No medical credential will be provided in the packet distributed to each head coach at registration. Please note that coaches, student-athletes, and team personnel will not be able to enter Rocket Arena for competition, medical treatment, or practice until all have registered at the Team Registration.

Athletic Training Area

Throughout the week of the championships, the athletic training rooms at Rocket Arena will be located in Dressing Rooms C, D & F, on the Event Level. Each room will be staffed by the local organizing committee with treatment and taping tables, ice, hot packs, therapeutic modalities, wound care supplies, and other pertinent medical supplies. All medical/athletic training areas will be available at the following times:

ATHLETIC TRAINING HOURS OF OPERATION	
Tuesday, March 17	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET
Wednesday, March 18	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
Thursday, March 19	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. ET
Friday, March 20	7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. ET
Saturday, March 21	6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. ET

A Primary Care Sports Medicine Physician will always be on-site for competition. A dermatologist or qualified physician will be on site for skin check sessions. An orthopedic surgeon will be on-site during the competition. Various consulting physicians across numerous medical specialties will be on call throughout the duration of the event.

X-Ray equipment will be on-site during sessions only. If an X-ray is needed, please contact Bob Gray, Tournament Medical. If there are any additional special requests or needs, please contact Tournament Medical personnel in advance of the championships.

Bob Gray	Tournament Medical	216-217-8726	grayb1@ccf.org
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Medical skin-Checks/Weigh-Ins

Medical skin checks/weigh-ins will be conducted daily at Rocket Arena on the competition mats. Only authorized personnel will be admitted to the medical check/weigh-in area.

Reporting for medical skin check/weigh-ins

All student-athletes wishing to compete are required to report to skin checks/weigh-ins at the designated time, wearing a suitable garment and no weight loss activity taking place. The penalty for failure to report on time and/or not discontinuing any weight-loss activities during medical exams is disqualification. Grooming checks will be performed at the same time as medical skin checks. All participants must have their nails clipped, facial hair must be suitable for a skin check, and hair must be within the rule's guidelines. **Participants not groomed properly will not be allowed to proceed to weigh-ins until the grooming check has been satisfied.**

Please note: the championship will adhere to all rules related to medical exam/weigh ins found in Chapter 9 of the NCAA Wrestling Rules Book, including those related to prohibited weight loss practices, which will be strictly enforced.

MEDICAL SKIN CHECK/WEIGH-IN TIMES		
DATE	LINE-UP	GROOMING/MEDICAL CHECK/WEIGH-IN
Thursday, March 19	9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 20	9:50 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 21	8:55 a.m.	9:00 a.m.

Scales

There will be ten (10) official digital scales available in the weigh-in area. The official scales will close 15 minutes prior to the start of medical skin check/weigh-ins each day. Unofficial scales will be available throughout the championships and will be in the locker rooms at the Rocket Arena.

Mandatory skin-check for pre-existing conditions

There will be a separate skin-check for all those student-athletes with PRE-EXISTING skin conditions. They shall meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 in the Athletic Training Room on the event level at Rocket Arena. If you have a student-athlete with a pre-existing skin condition, it is mandatory that they attend this skin-check. The only acceptable form will be the NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form which can be found in the NCAA wrestling rules book.

The tournament physician and/or a dermatologist will review the pre-existing skin condition and determine whether the student-athlete will be able to participate. It is encouraged that these student-athletes be accompanied by their athletic trainer. The student-athlete, not the athletic trainers or coaches, should keep their forms with them and have them ready to provide to the dermatologist and medical staff of the championships at this meeting and again each morning. This pre-existing skin check does not exempt any student-athlete from the regularly scheduled skin check and weigh-ins occurring each morning of the competition, but is a mandatory, additional skin check.

The championships' dermatologists, physicians and certified athletic trainers will conduct the exams. All student-athletes will be checked according to their weight. The championships' physician shall report the results of the examination to the chair of the wrestling committee or a designated representative, who shall then be responsible for the administrative enforcement of the medical recommendation, if it involves disqualification from the championships.

Please refer to NCAA Rules found in section 9.1 for all information regarding medical examination/skin checks. "A physician or a certified athletic trainer shall examine all contestants for communicable diseases before all tournaments and meets. It is recommended that this examination be made at the time of weigh-in. The presence of a communicable skin disease (or any other condition that, in the opinion of the examining physician or athletic trainer, makes the participation of that individual inadvisable), shall be full and sufficient reason for disqualification.

If the student-athlete has been diagnosed as having such a condition and is currently being treated by a physician (ideally a dermatologist) who has determined that it is safe for that individual to compete without jeopardizing the health of the opponent, the student-athlete may be considered for competition. However, the student-athlete, coach or athletic trainer shall provide current written documentation from the treating physician to the medical professional at the medical examination with the approved NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form, describing: (1) the diagnosed skin disease or condition; (2) the prescribed treatment and the time necessary for it to take effect; and (3) that the skin disease or condition would not be communicable or harmful to the opponent at the time of competition. Such documentation shall be furnished at the medical examination."

Regardless of institutional documentation per rule 9.11 in the rules book, the final medical determination on whether a student-athlete passes skin checks resides with the host site's physician. Decisions made by the championship physician are final.

If there are any questions regarding identification or proper treatment, please feel free to contact Bob Gray at grayb1@ccf.org or via cell at 216.217.8726.

Injury Information

All participating student-athletes currently receiving modality treatment for an existing injury prior to the 2026 NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships can continue their treatment in the championship's Athletic Training Room. No treatment shall be allowed by athletic training students unless accompanied by and in direct supervision of the team's certified athletic trainer.

Evaluation/Treatment of Injuries during the Championships

Any student-athlete injured during competition will be examined by his team's physician and/or athletic trainer. In the absence of a physician or athletic trainer, a championships physician or Certified Athletic Trainer will be available to assist the injured student-athlete in any way possible. If the injury is of an obvious serious nature, the championships physician will complete the mat side evaluation. After completion of an evaluation, the physician or athletic trainer will make recommendations to the student-athlete and head coach regarding the advisability of continued participation. All procedures and resulting decisions will be in accordance with NCAA concussion management protocol and health and safety plan.

Procedure to Medically Disqualify a Student-Athlete during an NCAA Championship

As the event sponsor, the NCAA seeks to ensure that all student-athletes are physically fit to participate in its championships and have valid medical clearance to participate in the competition. The NCAA championships physician, as designated by the host schools, has the unchallengeable authority to determine whether a student-athlete with an injury, illness, or other medical condition (e.g., skin infection) may expose others to significantly enhanced risk of harm, and, if so, to disqualify the student-athlete from continued participation.

The student-athlete's team physician can determine whether an individual with an injury or illness should continue to participate or is disqualified. In the absence of a team physician, the NCAA championship's physician will examine the student-athlete and has valid medical authority to disqualify him if the student-athlete's injury, illness, or medical condition poses a potentially life-threatening risk to himself.

The chair of the governing sports committee (or a designated representative) shall be responsible for administrative enforcement of the medical judgment if it involves disqualification.

Student-athletes who sustain serious injuries as determined by the examining physician (e.g., significant head trauma, spinal cord injury etc.) will be transferred to one of the medical facilities shown below by ambulance. One ambulance will be on-site throughout the course of the championships with backup standing by.

Please note NCAA Rule 6, Section 2: "If a contestant is rendered unconscious, that wrestler shall not be permitted to continue the match after regaining consciousness without approval of a physician. A contestant who receives a temporary injury to the head, neck or spinal column that does not render that contestant unconscious shall not be permitted to continue the match without approval of a physician or certified athletic trainer."

Finally, for medical personnel, please review the [NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook](#) guideline on concussions.

Hospitals and Emergency Services

In the event of an emergency that requires hospitalization, the following hospitals will be used:

Trauma Emergency Room

- Cleveland Clinic Main Campus-Emergency Services Building
 - 9105 Cedar Road, Cleveland, OH 44195

Emergency Room

- Cleveland Clinic – Lutheran Hospital
 - 1730 W 25th St, Cleveland, OH 44113

Express Care Clinic

- 3125 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

Pharmacy

- CVS Pharmacy – Open until 10pm
 - 840 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114
- CVS Pharmacy – 24 Hour
 - 11706 Clifton Blvd. 44107

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Mementos will be distributed onsite at the finals location for all members of the travel party. If you would like to order additional mementos, please see the attachment in Appendix A for ordering instructions.

PROGRAM & BRACKET SHEETS

Programs will be provided to coaches at registration. Updated bracket sheets will be available through the Wrestling App as well as hard copies will be placed in the Team Services / Coaches Hospitality area prior to each session.

NCAA Security Information

Introduction

Rocket Arena provides an experienced security and guest experience engineers inside the arena, as well as police officers inside and outside the venue to provide security before, during and after events. Due to increased security, all participants, coaches, team administrators, personnel and medical staff entering Rocket Arena are subject to search of their person and/or possessions (including bags of normal size which may be allowed entry after search and tagging). Enforcement will be without exception. NCAA issued credentials or venue credentials are required for every individual to enter Rocket Arena and for access within the venue and must be always worn except for when student-athletes are practicing or competing.

Health Safety Measures

Rocket Arena has implemented health and safety measures intended to reduce the risk of injury or exposure to illness. Currently, there is not a mask mandate for guests entering Rocket Arena. Hand sanitizer is available to guests throughout the arena.

Coordination with Public Safety Agencies

- Rocket Arena coordinates and schedules off-duty Cleveland Police Department officers well in advance of the event. Rocket Arena Security Administration is in daily contact with the Deputy Chief of Cleveland Police to ensure adequate coverage for the event's needs.
- A thorough review of previous NCAA events and other sporting events played in Rocket Arena will be conducted in advance of the event.
- K-9 Excel and Rocket Arena Security Administration will conduct K-9 sweeps of the event level of the venue five hours prior to the start of the first session. At that time all vehicles authorized to enter the loading dock will be swept by K-9. Two additional K-9 teams will report with the K-9 Excel detail and assigned to sweep vehicles parking within 100' of the venue.
- Rocket Arena security, Cleveland Police Department, and Gateway Security will maintain a presence on the outside of the venue observing the crowd and monitoring the area for suspicious activity or packages.
- The Security Command Center, Radio Central, administrative phone receptionist, Box Office receptionist and all entry points will all have the FBI bomb threat checklist at their telephones. This checklist is a great tool for he/she to use if they receive a bomb threat phone call.
- All demonstrators will be handled by the Cleveland Police Department inside or outside.

Deliveries

- A venue-wide all-staff email will be sent out explaining, in depth, the process for deliveries. We will encourage vendors and contractors to have deliveries made as far in advance as possible. A list of the expected deliveries during event day will be required of vendors and contractors. Deliveries not scheduled in advance will be turned away. Deliveries will also be denied during the times specified by the NCAA and Tournament officials.
- Vehicles will not be permitted to park on public streets around the Arena on event days. Public parking is available on the east side of the Arena in the Gateway East Garage. Uber/Lyft pickup/drop off will automate to Tower City; there will not be a designated area surrounding Rocket Arena.

- No vehicles are allowed inside of Rocket Arena. Any vehicle that needs to be inside the venue must be approved by the NCAA and the venue management.
- All packages and deliveries will be accepted by Rocket Arena Security or the party for who they are intended. Building Operations will keep a log of all packages and the party who signed for them.

Demonstrations Outside the Facility

- The City of Cleveland does require a permit before staging a demonstration or protest.
- Rocket Arena along with the Cleveland Police Department will monitor any demonstrations or protests and intervene as needed. Cleveland Police Mobile Field Force Unit will respond to all demonstrations and protests.
- The areas in which demonstration groups can demonstrate around Rocket Arena have been established. All groups understand that they cannot demonstrate on Rocket Arena property. Demonstrators must stay on city property, such as sidewalks outside of the venue's permitted area, and not obstruct the right-of-way of guests from entering or exiting the venue.
- If demonstrators violate the property line, they will be subject to arrest.

Emergency Action Plan

- The Emergency Action Plan has been submitted to the NCAA.
- Venue staff (full time and part-time) are trained annually regarding emergency and response procedures.
- Staff are briefed before each event and given event specific notes and guidance on topics such as:
 - o Location of AED's
 - o First Aid operations
 - o Security protocols
 - o Evacuation procedures
 - o Fire response
 - o Suspicious activity and persons
 - o Radio etiquette

Notification of an Emergency

- The initial report of an onsite emergency will likely come from a guest, staff member, police officer or fire detection system.
- Notification of an offsite emergency that may impact Rocket Arena events could come from any of the following sources:
 - o Rocket Arena Security Command Center and/or Surveillance
 - o Cleveland Police or Fire Departments
 - o Local Emergency Management Agency
 - o Weather radio (National Weather Service)
 - o Emergency Alert System
 - o Commercial Radio and Television
 - o Federal, state, or regional law enforcement agencies

- The Security Command Center will be notified of emergency situations that have come to the attention of the Cleveland Police Department and/or Cleveland Fire Department(s).
- Rocket Arena staff members are trained to notify their manager/supervisor and, if necessary, Radio Central and/or the Security Command Center and/or Surveillance whenever they receive information or detect an emergency.

The following information will be provided:

- o Type of problem (smoke, fire, water, weather, active shooter, bomb threat, etc.)
 - o Location of incident (outside building, seating section, restroom, office area, locker room, etc.)
 - o Time reported or detected and name of person providing the information.
 - o Apparent injury, damage, or illness.
- The Security Command Center will be notified of emergency situations that have come to the attention of venue management.
 - The Security Command Center will notify the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and key officials of the situation as indicated in the Plan and Command Center procedures.
 - When activated and operational, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will notify key officials of the situation. The Primary EOC is in the Command Center.
 - As necessary, guests will be provided emergency information and instructions via the P.A. and video display systems.

Security Command Center

The Rocket Arena Security Command Center is located on the south side of the facility on the Event Level (Lowest Level of the Arena) adjacent to the loading dock.

The Rocket Arena Security Command Center is staffed 24 hours a day. In addition to providing security and safety services for the interior and exterior of the arena, we maintain an extensive closed circuit camera system that is monitored at all times.

Evacuation

The Rocket Arena Evacuation Plan was submitted to the NCAA.

General Public

- All team members (employees), guests and vendors will have identification badges and credentials for the public practices.
- The arena will deploy security throughout the venue for crowd management and safety purposes.
- Credential boards will be posted to ensure that access is properly controlled.
- All guests will be screened by walk thru ExtractONE/CEIA with secondary screening by CEIA WTMD and CEIA wands.
- All small bags will be searched at the doors by arena security. The current venue policy limits bags in size to 14"x14"x6"

- Signage will be posted at the entry points and on the venue website informing the public that large bags, backpacks, duffel bags, and shopping bags are not permitted inside the venue.
- Signage will be posted at the entry points and on the venue website that will clearly state that all firearms, explosives, bottles, cans, and coolers will not be permitted. Guests will be screened by venue security. We will also have no weapons permitted signs posted on the arena doors.
- Security staff will be deployed at all entrances. There will be Security Sergeants available who will instruct guests who have prohibited items to take the items back to their vehicle, hotel or home. Rocket Arena will not check prohibited items for guests.

Publicity

- The Marketing & Communication team from Rocket Arena will communicate through print media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, know before you go email, local newspapers, local news stations and the downtown convention and visitor's bureau concerning valuable information that needs to reach the public.
- The Marketing team will designate a spokesperson who will serve as the point of contact with the NCAA and Tournament officials to ensure all parties are communicating and on the same page.

Competitors/Media/Others with Credentials

- Rocket Arena will adequately staff and equip specified access points for all credentialed individuals. Working with Tournament officials, Rocket Arena will ensure these access points are fully operational and prepared to expedite the screening process for all credentialed individuals.

Competition Venue Personnel

- Access will be granted to persons who are required to be on site but only in the areas that they are working in. Facility personnel will not be allowed to access areas that they are not working in.
- The credential system along with arena security will control the access of facility personnel.
- Event staff are briefed each event day regarding event specific issues and emergency response procedures.
- An emergency script will be provided to tournament officials by the Director of Event Security that will communicate emergency evacuation information to help the guests. Scripted announcements are included in the Emergency Action Plan.

Interruption of Event

- **Communication:** Rocket Arena Senior Leadership or Event Manager along with the ranking officer from the Cleveland Police Department will be the point of contact in this scenario.
- **Emergency Situation Meeting:** Rocket Arena's Senior Leadership or Event Manager will coordinate in advance with Tournament officials prior to the first session.
- **Normal Conditions:** Rocket Arena's Security Director or Event Manager will communicate with Tournament officials regularly.
- **Officials:** will be kept up to date on the situation by venue management and Tournament officials.
- **Power Source/Public Address System:** the venue has multiple sources of building power with the venue

engineering team monitoring power throughout the event. The venue broadcast team will ensure the public address system has a backup option that can be deployed if needed.

- **Responsibility:** Rocket Arena venue security will always manage access to the event floor.
- **Resumption of Play:** Rocket Arena will coordinate with Tournament officials as to when play is resumed should there be an interruption.
- **If possible, the event should be resumed in the primary competition venue:** Rocket Arena will work with the NCAA and Tournament officials to restart sessions in the primary venue or secure a backup venue.
- **Spokesperson:** If needed, Rocket Arena will have a venue representative to speak on our behalf.
- **Student Athlete and Coaches:** The safety of student athletes and coaches is a priority for Rocket Arena. We will coordinate with the NCAA and Tournament officials to ensure their safety and security.
- **Interview Room:** Rocket Arena will provide 24-hour security for this space per the development guidelines.
- **Lockdown:** Per the development plan, Rocket Arena will institute a venue-wide lockdown at midnight the night before the first practice until four hours after the last press conference concludes.

Miscellaneous

- The following venue staff will receive copies of the security plan:
 - o SVP of Facility Operations
 - o SVP of Venue Experience & Ticket Operations
 - o SVP of Booking & Events
 - o VP of Security
 - o VP of Marketing
 - o VP of Guest Experience
 - o Senior Director of Operations
 - o Senior Director of Event Services
 - o Director of Security
 - o Senior Manager of Security
 - o Senior Manager of Surveillance/Security
 - o Senior Manager of Event Services
 - o Manager of Booking & Events
- Rocket Arena will work with the NCAA and Tournament officials to compile a phone list per the development guidelines.
- Rocket Arena has regular communication with utility and service providers to ensure peak operational efficiencies during all events.
- The Rocket Arena engineering team will be conducting venue-wide inspections of all mechanical systems prior to move-in.

Open Practice

- Rocket Arena will be fully staffed with venue security and local law enforcement prior to the venue opening for practice.
- Staffing plans and position placement are in progress.

Parking and Traffic

- The Rocket Arena loading dock will be closed 3 hours prior to event start time. The delivery log will be in use for access to the delivery area. Any deliveries that are undocumented will be verified with the building representative receiving the delivery.
- The Cleveland Police Department will be responsible for traffic control in and around the venue. They will be utilizing existing plans to disperse traffic away from the venue as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Placement of Security Staff/Officers

- Rocket Arena will place/post security staff and uniformed police officers per the development guidelines.
- Additional security staff and uniformed police officers may be added.

SPORTS INFORMATION & PRESS CONFERENCES

Sports information and media relations for the championships will be under the direction of:

David Lentz
Assistant Director, Media Coordination and Statistics
Phone: 317-917-6139
Email: dlentz@ncaa.org

Pre-championship press conferences featuring selected student-athletes and coaches will be on Wednesday, March 18 and held in “High Bay” at Rocket Arena, the arena’s main interview room located on the Event Level near Vom 3 and the Fred McLeod Studio (located on the event level map at the end of this manual). The student-athlete portion of the press conference will begin at 1 p.m. E.T and the coaches will follow. Each press conference will be 30 minutes in length. Coaches and student-athletes taking part in the Wednesday press conferences may also be asked to take part in green screen shoots and individual interviews for the television broadcast and in-venue production.

Student-athletes winning their semifinal matches on Friday, March 20 will be immediately escorted by championship personnel to the interview room for a brief press conference. Following the press conference student-athletes must report to the ESPN interview area within Rocket Arena for video headshots and the NCAA production room for green screen shoots in preparation for the championship match introductions. Coaches are asked to ensure student-athletes wear official school warm-ups for the headshots.

Coaches of the top 3-5 institutions in the team standings will hold a press conference Friday, March 20 at the conclusion of Session IV. The number of coaches participating will be determined by championship personnel.

Student-athletes winning their national championship match Saturday, March 21 will be immediately escorted by championship personnel to the interview room for a brief press conference.

The head coach of the national championship team will participate in a press conference following the conclusion of Session VI competition on Saturday, March 21.

Per the NCAA’s policy student-athlete and coach participation in NCAA championship press conferences, broadcast and in-venue presentation interviews is mandatory. All requested coaches and student-athletes are expected to participate as requested by NCAA personnel.

WORKOUTS

The primary workout area / practice mats will be available in designated ballrooms at each participant hotel (The Hilton and The Westin). Cardio equipment is available in each hotel's fitness center. Additional warm-up areas will be set up at Rocket Arena in the Marshalling Area (Event Level, adjacent to the loading docks) and on the Practice Court (Club Level). Please refer to the maps at the end of this manual. Exercise equipment and scales will be provided for participants during practice times. Hours for the workout area (practice mats) are as follows:

Tuesday, March 17	2 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Competition mats open 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, March 18	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (Competition mats assigned 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday, March 19	7:00 a.m. to close of competition.
Friday, March 20	7:00 a.m. to close of competition.
Saturday, March 21	6:00 a.m. to close of competition.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE AUTHORIZATION
CONSENT FORM
DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

I, _____, hereby authorize _____,
(Name of Student-Athlete) (Name of My Institution)

and its physicians, athletic trainers, and health care personnel to disclose my protected health information and any related information regarding any injury or illness during my training for and participation in intercollegiate athletics to the NCAA, Mid-American Conference and Cleveland Clinic.

I understand that my protected health information will be used by the NCAA, Mid-American Conference and Cleveland Clinic for the purpose of handling any media inquiries in conjunction with the 2026 NCAA Division I Men’s Wrestling Championships.

I understand that my injury/illness information is protected by federal regulations under either the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (the Buckley Amendment) and may not be disclosed without either my authorization under HIPAA or my consent under the Buckley Amendment. I understand that my signing of this authorization/consent is voluntary and that my institution will not condition any health care treatment or payment, enrollment in a health plan or receipt of any benefits (if applicable) on whether I provide the consent or authorization requested for this disclosure. I also understand that I am not required to sign this authorization/consent to be eligible for participation in NCAA or conference athletics.

I also understand that the NCAA, Mid-American Conference and Cleveland Clinic are not covered by the Buckley Amendment or HIPAA and that these regulations will not apply to the NCAA, Mid-American Conference’s or Cleveland Clinic’s use or disclosure of my injury/illness information.

This authorization/consent expires 380 days from the date of my signature below, but I have the right to revoke it in writing at any time by sending written notification to the director of athletics at my institution. I understand that a revocation is not effective to the extent action has already been taken in reliance on this authorization/consent.

Printed Name of Student-Athlete	Signature	Date
Printed Name of Guardian (If student-athlete is under the age of 18)	Signature	Date



Wrestling Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form (Physician Release for Student-Athlete to Participate with Skin Lesion)

Student-Athlete: _____

Date of Exam: _____

Institution: _____

Please Mark Location of Lesion(s):

Dual(s)/Tournament: _____

Number of Lesion(s): _____

Cultured: No Yes Location: _____ Date: _____

Diagnosis: _____

Medication(s) and dosage used to treat lesion(s): _____

Date Treatment Started: _____ Time: _____

Earliest Date Student-Athlete May Return to Participation: _____

Physician Name (Printed): _____

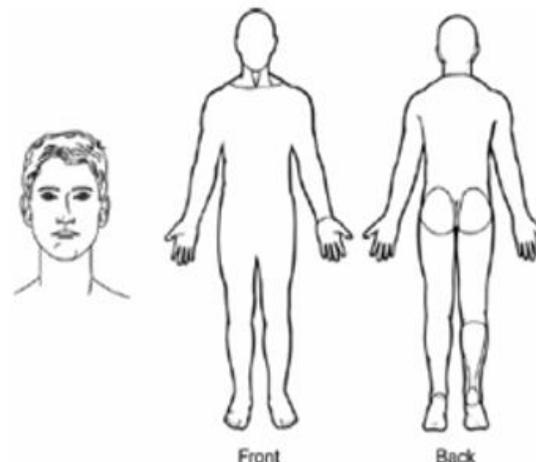
Specialty: _____

Physician Signature (M.D./D.O.): _____

Office Address: _____

Contact #: _____

Institution Certified Athletic Trainer Notified: No Yes Signature: _____



Note to Physician: Non-contagious lesions do not require treatment prior to return to participation (e.g., eczema, psoriasis, etc.) Please familiarize yourself with NCAA Wrestling Rules which state (refer to the NCAA Wrestling Rules Book for complete information):

Rule 9.1.7 "The presence of a communicable skin disease...shall be full and sufficient reason for disqualification."

Rule 9.1.9 "If a wrestler has been previously diagnosed as having a skin condition and is currently being treated by a physician, who has determined it is safe for the individual to compete without jeopardizing the health of the opponent, the entrant may be considered for competition after review of the required treatment documents (and after examining the wrestler)."

Rule 9.1.11 "Final determination of the entrant's ability to compete shall be made by the host site's physician or certified athletic trainer who conducts the medical examination after review of any such documentation and the completion of the exam."

Below are some treatment guidelines that suggest **MINIMUM TREATMENT** before return to wrestling:

Adequately covered is defined as, "the lesion is covered by a gas impermeable dressing, pre-wrap and stretch tape that is appropriately anchored and cannot be dislodged throughout the sport activity."

Bacterial Infections (Furuncles, Carbuncles, Folliculitis, Impetigo, Cellulitis or Erysipelas, Staphylococcal disease, MRSA): Wrestler must have been without any new skin lesion for 48 hours before the meet or tournament. Wrestler must have completed 72 hours of antibiotic therapy and have no moist, exudative or draining lesions at meet or tournament time. Gram stain of exudate from questionable lesions (if available). Active purulent lesions shall not be covered to allow participation.

Herpetic Lesions (Simplex, fever blisters/cold sores, Zoster, Gladiatorum): Skin lesions must be surmounted by a FIRM ADHERENT CRUST at competition time, and have no evidence of secondary bacterial infection. For primary (first episode of Herpes Gladiatorum) infection, the wrestler must have developed no new blisters for 72 hours before the examination, be free of systemic symptoms of viral infection (fever, malaise, etc.), and have been on appropriate dosage of systemic antiviral therapy for at least 120 hours before and at the time of the meet or tournament. Recurrent outbreaks require a minimum of 120 hours of appropriate dosage of systemic antiviral therapy, again so long as no new lesions have developed and all lesions are completely dry and surmounted by a firm adherent crust. Active herpetic infections shall not be covered to allow participation.

Tinea Lesions (ringworm): Oral or topical antifungal agent therapy for 72 hours on skin and 14 days on scalp required for non-coverable areas. Wrestlers presenting appropriate documentation of a diagnosed Tinea infection, is under treatment, and the infection is in a coverable area, may participate even though the 72 hours have not expired

Molluscum Contagiosum: Lesions must be curetted or removed before the meet or tournament and adequately covered.

Verrucae: Wrestlers with multiple digitate verrucae of their face will be disqualified if the infected areas cannot be covered with a mask. Solitary or scattered lesions can be curetted away before the meet or tournament but cannot be seeping. Wrestlers with multiple verrucae plana or verrucae vulgaris must have the lesions adequately covered.

Hidradenitis Suppurativa: Wrestler will be disqualified if extensive or purulent draining lesions are present; covering is not permissible.

Pediculosis: Wrestler must be treated with appropriate pediculicide and reexamined for completeness of response before wrestling.

Scabies: Wrestler must have negative scabies prep at meet or tournament time.

DISCLAIMER: The NCAA shall not be liable or responsible, in any way, for any diagnosis or other evaluation made herein, or exam performed in connection therewith, by the above named physician/provider, or for any subsequent action taken, in whole or in part, in reliance upon the accuracy or veracity of the information provided herein.

ALL THINGS CLEVELAND

For information on all things Cleveland, visit thisiscleveland.com/ncaawrestling. This page will have all the information you will need on things to do, where to eat, how to get around and more!

TRANSPORTATION AROUND CLEVELAND

For information on how to get around Cleveland, please click the link below:

<https://www.thisiscleveland.com/planning-tools/visitor-services/getting-around-cleveland>

You will find information on:

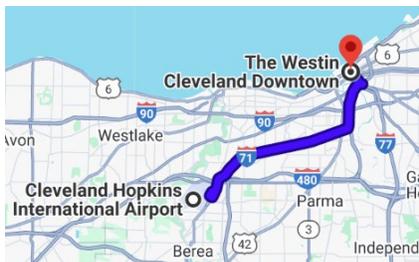
- Parking Garages/Surface Lots
<https://www.thisiscleveland.com/ThisIsCleveland/media/Documents/Maps/Downtown%20Cleveland/downtown-cleveland-map-200221.pdf?quality=55&cache=9.0>
- Public Transportation
<https://www.riderta.com/>
- Taxi & Ride Share Services
https://www.thisiscleveland.com/locations?tag=ride_sharing,taxi,ride_share

DIRECTIONS FROM AIRPORT TO HOTELS

WESTIN HOTEL CLEVELAND

777 St. Clair Ave NE, Cleveland, OH 44114

Start by exiting the airport terminal area and heading towards the main airport access road (Park Road/Terminal Tower Garage access). **Merge** onto **OH-237 N** (John Glenn Hwy). **Use** the right two lanes to take the ramp onto **I-71 N** toward Cleveland. **Follow** I-71 N for about 8 miles. **Keep** right to continue onto **I-90 E**, following signs for all exits to downtown Cleveland. **Take Exit 172A** for **E 9th St**. **Turn** left onto **E 9th St** (signs for Downtown/E 9th St N). **Continue** north on E 9th St for approximately half a mile, passing several large office buildings and hotels. **Turn** right onto **St Clair Ave NE**. **The hotel** will be immediately on your right-hand side. The entrance to the valet parking area is clearly marked.



HILTON CLEVELAND

100 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114

Start by exiting the airport terminal area and heading towards the main airport access road (Park Road/Terminal Tower Garage access). **Merge** onto **OH-237 N** (John Glenn Hwy). **Use** the right two lanes to take the ramp onto **I-71 N** toward Cleveland. **Follow** I-71 N for approximately 8 miles. **Keep** right to continue onto **I-90 E**, following signs for all exits to downtown Cleveland. **Take Exit 172A** for **E 9th St**. **Turn** left onto **E 9th St** (signs for Downtown/E 9th St N). **Continue** north on E 9th St for a short distance (less than half a mile). **Turn** right onto **Lakeside Ave E**. **The hotel** will be on your right-hand side, connected to the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.



HILTON Cleveland Downtown

100 Lakeside Avenue East, Cleveland, OH 44114

HOTEL CONTACT: Kim Lawson - Kim.Lawson@hilton.com

Due to the number of teams and the short time between room assignments and arrival, it is critical to designate one team contact for all communications with the hotel.

TEAM INFORMATION: All team rooming lists need to be submitted by 5:00PM EST on Friday, March 13th. A questionnaire will be sent out to team contacts and responses should be emailed to Kim.Lawson@hilton.com by 2PM (EST) on Saturday, March 14th.

ROOMING LIST: Please email your team's rooming list using the template provided by **5pm EST on Friday, March 13th**. Please ensure your rooming list matches the allotted rooms (number and bed type) designated by the NCAA. If it does not match, this will cause delays in the reservation process. No additional rooms will be made outside of the allotment assigned by the NCAA. Any additional reservation needs can be made directly on our website and at the best available rate: [Hilton Cleveland Downtown](#).

PAYMENT: A credit card authorization form will be sent out through Sertifi, our secured payment platform, upon initial receipt of rooming list. The credit card authorization form needs to be completed prior to reservation confirmations being distributed to team contact. All credit card authorization forms must be completed **by 4PM on Saturday, March 14th** in order to guarantee your team's reservations.

If you require guestrooms to be pre-keyed **OR** do not want individuals to provide a form of payment at check-in, you must select the "All charges" option on the credit card authorization form.

The authorized credit card will be pre-charged for room and tax for the room nights on the rooming list. Any overages will be credited back to the card on file. Should there be any overages added on-site, the authorized card on file will be charged for the balance due, unless notified of another form of payment that is provided on-site.

CHECK IN: Check in is available starting at 4:00PM. Early check-in requests will be granted on a case-by-case basis and subject to Hotel Availability. (additional fees may apply).

Want to have one person pick up your team's room keys? Pre-keyed team rooms are available if all charges are authorized to the card on file. That card will be pre-charged for room, tax and \$100 per night, per room in incidentals (parking, room service etc.). If you do not want your team members to be charged

items to their guestroom, please communicate that to each individual. The hotel does not have the ability to “shut off” all charges to the room.

ROOM & TAX: Your room rate of \$190.00 per night is subject to 17.5% tax or \$223.25 per night (inclusive of taxes).

TAX EXEMPTION: If your institution has State Tax-exemption status in Ohio, please include your completed Ohio State Exemption Certificate with your rooming list OR with your email questionnaire response (must be received by 2PM EST on Saturday, March 14th).

State tax in Ohio is 8% and will be adjusted off upon conclusion of your stay. The remaining 9.5% taxes will still apply to your guestroom rate (i.e. if your institution is Ohio State Tax Exempt, your inclusive nightly rate would be \$208.05).

TEAM ADJACENCY/ROOM REQUESTS: While it is not guaranteed, we will make every effort to assign team rooms as close as possible to one another and accommodate room preference requests based on NCAA allotment and hotel availability.

HILTON HONORS POINTS: Please include any guest’s reward information on the rooming list.

Please note: if guest adds a Hilton Honors Award number that is not in their name, this will change the name listed on any invoice/folio.

PARKING: The Hotel has valet and self-parking options available.

- Overnight Valet at \$60.00+tax per night, per vehicle.
- Overnight Self-Parking (Huntington Park Garage) is \$50.00+tax per night, per vehicle.
 - Huntington Park Garage Address: 1141 W 3rd Street, Cleveland, OH 44114

Please refer to the “Hilton Parking Guidelines” attachment for additional information.

OVERSIZED PARKING: We cannot accommodate oversized vehicle parking on-site. Please refer to the Oversize Vehicle document attached for locations (locations are not affiliated with hotel - rates are subject to change without notice).

HOTEL DINING: Below is a list of the Hotel Restaurants and hour of operations. Additional information and current menus can be found here at [Hilton Cleveland Downtown – Dining](#).

Burnham: Our signature restaurant, offering Midwest Comfort Food with a modern, artful fare.

Hours of Operation:

Breakfast – Daily, 6:30AM – 11:00AM

Lunch – Daily, 11:00AM – 2:00PM

Dinner - Monday – Saturday, 5:00PM – 10:00PM

Eliot’s Bar: named for the famed Clevelander and Prohibitionist, Eliot Ness, Eliot’s Bar offers classic bar bites and creative cocktails, wine & beer.

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday & Sunday: 2:00PM – 12:00AM

Kitchen closes at 10:00PM

Last call at 11:30pm

Wednesday - Saturday: 2:00PM – 1:00AM

Kitchen closes at 12:00AM

Last call at 1:00AM

Bar32: Perched atop the hotel, on the 32nd Floor is our rooftop bar. Serving up cocktails, bites and views of Lake Erie and the City of Cleveland.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday – Thursday: 4:00PM – 12:00AM

Kitchen closes at 10:00PM

Last call at 11:30AM

Friday & Saturday: 4:00PM – 1:00AM

Kitchen closes at 10:00PM

Last call at 12:30AM

***Closed on Sundays & Mondays*

Notes: Bar32 is available to guests who are 21+ and an I.D. is required for entry.

Noshery: Located in the Lobby is your go-to, grab & go spot for delicious bites & beverages throughout the day.

Hours of Operation:

Open Daily.

Notes: Hot food and beverage offerings are available from 6am – 10pm. Grab and go selections are available 24/7.

IRD:

Breakfast:

Daily – 7:00AM – 11:00AM

Dinner:

Sunday – Thursday – 5:00PM – 10:00PM

Friday & Saturday – 5:00PM – 11:00PM

PRIVATE CATERING: Should your group need private space and/or catered meal functions while on-site, please provide details with rooming list in order to confirm space availability and menus in a timely fashion.

OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE: Outside food and beverage is prohibited in the meetings spaces (training room) and hotel outlets (Burnham, Eliot’s Bar & Bar32). Outside food and beverage is permitted in guestrooms.

TRAINING AREA: A wrestling mat will be set up in Hope Ballroom D on the 3rd Floor. The space will be available daily, Tuesday, March 17th – Saturday, March 21st from 6:00AM – 8:00PM.

FITNESS CENTER: The Hotel Fitness center and pool are located on the 6th floor and accessible 24 hours a day with your guestroom key.

GUEST ROOM CLEANLINESS: Stayover service will be provided daily for all guestrooms.

In honor of your privacy, we will not service any rooms that have “Do Not Disturb” sign present. If you remove your “Do Not Disturb” sign later in the day and would like service, simply let us know by 5:00PM and it would be our pleasure to accommodate your requests. You can notify us by dialing -0- from your guestroom phone or text us at 216.508.0200.

WI-FI NETWORK: The Wi-Fi network for guestrooms is Hilton Honors. Instructions on how to access will be provided at check-in.

Should you need internet access in the Training Area/Meeting Space, please notify Kim to have that setup through Encore (Individual internet is \$17.00+ per device).

CHECK OUT: Check out is 11:00AM. Late check-out requests will be granted based on case-by-case basis and subject to Hotel Availability (*additional fees may apply*).

Luggage storage will be available through the Front Desk/Bell Desk.

WESTIN CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN
777 St Clair Ave NE, Cleveland OH 44114

HOTEL CONTACT: Erica Wolfe - erica.wolfe@westincleveland.com

Due to the number of teams and the short time between room assignments and arrival, it is critical to designate one team contact for all communications with the hotel.

TEAM INFORMATION: Please complete the team rooming list by Friday, March 13th at 5pm EST.

ROOMING LIST: Email Erica your team's rooming list using the template provided by Friday, March 13th at 5pm EST. Please ensure your rooming list matches the allotted rooms designated by the NCAA. No additional rooms are available outside of those allotments.

PAYMENT: A credit card authorization form through the hotel's secure platform will be sent to each team contact by 5:00 pm EST on Friday, March 13th. That form must be completed by **12pm EST on Saturday, March 14th** to guarantee your room reservations.

If you elect to limit the authorized charges, the hotel cannot pre-key your team's rooms **AND** a credit card will be required at check in for each room.

The authorized credit card will be pre-charged for room and tax for the room nights on the rooming list along with any additional master account charges that need to be pre-paid for.

CHECK IN: Check in is available starting at 4pm.

Want to have one person pick up your team's room keys? Pre-keyed team rooms are available if all charges (room, tax and guaranteed incidentals) are authorized to the card on file. If you do not want your team members to charge to the room, please communicate that to those individuals. If payment for incidentals is not paid on the way out individually, the charges will be auto placed and charged on the master.

ROOM TAX & FEES: Your room rate of \$190 is subject to 17.5% state & occupancy taxes, or \$223.25 /night inclusive of taxes and fees.

TAX EXEMPTION: Is your institution OH State Tax-exempt? Please email your school's state-issued tax exemption certificate from OH to Erica by 12pm EST on March 14th.

TEAM ADJACENCY: While it is not guaranteed, we will make every effort to assign team rooms on the same floor.

BONVOY REWARD POINTS: Please include the reward information on the rooming list.

PARKING

- Valet Parking Rates:
 - 0-4 hours: \$37
 - 4-8 hours \$47

- 8+ hours: \$57
- Self-Parking Rates:
 - 0–2 hours: \$25
 - 2–4 hours: \$30
 - 4–6 hours: \$35
 - 6–8 hours: \$40
 - 8+ hours: \$47
- Bus Parking - Erica is able to reserve metered parking spots through the city of Cleveland. Coach bus parking is \$80 per bus, per day. We will need to know this information ASAP, to ensure the metered spaces are set up appropriately.

HOTEL DINING

Masa & Agave:

Located on Lobby Level of Hotel

Breakfast

Hours: Mon – Fri 6:30am-10am

Brunch

Hours: Sat & Sun 7am-3pm

Lunch

Hours: Mon – Fri 11am-3pm

Dinner

Hours: Mon – Fri 4pm-11pm (Kitchen Closes at 10pm)

Sat 4pm-12am (Kitchen Closes at 11pm)

Sun 4pm-11pm (Kitchen Closes at 10pm)

Lounge

Hours: Mon – Fri 4pm-11pm, Sat 4pm-12am, Sun 4pm-11pm

GUEST ROOM CLEANLINESS: Daily refreshes of your room will be completed by housekeeping team. If you require a full clean of your room versus a refresh please let a member of the front desk know so that they can inform housekeeping.

FITNESS CENTER: Hotel fitness center is on the lower level if the hotel accessible 24 hours a day with room key.

OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE: Permitted in guest rooms only. Outside food and beverage in public areas, meeting spaces, and dining area is prohibited. If found in the meeting spaces, there is a fee associated with this.

Wi-Fi NETWORK WiFi is complimentary for the group in the guest rooms and banquet space. Log in credentials will be provided to you by the hotel for each location as they have two different networks.

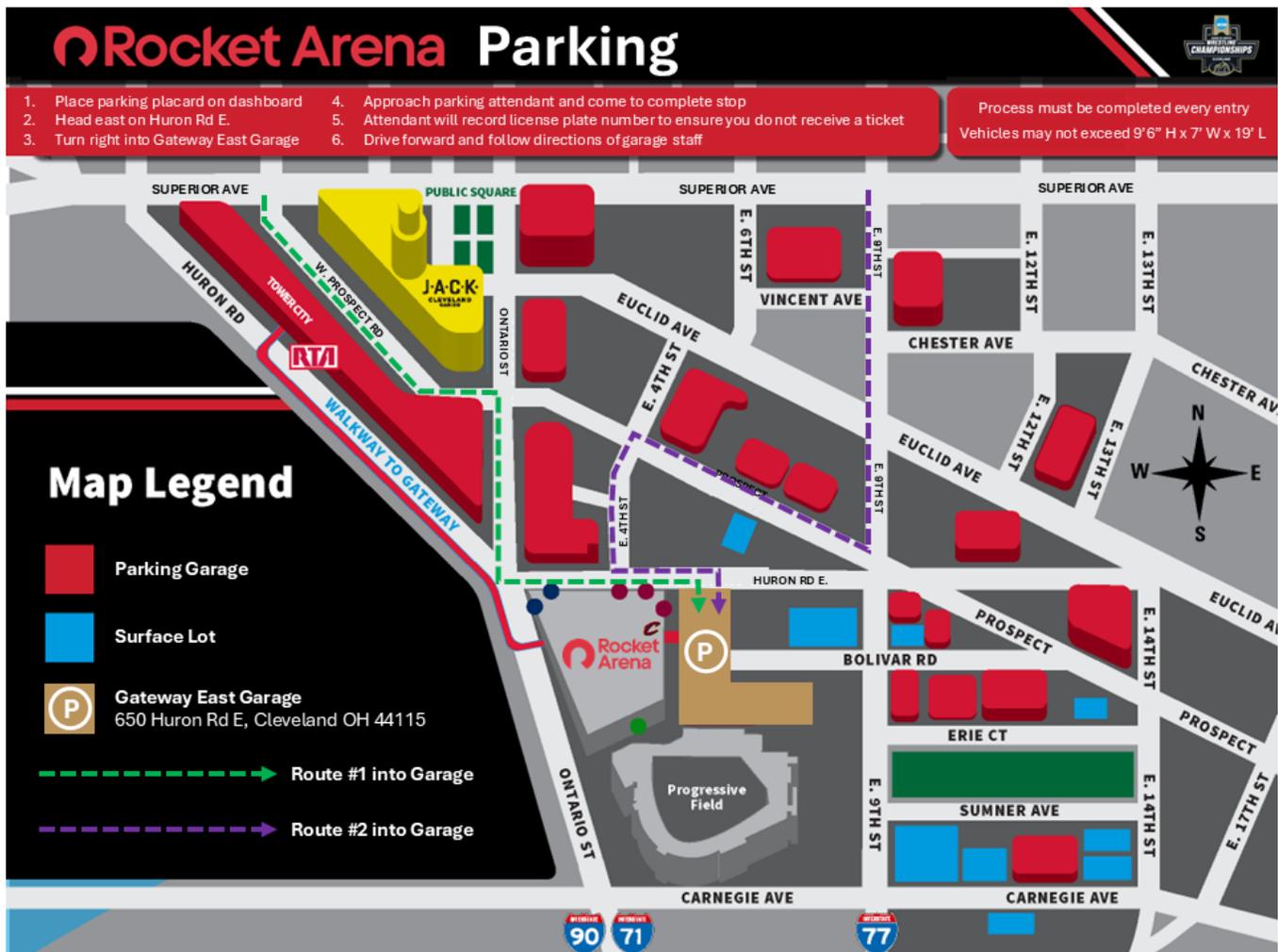
CHECK OUT: Check out is 11am. Late check out requests are granted based on availability and not guaranteed. Luggage storage is also available.

ROCKET ARENA PARKING

PERSONAL VEHICLES & 15-PASSENGER VANS (MAX HEIGHT 9'6")

Complimentary team parking will be available in the **Gateway East Garage**, located at **650 Huron Rd E**, Cleveland, OH 44115 (P1 on the map below). At registration, you will receive a parking placard that will provide access into the garage. Please follow these instructions for each entry into the garage:

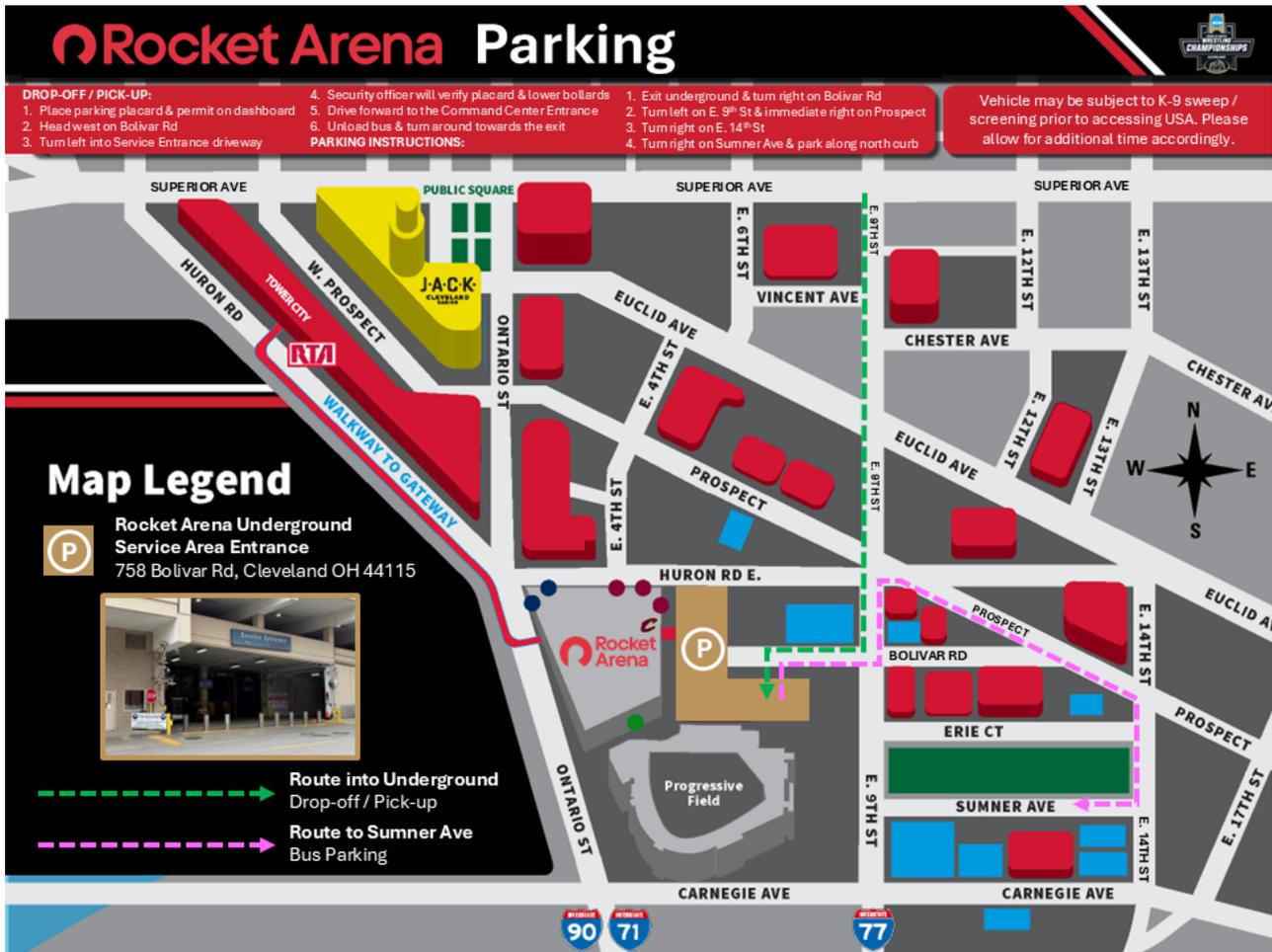
- Display the parking placard on your dashboard prior to entering the garage.
- Enter the garage on Huron Rd and bring your vehicle to a complete stop when you approach the parking attendant. The parking attendant will confirm that you have a parking placard and proceed to collect your license plate information. You must stop to complete this process **every time** you enter and re-enter the parking garage.
- Once the parking attendant waves you through, park in any available space within the garage.
 - 15-passenger vans and vehicles taller than 7'6" **must** park on the first floor. Parking attendants will direct you accordingly.
 - The first floor of the garage has a height restriction of 9'6". Buses and vehicles taller than 9'6" will have separate accommodations (see below).
- **For registration day only:**
 - Please make note of your license plate number **prior to** entering the arena for registration.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Gateway East Garage uses license plate readers for parking enforcement. Failure to follow any of the above instructions may result in your vehicle being ticketed.
- It is recommended to arrive early and prepare for any inbound traffic.



BUSES & OVERSIZED VEHICLES (HEIGHT GREATER THAN 9'6")

Separate drop-off and parking accommodations will be made for any vehicles unable to park in the garage, taller than 9'6", such as buses. These accommodations will be complimentary to all teams. Please follow these instructions for seamless drop-off, parking and pick-up:

- Drop-off and pick-up will be permitted in the Rocket Arena Underground Service Area (USA).
- To access the drop-off / pick-up area, please ensure the parking placard and parking permit are clearly displayed on your dashboard.
- Approach the **Gateway East Garage service entrance**, located at **758 Bolivar Rd, Cleveland, OH 44115**. A security officer will validate that you have a parking placard and direct you down the ramp. Keep right until you reach the Rocket Arena loading docks.
- After drop-off is completed, you will be directed by Arena staff to turn around and exit the area.
- At the top of the ramp, turn right on Bolivar Rd and proceed to E 9th St.
- Turn left on E. 9th St and immediate right on Prospect.
- Turn right on E. 14th St and then right on Sumner Ave. Park along the north (right) curb.
- Display City of Cleveland permit clearly on dashboard to avoid ticket and / or tow.
- When returning to pick-up at Rocket Arena, please plan to arrive approx. 30 minutes prior to the end of the session to avoid any local traffic exiting parking facilities.
- **TO BE ABLE TO ENTER THE ARENA FROM THE BUS, RIDERS MUST HAVE A CREDENTIAL.**



Any additional parking needs outside of what is outlined above is the financial responsibility of each team.

Additional parking information can be found at <https://www.rocketarena.com/directions-parking>

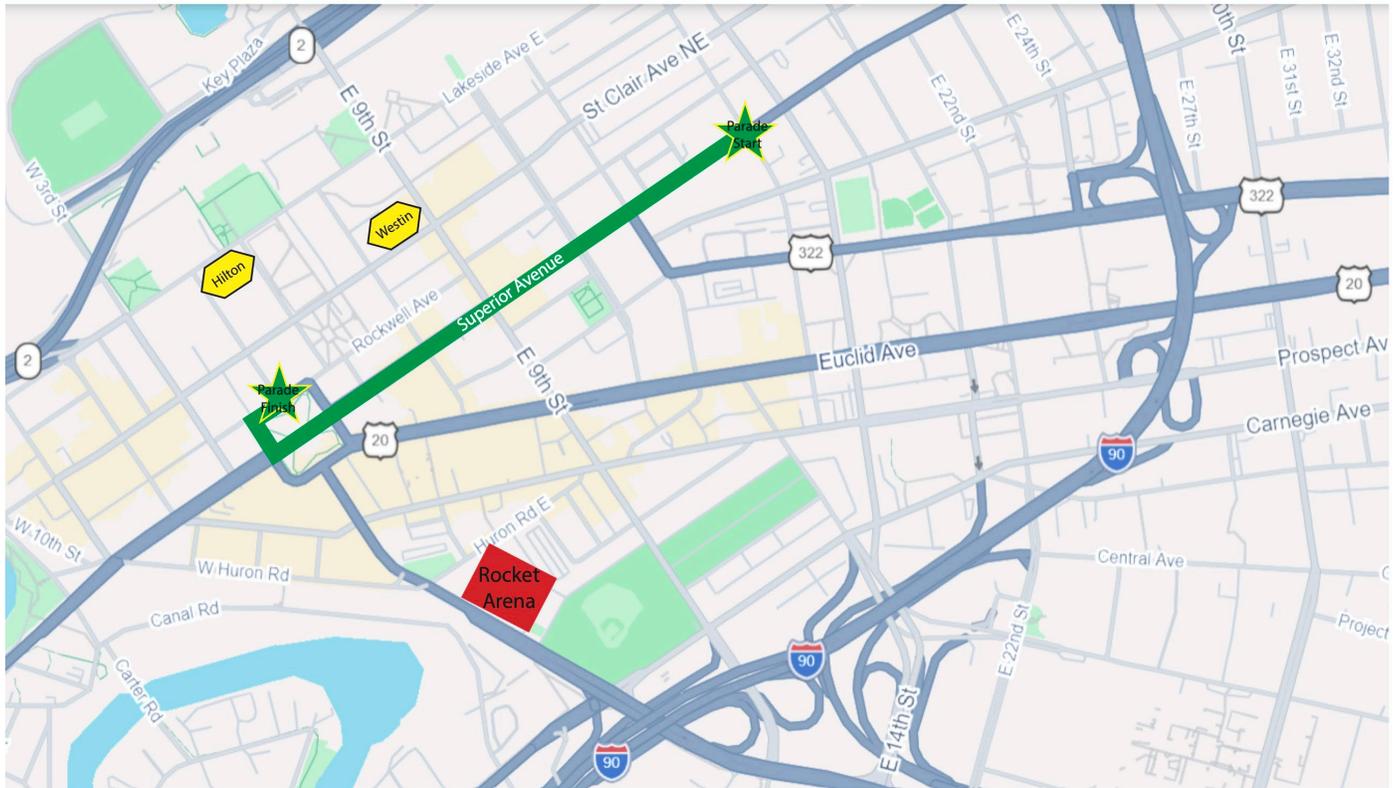


Saint Patrick's Day – Tuesday, March 17

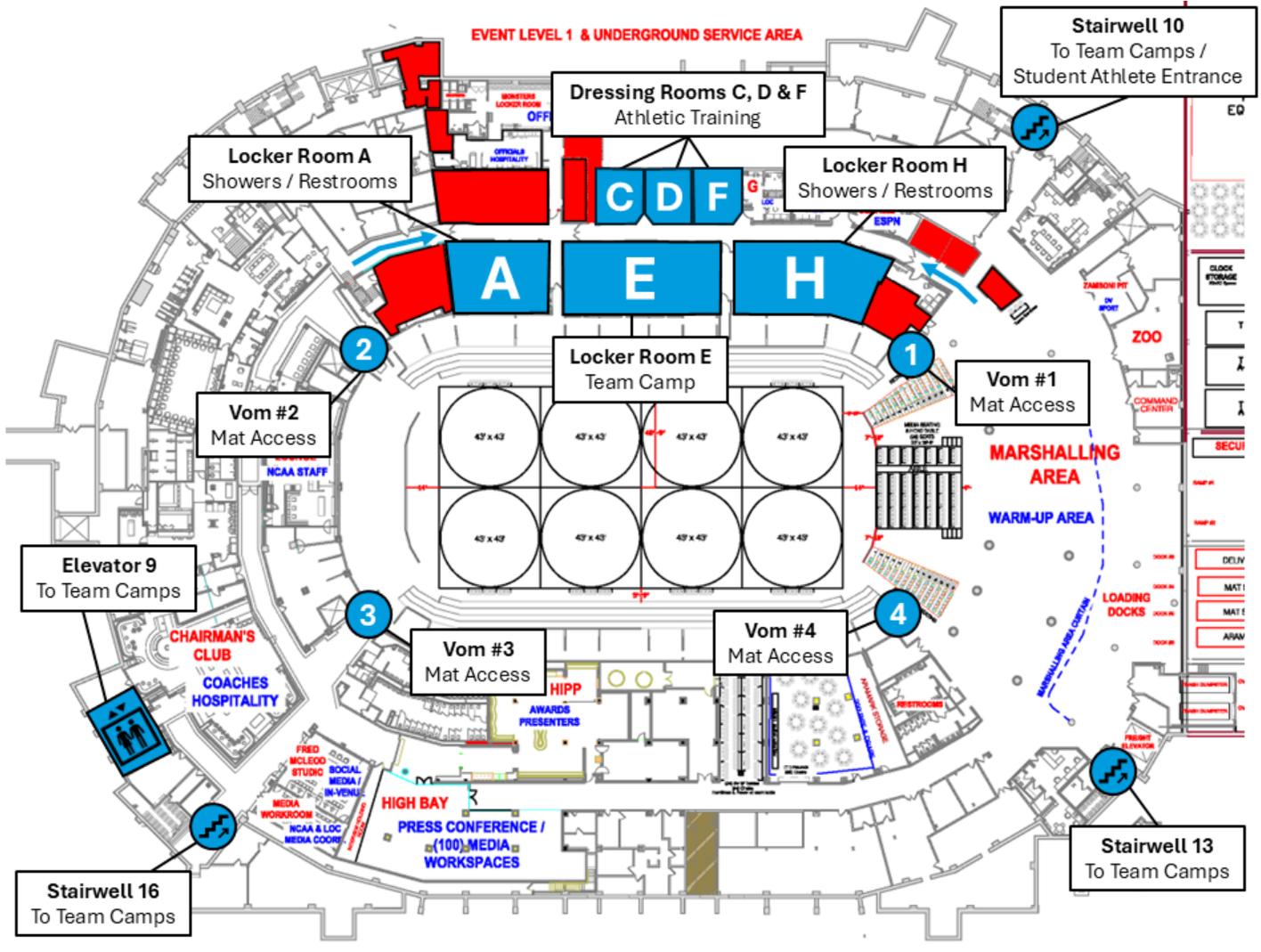


Cleveland has a large Irish population and a rich St. Patrick's Day tradition. Expect 250,000 additional people to converge on Downtown Cleveland for the St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade features over 10,000 marchers and runs from 1 – 3 pm. Parade route is listed below. Please plan your travel to and from Rocket Arena accordingly.

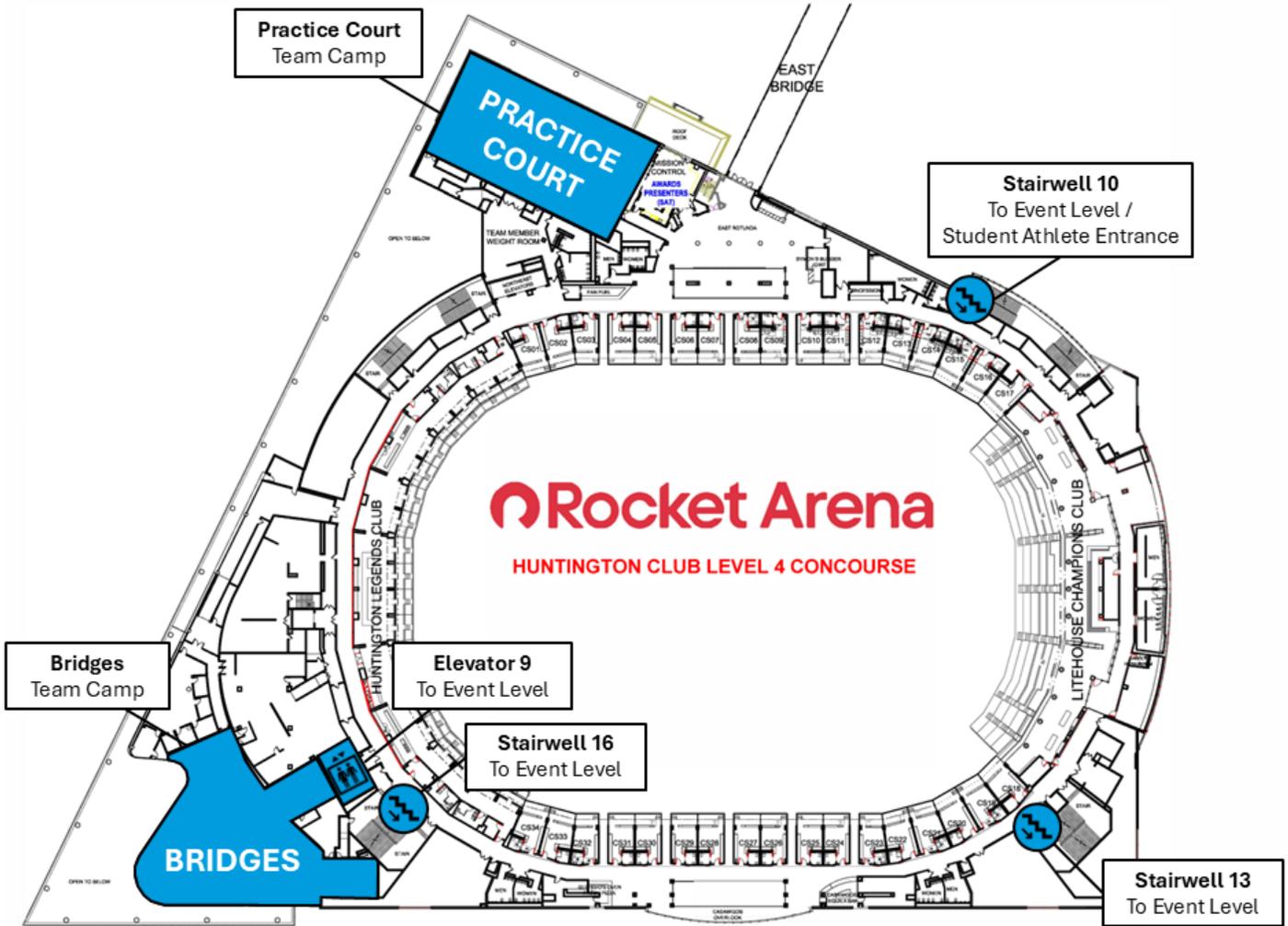
The parade will begin at the intersection of Superior Ave. and East 18th St. It will travel southwest on Superior Ave. to West Roadway. The parade will travel northwest on West Roadway for one block; and then it will head northeast on Rockwell Ave. The parade ends at the intersection of Rockwell and Ontario St.



ROCKET ARENA EVENT LEVEL MAP



ROCKET ARENA TEAM CAMP MAP



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR TEAM'S SUCCESS!

To celebrate your accomplishment, the NCAA is gifting Student-Athlete Mementos on-site at the Championship!



*The number of Student-Athlete Mementos you receive will match the NCAA-prescribed travel party size.

HOW TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE MEMENTOS

To purchase additional mementos beyond your travel party allotment, follow the steps below.

1. Navigate to <https://ncaa-champ-mementos.myshopify.com/> OR scan the QR code on this page.
2. Enter the password: **DIGIFT25_26**
3. Select your Championship Logo.
4. Choose the quantity of additional gifts you'd like and add them to your cart.
5. At checkout, provide your contact information and the shipping address for delivery.
6. Enter your payment information (all gifts must be paid for at checkout).
7. Submit your order.



Orders for additional Student-Athlete Mementos will be processed and shipped within two weeks.

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Morgan England at morgan@yiworks.com

Spec Seats, the official bench chair of the NCAA, is providing special exclusive championship chair pricing to participating institutions. To order a 2026 NCAA Wrestling Championship bench chair, please access the site via <https://www.specseats.com/ncaa> and use the passcode NC@@2026 to order your commemorative chair today. This code is intended for team use and not to be redistributed.

Institutions looking to take bench chairs directly from the site, will need to pay through the online process in advance. Institutions can waive shipping costs only if taking the chair onsite by using the code NCAAFREESHIP. This code is intended only for teams taking chairs directly from the host site and is not to be distributed.

For questions, please feel free to contact Jordan Hergott with Spec Seats at jh@specseats.com.

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