



2025
WRESTLING
State Qualifier's
Handbook

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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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PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

State Tournament Dates. February 14th and 15th, 2025.

State Venue Location. The Berry Center 8877 Barker Cypress Rd. Cypress, TX 77433.

State Qualifier Meeting. We will be having a mandatory coaches meeting on **Monday, February 10th at 7 pm via Microsoft Teams.** Please register for this meeting here:
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8f355488-009e-41dd-86d8-196a4e9d6fe6@31d7e2a5-bdd8-414e-9e97-bea998ebdfe1>

School Packets. School packets will be available for pickup from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 13th and beginning at 6:00 am Friday, February 14th, at Entrance 3.

Coaches Meeting. We will still be having the in-person coaches meeting on **Thursday, February 13th at 4:30pm** in the Theater of the Berry Center.

***NEW* SportsYou.** Please join and turn on notifications for the SportsYou group for the state tournament. We will communicate schedule changes and all other pertinent tournament information through this group. It can be joined via the access code:

- **L2LR53HW** or by scanning the QR code.



Hotels. State qualifying teams and spectators are fully responsible for securing their own hotel accommodations. For a list of suggested hotels, please visit the [Berry Center Host Hotels](#).

Tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase online only starting, Monday, February 10th, 2025. Tickets can be purchased on the [UIL Wrestling Website](#).

Single Day Ticket – \$15.00 (plus fees)
All Tournament – \$25.00 (plus fees)
Coach/Official All Tournament – \$20.00 (plus fees)

***NEW* Administrator Complimentary Tickets.**

To request credentials for school administrators, please fill out the form below. Requests must be submitted no later than **10 PM on February 13th**. [Administrator Complimentary Ticket Request Form](#)

- Each high school can request a maximum of two complimentary tickets for administrators who represent one campus.
 - EX: Principal/Campus Coordinator
- Each school district can request a maximum of TWO complimentary tickets for administrators representing entire districts.
 - EX: ISD Athletic Director/Assistant Athletic Director/Superintendent

Pre-Order Box Lunch – Berry Center.

Teams wishing to purchase a box lunch through the Berry Center can find the menu and prices [HERE](#) and must be emailed to Kolby.Bartholomew@cfisd.net

Outside Food and Drinks. Teams will be allowed to bring food and drinks at the beginning of each day through Entrance 3 only and up until **11:00 a.m.** Parents can bring their children food up until 11:00 a.m. through Entrance 3, only by meeting a coach at the entrance.

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

Media Credentials. School media, non-school media, local sportswriters/photographers, etc. must request credentials through the UIL website before the listed deadline. Student media credentials will only be considered for current students and current full-time employees of the qualifying school. No team or freelance photographers/videographers will be credentialed. An online media credential request form will be posted once all teams have qualified for the state tournament. The deadline to request a media credential is February 13th, 12:00 pm. Please direct any questions to pr@uiltexas.org.

Wrestling State Tournament Broadcast Information. NFHS Network will provide a live webcast of the 2025 UIL Wrestling State Tournament on Friday, February 14 and Saturday, February 15 from the Berry Center in Cypress, Texas. Each mat will have an individual video stream on the NFHS Network. Fans, family and alumni unable to attend the event can watch the UIL Wrestling State Tournament live online with a subscription at NFHSNetwork.com. Subscribers can also watch on the go or at home through the NFHS Network mobile app available through iTunes or the Google Play Store, and new TV app available on Roku, Amazon Fire or Apple TV.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Entrance. Schools will enter through Entrance 3 of the Berry Center.

Parking. Teams will park in lots "C" and "D" and enter through Entrance 3. Parking at the Berry Center is free. A parking map is attached below or can be found online [here](#).

Food and Drinks. Bring through Entrance 3 with Team until **11:00 am!** Parents may bring in food for kids up until 11:00 am ONLY and must bring it through Entrance 3 by meeting with the school coach at the entrance.

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.

***NEW* State Tournament Bracket Separation Plan**

The draw for the state tournament shall be made by the state office and shall be released after the completion of all regional wrestling tournaments. Wrestlers who meet the qualification shall be placed in each weight division in the state tournament. To be placed, a wrestler must be a current region champion and must have been a state place finisher during his/her high school career. Brackets will be available on the UIL website [HERE](#) following regionals.

Separation placement will be in order on lines 1, 16, 9, then 8. The criteria for placing shall be as follows:

1. Separate all state champions (including state champions from other states).
2. The following criteria in order shall be used to separate state champions:
 - a. state champion at the same weight,
 - b. state champion at a higher weight,
 - c. state champion at a lower weight.
 - i. If there are two state champions at the same weight the state champion from Texas will receive the higher separation placement.
 - ii. If there are two state champions at the same weight and both from Texas, the champion from 5A will get priority in the 5A championship and the champion from 6A will get priority in the 6A championship.
3. Follow the same procedure as #2 above for the 2nd place from the previous year, then 3rd place from the previous year, then 4th place from the previous year, then 5th place from the previous year, then finally 6th place from the previous year.
4. Items #2 and #3 shall be applied, in order, to wrestlers who placed in the state tournament two years prior.
5. Items #2 and #3 shall be applied, in order, to wrestlers who placed in the state tournament three

- years prior.
6. Blind draw for the remaining region champions who do not meet the above criteria.

If a region champion scratches from the tournament before the start of the first-round matches, he/she will be replaced by the 2nd place finisher from that region and the remaining qualifiers and alternate in that weight class from that region will move up one position. As such, there will be a new group of four region champions at that weight class. In this situation, the weight class will be re-evaluated for separation based on the updated list of regional champions.

After the brackets have been released if a school suspects that an error has been made in the application of the criteria, the school should email the wrestling director AJ Martinez. If an error has been made, the state office will correct the error.

Weigh-Ins. Weigh-ins for the UIL Wrestling State Championships will be held on both the **arena floor (boys)** and **theater (girls)** at the Berry Center 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 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 be weighed in with the other competitors. Alternates will be placed in the bracket if the advancing wrestler is unable to attend. An advancing wrestler unable to compete due to injury, not making weight, or not being present at the start of weigh-ins can only be replaced from the alternates from his/her same qualifying tournament. An alternate not present at the start of weigh-ins for his/her respective weight class and not registered on the official weigh-in sheet cannot replace the advancing wrestler. Alternates are to be placed in the 4th qualifying position, moving other seeded wrestlers up one spot. **Each alternate will be given a complimentary pass to be used for both days.**

Athletes and coaches that have qualified for Saturday's finals are required to check-in Saturday between 4:00-4:15pm 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: sweatpants, a school logoed top/t-shirt, no headgear of any kind.**

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.

Schedule. 10 Mats; 5A and 6A are split; Athletes will make their way to the Arena floor from the staging (warm-up room) for their matches.

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.

Coaches Seating. Only coaches with the Saturday wristband will be allowed on the floor. During finals, 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 @ 4:00 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.

A.J. Martinez – Tournament Director (361) 816-1281
Rex Anderson – Head Referee (281) 814-2901
Dan Lang – Rules Interpreter (281) 684-7720

CREDENTIALS AND TATTOOS

***NEW* Credentials.** To help reduce crowding in the competition area, we will provide different colored wristbands for coaches on both Friday and Saturday of the tournament. Each school team (boys and girls) will receive **TWO coaches' wristbands**, valid for access to the arena floor on FRIDAY only. Schools with wrestlers competing on Saturday must pick up their SATURDAY coaches' wristbands at Entrance 3 starting at 6:00 AM. Only coaches with wrestlers advancing in the competition will receive wristbands for Saturday.

Trainer Credentials. Trainers must request a wristband directly from A.J. Martinez or Sydney Johnson at the tournament. We will not give trainer wristbands to coaches.

Student Manager/Student Trainer Credentials. Each school team (boys and girls) will be given **ONE complimentary pass for student managers/trainers.** This pass does **not** allow access to the arena floor but will allow them entry into the tournament each day. No additional passes will be given, and they must keep up with their pass to use it for both days.

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

Temporary Tattoo Directions:

1. The skin should be clean and free of oils and makeup.
2. **Remove the clear, protective top sheet.**
3. Press the tattoo firmly onto clean, dry skin, with the design facing down.
4. **Hold a wet paper towel or cloth against the back of the tattoo, press down, and make sure to wet it thoroughly.**
5. **Wait 30 seconds (don't hurry). Peel off the paper backing.**
6. Gently rinse the image with water for the 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 the tattoo with household rubbing alcohol or baby oil; wait 10 seconds, then rub away the tattoo with a cotton ball OR lift the tattoo from dry skin using several pieces of transparent household tape.

WEIGH-IN INFORMATION

Weigh-ins will be conducted in the Arena (boys) and the Theater (girls). Below is a description of the format we will use for both boys and girls. It is in accordance with Rule 4-5 of the National Federation Wrestling Book. *All qualifying athletes, along with alternates, will be weighed in at the same time.*

***Mark Lyons will be the lead for the weigh-ins.**

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). Wrestlers will be allowed to warm up on the Arena floor or the Conference center once weigh-ins are complete.

Girls:

Weigh-in staging area: The girls will all report to the **Theater** for weigh-ins. We will line them up by weight class in a single file in ranking order (12 lines). Once the weigh-ins are complete, wrestlers will be allowed to warm up in the Conference center.

Weigh-Ins will be conducted at the following times:

Friday, February 14th

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

Saturday, February 15th

- 7:00 am – Boys Weigh-Ins
- 9:00 am – 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 violate 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!**

2025 STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 13th

2:00 PM			THSCA Advisory Meeting	Theater
3 – 5 PM	ALL		Team Registration/ Packet Pick Up	Entrance 3
3 – 5 PM	ALL		Mat Time /Weight Check	Arena Floor
4:30 PM	ALL		Head Coaches Meeting	Theater

Friday, Feb. 14th

6:00 AM	5A/6A	ALL	Doors Open	Entrance #3
7:00 AM	5A/6A	BOYS	Weigh-In	Line up by weight class; Arena
8:30 AM	5A/6A	BOYS	Championship Round 1	5A Boys Mats 1-5; 6A Boys Mats 6-10
9:30 AM	5A/6A	GIRLS	Weigh-In	Line up by weight class; Theater
11:00 AM	5A/6A	GIRLS	Championship Round 1	5A Girls Mats 1-5; 6A Girls Mats 6-10
12:45 PM			Mat Cleaning/Break	
1:15 PM	5A/6A	BOYS	Champ. Quarters and 1 st Rd. Cons.	5A Boys Mats 1-5; 6A Boys Mats 6-10
3:45 PM	5A/6A	GIRLS	Champ. Quarters and 1 st Rd. Cons.	5A Girls Mats 1-5; 6A Girls Mats 6-10
5:30 PM	5A/6A	BOYS	Second Round Consolation	5A Boys Mats 1-5; 6A Boys Mats 6-10
6:45 PM	5A/6A	GIRLS	Second Round Consolation	5A Girls Mats 1-5; 6A Girls Mats 6-10

Saturday, Feb. 15th

6:00 AM	5A/6A	ALL	Doors Open	Entrance #3
7:00 AM	5A/6A	BOYS	Weigh-In	Line up by weight class; Arena
8:30 AM	5A/6A	BOYS	Champ. Semifinals and 3 rd Rd. Cons.	5A Boys Mats 1-5; 6A Boys Mats 6-10
9:00 AM	5A/6A	GIRLS	Weigh-In	Line up by weight class; Theater
10:30 AM	5A/6A	GIRLS	Champ. Semifinals and 3 rd Rd. Cons.	5A Girls Mats 1-5; 6A Girls Mats 6-10
12:00 PM	5A/6A	BOYS	Consolation Semifinals	5A Boys Mats 1-5; 6A Boys Mats 6-10
1:00 PM	5A/6A	GIRLS	Consolation Semifinals	5A Girls Mats 1-5; 6A Girls Mats 6-10
2:00 PM			Mat Cleaning/Break	Arena Floor (Reduce # of Mats)
			THSWCA Presentation	Arena Floor
2:30 PM	5A	BOYS	3 rd and 5 th Place Matches	3 rd Place Mat 4, 5 th Place Mat 5
	5A	GIRLS	3 rd and 5 th Place Matches	3 rd Place Mat 3, 5 th Place Mat 2
	6A	GIRLS	3 rd and 5 th Place Matches	3 rd Place Mat 8, 5 th Place Mat 9
	6A	BOYS	3 rd and 5 th Place Matches	3 rd Place Mat 7, 5 th Place Mat 6
4:15 PM			NFHS Coach of the Year	Arena Floor (Reduce # of Mats)
4:30 PM			Parade of Champions	Arena Floor (4 Mats)
4:45 PM	5A/6A	BOYS	Championship Matches	5A Boys Mat 2; 6A Boys Mat 3
	5A/6A	GIRLS	Championship Matches	5A Girls Mat 1; 6A Girls Mat 4

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS/AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Athletes

Athletes will line up in the Atrium of the Berry Center by weight classes beginning with 5A Boys, 5A Girls, 6A Girls, 6A Boys. 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 the Parade of Champions to conclude.

Awards. Individual weight class awards according to page 10:

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

Individual:

5A Girls Outstanding Wrestler
6A Girls Outstanding Wrestler
5A Boys Outstanding Wrestler
6A Boys Outstanding Wrestler

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

3rd Place 5A Girls
3rd Place 6A Girls
3rd Place 5A Boys
3rd Place 6A Boys

2nd Place 5A Girls
2nd Place 6A Girls
2nd Place 5A Boys
2nd Place 6A Boys

1st Place 5A Girls
1st Place 6A Girls
1st Place 5A Boys
1st Place 6A Boys

AWARDS PRESENTATION DETAIL

The top six finishers must report to the awards area immediately and wear the appropriate attire (warm-up bottoms, a school-logoed top, no headgear). Please make sure your athletes are readily available. The third through sixth-place finishers will wait until the championship match has concluded to participate in the Awards Ceremony.

4:30 pm

- Parade of Champions
- National Anthem

4:45 pm

- **Championship Matches Begin**
- We will begin awards after 3 weight classes have wrestled
- 1ST through 6th place awarded with medals (1st – 3rd "UIL.", 4th – 6th "W.A.")
- Trophies and Plaques will be awarded once all weight classes have been awarded

<u>GIRLS (Mats 1 & 4)</u>		<u>BOYS (Mats 2 & 3)</u>
100 Weight Class		106 Weight Class
107 Weight Class		113 Weight Class
114 Weight Class		120 Weight Class
AWARDS 100 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 106 WEIGHT CLASS
120 Weight Class		126 Weight Class
AWARDS 107 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 113 WEIGHT CLASS
126 Weight Class		132 Weight Class
AWARDS 114 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 120 WEIGHT CLASS
132 Weight Class		138 Weight Class
AWARDS 120 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 126 WEIGHT CLASS
138 Weight Class		144 Weight Class
AWARDS 126 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 132 WEIGHT CLASS
145 Weight Class		150 Weight Class
AWARDS 132 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 138 WEIGHT CLASS
152 Weight Class		157 Weight Class
AWARDS 138 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 144 WEIGHT CLASS
165 Weight Class		165 Weight Class
AWARDS 145 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 150 WEIGHT CLASS
185 Weight Class		175 Weight Class
AWARDS 152 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 157 WEIGHT CLASS
235 Weight Class		190 Weight Class
AWARDS 165 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 165 WEIGHT CLASS
215 Weight Class		
AWARDS 185 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 175 WEIGHT CLASS
285 Weight Class		
AWARDS 235 WEIGHT CLASS	↔	AWARDS 190, 215, 285 WEIGHT CLASS

5A GIRLS OUTSTANDING WRESTLER
6A GIRLS OUTSTANDING WRESTLER
5A BOYS OUTSTANDING WRESTLER
6A BOYS OUTSTANDING WRESTLER
GIRLS TEAM TROPHIES
BOYS TEAM TROPHIES

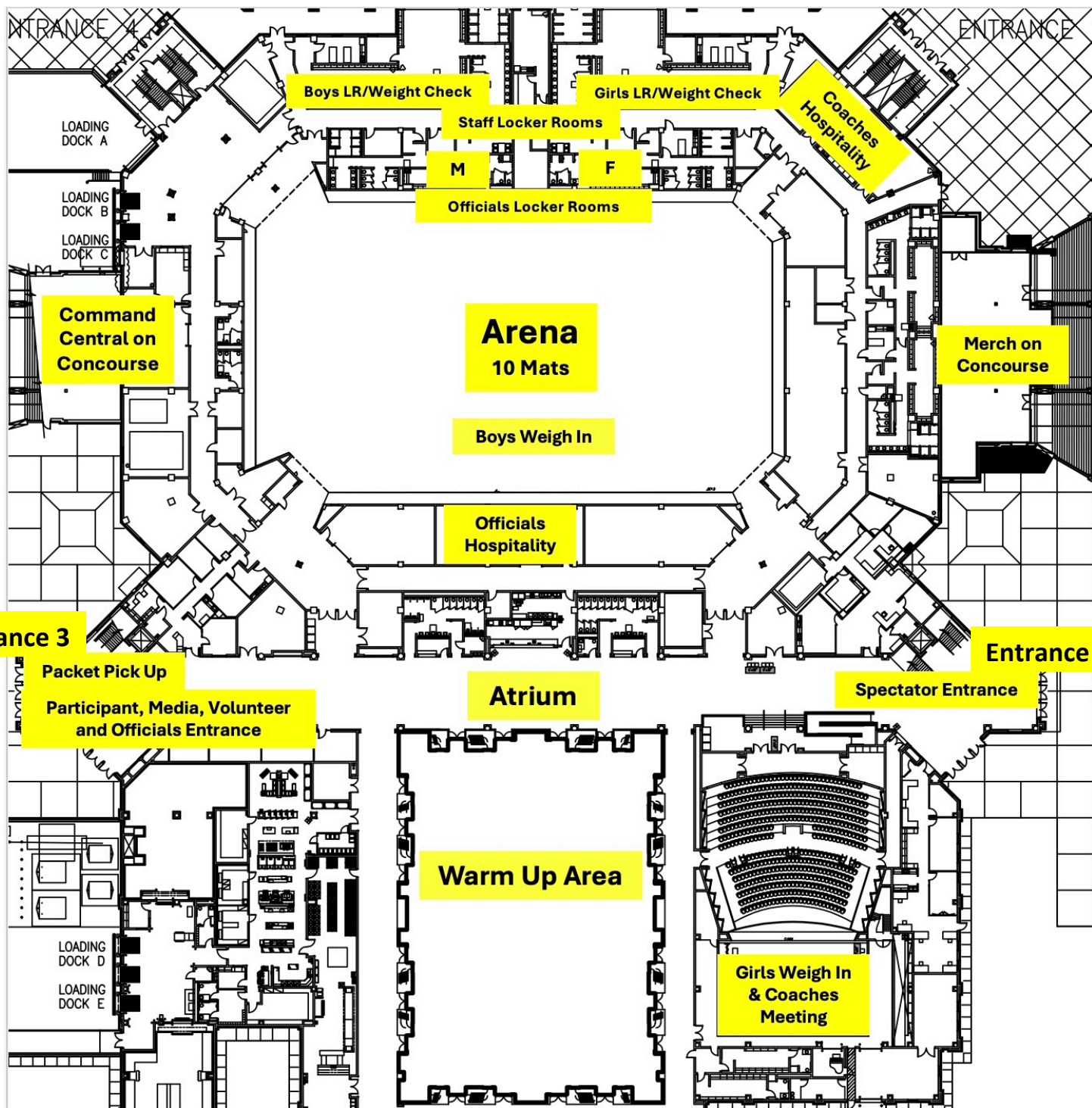
PARKING AND ENTRANCE MAP

Team Parking: Lots "C" and "D"
Team Entrance: Entrance 3

Spectator Parking: Lots "A" and "B"
Spectator Entrance: Entrance 2



BERRY CENTER LAYOUT



ARENA FLOOR

