



2024
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State Qualifier's
Handbook

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2024 UIL Wrestling State Championships February 16-17, 2024 Berry Center: Cypress, Texas

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

School Packets. School packets will be available for pickup from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 15th and beginning at 6:00 am, Friday, February 16th, in the Atrium of the Berry Center through Entrance 3.

Coaches' Meeting. There is a mandatory coaches' meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 4:30pm in the Theatre of the Berry Center. Specific tournament information will be covered for you at this meeting.

Coach/Trainer Credentials. Each school team (boys and girls) will be given TWO coach wristbands, these wristbands will be valid for access to the arena floor throughout the tournament. *Trainers* may request a wristband directly from A.J. Martinez or Sydney Johnson at the tournament.

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

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

Food and Drinks. Teams will be allowed to bring in food and drinks at the beginning of each day through Entrance 3 only, and up until 11:00 am. Parents can bring kids food up until 11:00 am through Entrance 3, only by meeting a coach at the entrance. There will be a pre-order box meal option for teams through the Berry Center with can be found [HERE](#) and must be emailed to julie.cardona@cfisd.net.

Weigh-Ins. Weigh-ins for the UIL Wrestling State Championships will be held on both the arena floor (boys) and theatre (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.

Tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase online only, Monday, February 12, 2024. All Ticket Sales will be digital, and link will be on the UIL Website

Ticket prices:

Day Ticket - \$15.00 per day

All-Tournament Pass - \$25.00

Coach/Official Tournament Pass - \$20.00.

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

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

Wrestling State Tournament Broadcast Information. NFHS Network will provide a live webcast of the 2024 UIL Wrestling State Tournament on Feb. 16-17 from the Berry Center in Cypress, Texas.

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

The live webcast will begin on NFHSNetwork.com on Friday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. CT, each mat will have an individual video stream on the NFHS Network.

2024 STATE WRESTLING COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 15th

TIME	CLASS	DIVISION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
2:00 PM			THSCA Adv. Meeting	Theatre
3:00 – 5:00 PM	5A/6A	BOYS/GIRLS	Team Registration/Packet Pick Up	Entrance 3
3:00 – 5:00 PM	5A/6A	BOYS/GIRLS	Mat Time/Weight Check	Arena Floor
4:30 PM	5A/6A	BOYS/GIRLS	Head Coaches Meeting	Theatre

Friday, Feb. 16th

TIME	CLASS	DIVISION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:00 AM	5A/6A	ALL	Doors Open	Entrance #3
7:00 AM	5A/6A	BOYS	Weigh-In	Line up on Arena floor by weight class; (Weigh-In Occurs in 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	Theatre
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. 17th

TIME	CLASS	DIVISION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:00 AM	5A/6A	ALL	Doors Open	Entrance #3
7:00 AM	5A/6A	BOYS	Weigh-In	Line up on Arena floor by weight class (Weigh-In occurs in 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 in the Theatre by weight class (Weigh-In occurs in Theatre)
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 2022-2023	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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parking. Lot "C" and "D".

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

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.

Weigh-In. Have athletes (qualifiers & alternates) on time and ready to go in accordance with NFHS Rules (Boys line up on Arena Floor; Girls line up in the Theatre @ appropriate times).

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.

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

Coach Seating. There will be seats for coaches to sit in 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
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Dan Lang – Rules Interpreter (281) 684-7720

CREDENTIALS AND TATTOOS

Credentials. Each school will be given **2 wristbands per team (boys and girls) for coaches. Only 2 coaches should be on the floor at one time.** *Trainers (adult trainers) may request a wristband in person from A.J. Martinez or Sydney Johnson.

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

Temporary Tattoo Directions:

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

TATTOOS MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE TOP OF THE HAND.

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

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

WEIGH-IN INFORMATION

Weigh-ins will be conducted in the Arena (boys) and the Theatre (girls). Below is a description of the format we will use for both boys and girls and will be in accordance with Rule 4-5 of the National Federation Wrestling Book. *All qualifying athletes, 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 **Theatre** for weigh-ins. We will line up the girls by weight class, in single file, by ranking order (12 lines). Wrestlers will be allowed to warm up in the Conference center once weigh-ins are complete.

Weigh-Ins will be conducted at the following times:

Friday, February 16th

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

Saturday, February 17th

- 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.

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

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS/AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Parade of Champions.

Athletes

Athletes will line up in the Atrium of the Berry Center by weight classes beginning with 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 6 finishers are to report to the awards area immediately and must be wearing the appropriate attire (warm-up bottoms, a school logoed top, no headgear), so please make sure your athletes are readily available. The 3rd through 6th place finishers will wait until the championship match has concluded to participate in the Awards Ceremony.

4:30 pm

- Parade of Champions
- National Anthem

4:45pm – Championship Matches Begin

GIRLS (Mats 1 & 4)

100 Weight Class
 107 Weight Class
 114 Weight Class
AWARDS 100 WEIGHT CLASS
 120 Weight Class
AWARDS 107 WEIGHT CLASS
 126 Weight Class
AWARDS 114 WEIGHT CLASS
 132 Weight Class
AWARDS 120 WEIGHT CLASS
 138 Weight Class
AWARDS 126 WEIGHT CLASS
 145 Weight Class
AWARDS 132 WEIGHT CLASS
 152 Weight Class
AWARDS 138 WEIGHT CLASS
 165 Weight Class
AWARDS 145 WEIGHT CLASS
 185 Weight Class
AWARDS 152 WEIGHT CLASS
 235 Weight Class
AWARDS 165 WEIGHT CLASS

AWARDS 185 WEIGHT CLASS

AWARDS 235 WEIGHT CLASS

BOYS (Mats 2 & 3)

106 Weight Class
 113 Weight Class
 120 Weight Class
AWARDS 106 WEIGHT CLASS
 126 Weight Class
AWARDS 113 WEIGHT CLASS
 132 Weight Class
AWARDS 120 WEIGHT CLASS
 138 Weight Class
126 WEIGHT CLASS
 144 Weight Class
AWARDS 132 WEIGHT CLASS
 150 Weight Class
AWARDS 138 WEIGHT CLASS
 157 Weight Class
AWARDS 144 WEIGHT CLASS
 165 Weight Class
AWARDS 150 WEIGHT CLASS
 175 Weight Class
AWARDS 157 WEIGHT CLASS
 190 Weight Class
AWARDS 165 WEIGHT CLASS
 215 Weight Class
AWARDS 175 WEIGHT CLASS
 285 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

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

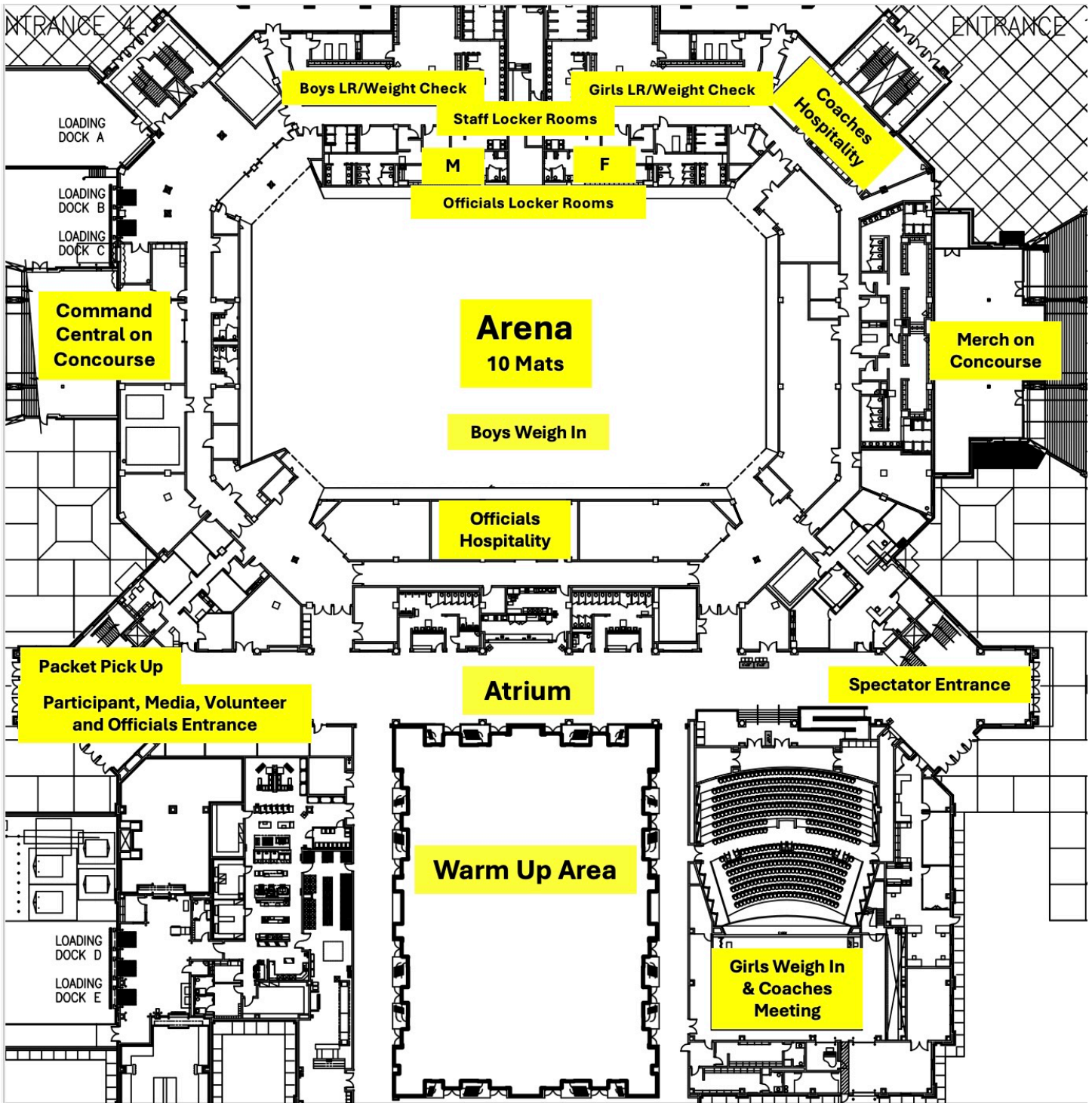
PARKING AND ENTRANCE MAP

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

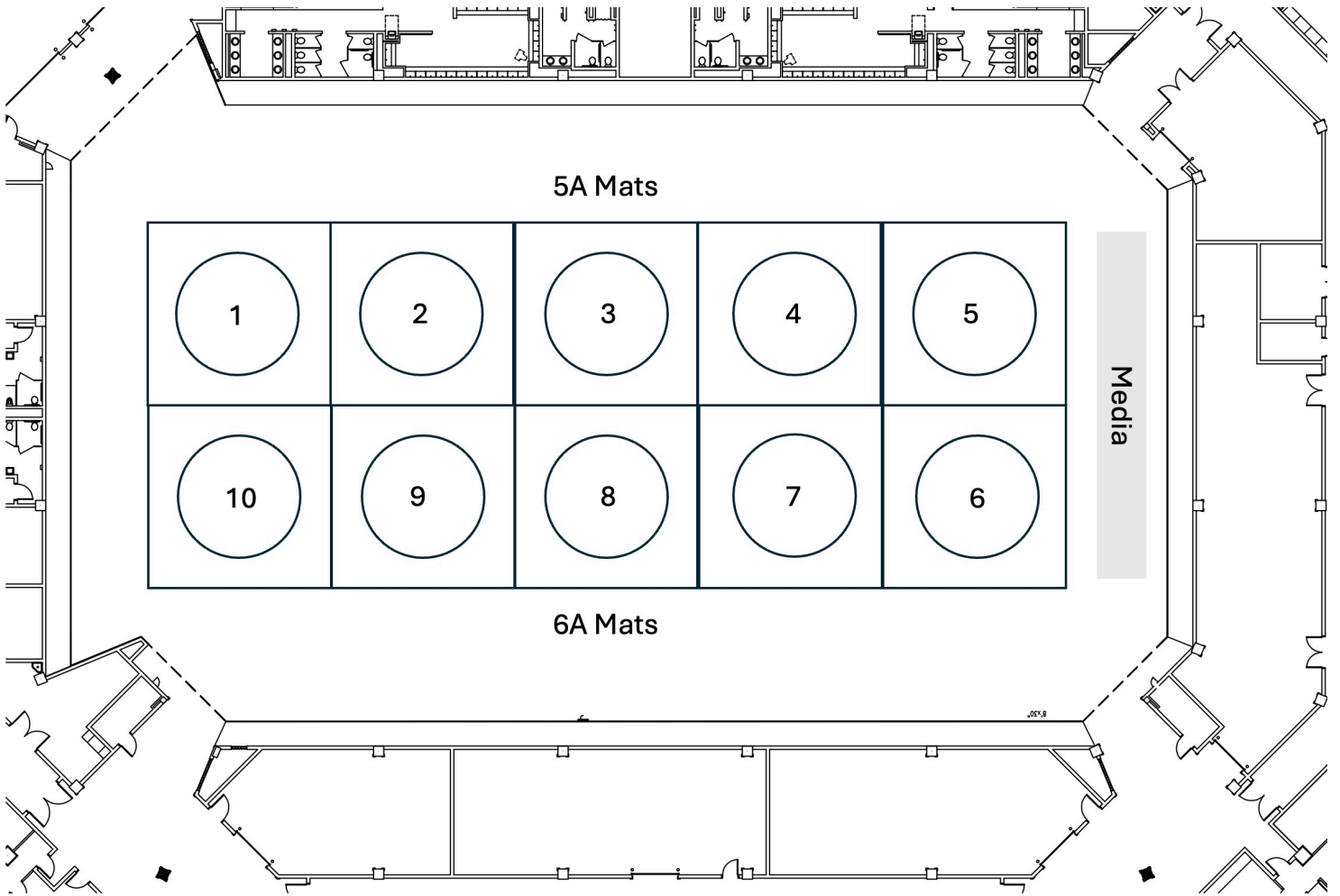
Spectator Parking: Lots "A" and "B"
Spectator Entrance: Entrance 2



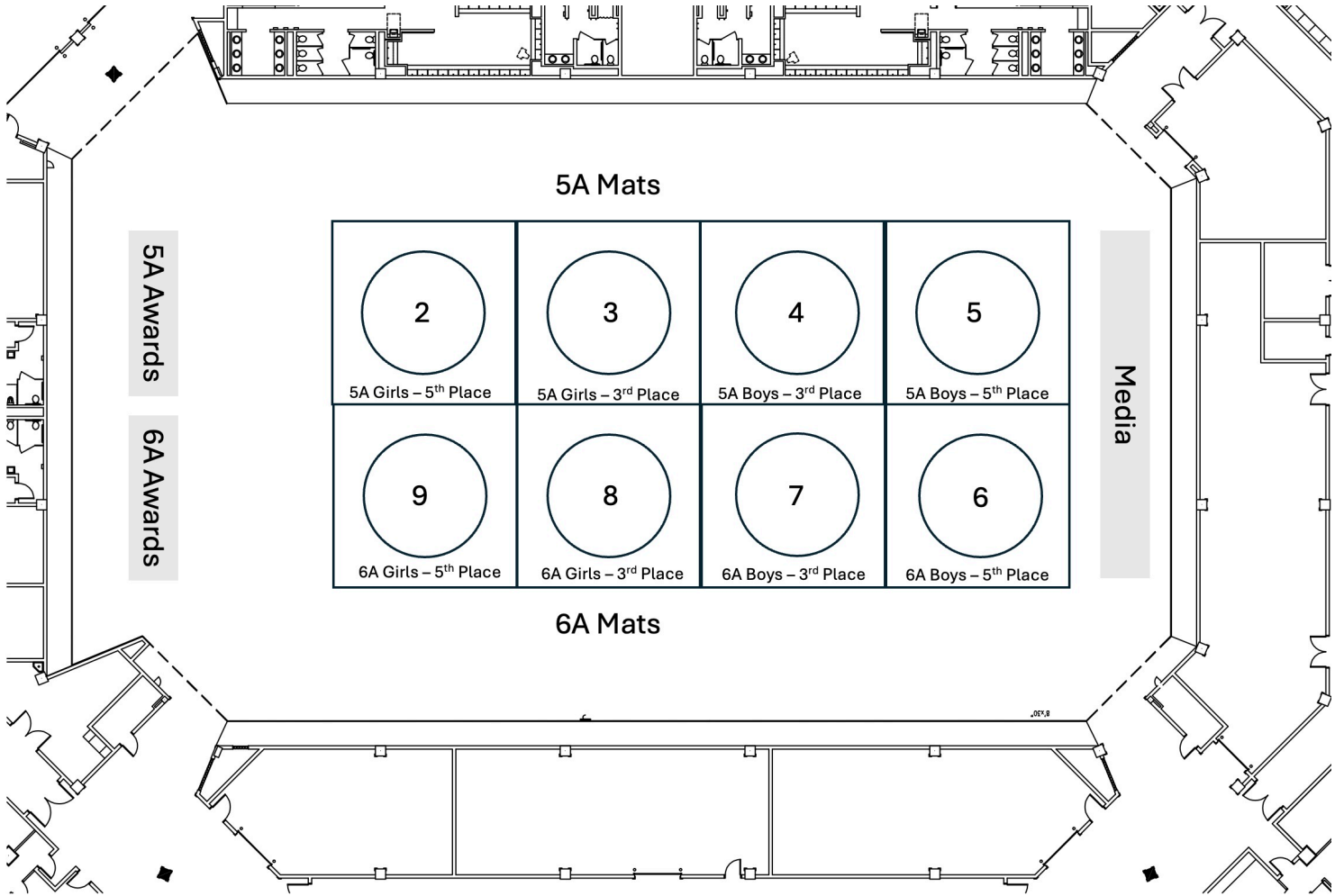
BERRY CENTER LAYOUT



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