

# Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation

## Information about competing in the IKWF - 2016-17

Parents, Guardians, and club coaches should be aware of the following **IMPORTANT** items when purchasing your son's or daughter's USA Wrestling membership card and participation in IKWF events.

- 1. All wrestlers who WERE NOT issued a membership card during the 2015-16 season** must include a copy of their birth certificate.
- 2. To be eligible for any IKWF event, the attached form and payment (for all wrestlers) and a copy of a birth certificate (for new wrestlers) MUST be submitted to the IKWF office 2 weeks prior to competing in said event. *Example: To wrestle in December 3, 2016 events, the above information MUST be submitted (postmarked) to the IKWF office by **November 19, 2016**.***
- 3. The IKWF is a club based organization.** This means once you have declared a club for your son or daughter, he/she is a member of that club for the entire IKWF competition season. The designated head coach of your club has the final say in your son's or daughter's participation in any IKWF event.
- 4. Any wrestler who purchases their card as an "unattached" wrestler or for preseason training purposes, has until **November 26, 2016** to declare their IKWF club affiliation. **Failure** to declare a wrestler's club affiliation by **November 26, 2016** will result in **ineligibility** in the IKWF State Series. **Parents, guardians, or club coaches should send an email to [ikwf@ikwf.org](mailto:ikwf@ikwf.org) a wrestler's club affiliation.****
- 5. Any wrestler who purchases a membership card after **November 26, 2016** has ten (10) days from the date of purchase to declare their IKWF club affiliation or they will be ineligible for the IKWF State Series.**
- 6. IKWF by-laws allow wrestlers to request a club transfer after the above November 26, 2016 deadline.** Please see **WRESTLER CLUB TRANSFER REQUEST** on the **MEMBERSHIP** page of **WWW.IKWF.ORG**.
- 7. The "IKWF Age" of all wrestlers in the IKWF is determined by their age on **December 31, 2016**.**  
**Example:** A wrestler born in 2006, is an IKWF 10 year old. A wrestler born in 2007 is an IKWF 9 year old.
- 8. All wrestlers must be a member of an IKWF charter club to participate in the IKWF State Series.**  
"Unattached" wrestlers **cannot** compete in the IKWF State Series.
- 9. State Series Eligibility Deadline:** A wrestler's membership form, payment, and a copy of a birth certificate for new wrestlers **MUST** be submitted to the IKWF office by **February 4, 2017** (postmark date).
- 10. In compliance with Part VI, Section B, Line 13 of Federal Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, the IKWF requests that any suspicious activity that a member, a members' parent or guardian witness, be reported to Jeff Tolbert at [jtolbert@ikwf.org](mailto:jtolbert@ikwf.org).**

### **ATTENTION!**

Please remember the following when completing the attached form:

- 1) Please provide all requested information.**
- 2) A parent or a guardian **MUST** sign the form.**
- 3) Payment must be included with the form.**
- 4) NEW WRESTLERS - A copy of his/her birth certificate must be included with the form.**

**SEND COMPLETED FORM, PAYMENT, AND COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR NEW WRESTLERS TO:  
IKWF, 4932 Wilshire Blvd, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 (make all checks payable to IKWF)**

