



## 2025/2026 Wrestling Season Information

### Communication, Schedules, and other information:

In addition to email this season, we'll be using Sports Engine for communication and to access our schedule. Once you've successfully registered, I'll ensure you're added to the team, granting you access to our schedule through the app. If you have not been added yet, please send that request to Mike.

<https://www.sportsengine.com/free-team-management-mobile-app>

### Important Dates:

Let's mark our calendars for some key events:

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – No wrestling practice due to Christmas break

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup>** – No practice due to no school

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Break for WM is much earlier this year compared to past years. We will still have practice during this week. Optional for those traveling.

**January 10, 2026:** Our Watertown-Mayer Youth Wrestling tournament is scheduled for this date, and we'll need all hands-on deck to help support the smooth operation of the tournament. We had almost 275 wrestlers last year. Keep an eye out for sign-up information as we approach the event.

**Team Wrestling Tournaments:** Looking to do 3 team events in total in January and February.

**February 2026: HLWW Todd Matheson Memorial Wrestling Team Tournament**

**Open Tournaments:** There are many weekend tournaments available every weekend. If your wrestler would like additional wrestling opportunities, they can wrestle at any open tournament and gain valuable experience. Coaches will be available to help at quite a few tournaments and that information will be sent out in the weekly email update. <https://theguillotine.com/open-tournament-calendar/>

### NYWA State Championships: Individual & Team

Districts: March 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Regions: March 20<sup>th</sup> (individual) & March 21<sup>st</sup> (team)

State: March 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

We'll be adding more events as the season unfolds.

### MNUSA Regions and State: Individual Only

Qualifier Tournaments: Every weekend starting in November 2025 through February 2026

Regions: February and March

State: March 2026

### Practice Schedule:

Our practice schedule is as follows:

**Monday:** 3:00-4:45 PM (Middle school)

**Tuesday:** 6:00-7:00 PM (Pre-K-2), 6:00-7:30 PM (3rd-6th)

**Wednesday:** 3:00-4:45 PM (Middle school)

**Thursday:** 6:00-7:00 PM (Pre-K-2), 6:00-7:30 PM (3rd-6th)

**Weather:** If school is cancelled due to winter weather, practice will also be cancelled.

**Gear:** wrestling/tennis shoes, shirt, shorts, headgear, ready to learn attitude

**Coaches:**

**Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mike Neaton, Troy Peterson, Dave Newman, Mike Hanna

**3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>:** TJ Friederichs, Jake Saatzer, Brett Sweeney, Kurt Becker, Eric Reinert

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>:** Jackson Drahos

**Wrestlers:** Youth Wrestlers will receive a free Watertown-Mayer Wrestling T-shirt just before the Youth Wrestling Tournament. If you or your business would like to help sponsor this t-shirt, please speak with Mike Neaton about availability and cost.

**Wrestling Apparel Wear:** There is an online store for Watertown-Mayer wrestling apparel. If you need to order additional clothing, please reach out to Kurt Becker or Mike Hanna and we can get the store back open for you to place an order. The lead time is about 4 weeks.

**Fundraising:**

- **Company Donations:** If your company provides support to non-profit organizations, we will gratefully welcome any financial contributions to assist in the funding of our wrestling club.
- **Salt Sale:** We will be participating in solar salt sales to raise money for our K-12 wrestling program. This is our biggest annual fundraiser and supports many of the functions of the program, including but not limited to shorts and t-shirts, iPads for our stats and video program, rooms for the Christmas Tournament and State Tournament, and banquet. Sales will start at the end of October go through November
- **Meat Raffles start at Heldt's bar in Mayer right after Christmas. .**

**Pictures:** Scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December. We strongly encourage siblings to get a picture together in addition to individual and team pictures. Order forms are available.

**Hygiene:** Wrestlers should be showering after every practice and using a good antibacterial soap. If you see any spots that look like impetigo or ring worm, go get checked out by a physician immediately. Wrestlers can return to practice or tournaments 72 hours after beginning treated for ring worm or impetigo. If you have any questions, please reach out and ask.

**Varsity Home wrestling matches:** We encourage all wrestlers to come watch and cheer on our high school team wrestle their home matches.

**Dates:** Pending confirmation.

Get ready for an exciting wrestling season ahead! If you have any questions, you can email Mike.Hanna@jacklinks.com, or you can call or text Mike Hanna at 612-987-1299