

**Date:** June 1, 2010  
**To:** Cadet, Junior or Women's National  
Team Washington Athletes  
**Subject:** National Championships - Fargo  
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### **Camp Date Correction**

In my first letter, I listed the National Team camp date as “Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.” As many of you pointed out, the 10<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday. The correct camp dates are:

Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

I hope my error did not inconvenience anyone and would like to thank those who brought it to my attention. The WSWA will make all arrangements for the camp. Parents do not need to coordinate or register their kids.

### **Costs**

Everyone is anxious to know the cost. I promised having cost numbers out today. Unfortunately I can't give an exact cost but I can get fairly close for your planning purposes. The base cost for the trip, before the WSWA subsidy is factored in:

Cadets / Juniors	\$1277
Women	\$1071

The reason this is not the exact cost is that the price will come down when the \$2-per-athlete fund subsidy is applied. The WSWA board is having discussions regarding supplementing that subsidy with general fund dollars to further lower the cost. I hope to have the base cost at least in the range of:

Cadets / Juniors	\$1000
Women	\$800

Your final cost will also differ from the base cost if you are on a Dual team (the uniform package is the same and you will not have to pay for two) and/or you have to petition for one or both

styles. I will notify you individually what costs to add or deduct, based on your individual situation.

### **What is Covered and Not Covered**

Price includes:

- 5-day National Team Camp at Eastern Washington University:
  - Food
  - Lodging
  - EWU facility fees
- Air fare to and from Fargo
- Ground transportation in Fargo
- Tournament entry fees
- Uniforms & Gear (Athletes who received a uniform package through membership on a 2010 Dual team members will have a discounted price.)
- 8 days lodging in Fargo (4 days for Women).

The price does not include:

- Food at Fargo
- Spending money
- Laundry money

### **Payments**

A \$500 down payment is due June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The remainder is due prior to the EWU camp. If not paid in full, you will not board the airplane or be registered at Fargo. Please send cashier's check or money order to WSWA Treasurer Mary Douglas. **No cash or personal checks will be accepted.** Last year a few people sent personal checks. All were returned, causing delay for everyone.

Make the cashier's checks or money orders payable to the:

Washington State Wrestling Association

Send the payments to:

Mary Douglas  
PO Box 822  
Sedro Woolley, WA  
98283

### **Fundraising**

If you already have saved for this trip, disregard the following. For the rest of us, we have less than two months until Fargo. That is plenty of time to earn or raise the fund through a variety of methods. Last year we had several wrestlers earn the entire amount within the space of a week. Some of the things I hear they did included bucking hay, mowing lawns, car washes, gifts from relatives and local business donations. If you have not started, get moving.

Take responsibility for your own funding. In the past, we had several young men report to camp, relying on various vague promises that someone made the year before to pay for their slot. The coaching staff spent a great deal of coaching time on phones, trying to get things straightened out.

### **Petitions**

Fargo for the men (cadets and juniors) is not an open tournament. You must first qualify. Each state is allotted three slots per weight class per style corresponding to the top three finishers in each weight class at the State Championship tournament.

Cadets (17 weight classes x 3 slots) = 51 wrestlers

Juniors (15 weight classes x 3 slots) = 45 wrestlers

The WSWA may have a maximum of 4 wrestlers in one weight class as long as the numbers do not exceed 51 or 45 for the respective age divisions. For example, if Junior 215 only had two wrestlers going, Junior 189 could have four wrestlers.

Wrestlers qualify for their “guaranteed” spot only in the weight class that they placed (top 3) at the State Championship tournament. If a wrestler changes weights from those he qualified in, he or she loses their guaranteed slot and is now considered a petition at the new weight.

If a wrestler changed weights between Greco and Freestyle state, he or she is qualified at two different weights. For instance, if a Junior placed top three at Greco state 119 and then top three at Freestyle state 130, he is qualified at two different weights for those two styles. He can wrestle those two separate weights at Fargo. If he wants to wrestle one weight, 119 for example, for both styles, he will be a petition for Freestyle since he changed weights.

Regional qualifiers (top three at Las Vegas, Northern Plains, Battle Ground, etc) are an exception. They do not count against our allotted State slots. Additionally, they can go any weight in the style they qualified.

Styles (Greco and Freestyle) are considered separate teams. If a wrestler placed top three at State in Greco but did not place in Freestyle, they do not automatically get a Freestyle slot. They may petition in for a Freestyle slot.

Once I have a solid list of those wrestlers interested in going to Fargo, I will fill out the rosters by entering the qualified wrestlers and then filling in the blank slots with petitions. If there are more petitioners for a weight than slots available, selections will be made based on several factors with a goal of putting the best team out on the mat. Filling in the blanks is the

prerogative of the WSWA staff (Directors and Coaches). Inevitably, someone who gets left out will think the process is not fair. The best way to ensure going is to qualify.

There are fees involved in the petition process. The petition fee is the cost of the event they missed (\$25) plus a \$5 fee per style. If a wrestler participated at State in the style they want to petition and did not place, they pay only \$5. If they didn't wrestle at State for that style, they pay \$30.

Some Q & A examples:

Q: If a wrestler participated at the state tournament but did not place, do they have to pay a \$30 petition fee for a slot?

A: This person would pay \$5.00 the style they didn't place in assuming that this example was only for one style.

Q: If a wrestler qualified in Freestyle but did not attend Greco State, do they have to pay a \$30 petition fee for a Greco slot? \$15? Nothing?

A: This person would pay \$30.00 for Greco

Q: If a wrestler placed at 130 cadet but now wants to go 135 cadet, does he have to pay a \$30 fee?

A: This person would pay nothing but cannot move a weight unless there is an open slot - and that is determined at camp by the respective Cadet and Junior team leaders.

### **Hotel**

All teams will be staying at the same hotel as last year, though the name has changed. Parents traveling to Fargo can stay at the same hotel. Wrestlers will be expected to stay with their team in the assigned rooms.

Vista Inn & Suites  
1340 21st Avenue South  
Fargo, ND 58103  
Phone: (701) 235-3141  
Toll free: 1-800-437-0044

### **Uniforms**

Uniforms and gear are included with the trip price. Sizes are selected by the vendor, Suplay, based on their experience with weight class. If you were on a dual team, your already received a uniform and gear package. The price of that package will be deducted from you Fargo trip cost. Dual team members – do not trade your gear at Duals. You will need everything at Fargo.