



2009 NCAA® Division I Wrestling Championships E-Newsletter

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The Wrestling Championships are Just a Month Away!

College wrestling fans still have the opportunity to secure excellent seats when the NCAA® Division I Wrestling Championships arrive in St. Louis in March. Don't miss your chance to take in all the action at Scottrade Center.

All-session tickets

All-session tickets to the 2009 championships are on sale now. All-session tickets in good seat locations are still available. To order your tickets, call 800/745-3000 (toll free) or 314/241-1888 (in St. Louis); log on to www.ticketmaster.com or [click here](#) for more details. Fans may also visit any Ticketmaster outlet including the Scottrade Center box office.

Half-session tickets

If you're not able to attend the entire championships, half-session tickets are now available! For just \$48 a half-session ticket allows those who cannot attend the entire tournament to attend the evening sessions (2, 4 and 6) or just the weekend sessions (4, 5 and 6).

Single-session tickets

Fans have the opportunity to purchase tickets to any of the tournament's six sessions, including the finals Saturday night (March 21). Session prices range from \$9 to \$50.

Experience the Championships in Style: VIP Packages Available!

A limited number of VIP Packages for the NCAA® Division I Wrestling Championships are still available. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase the best seats in Scottrade Center. Featuring delicious food in the Scottrade Club and outstanding seats in the lower level, VIP Packages are a tremendous way to experience the championships in style. For more information on VIP packages, contact Karli at 314/206-7388.

Bring Your Wrestling Group to the Championships

Discount single-session group packages for the 2009 NCAA® Wrestling Championships are still available for groups of 15 or more!

Why buy group tickets?

1. Get friendly, personal, non-computerized service.
2. All group members will receive a FREE official NCAA® Division I Wrestling Championships T-Shirt (while supplies last).

For a group ticket order form, [click here](#). For more information, contact Karli at 314/206-7388.

Schedule of Events

The NCAA and St. Louis Local Organizing Committee have released a tentative schedule for the 2009 Division I Wrestling Championships. A listing of events, which begin on Tuesday, March 17, can be found [here](#). In addition to the action inside Scottrade Center, the schedule highlights include a Youth Wrestling Clinic with a special parents session on sportsmanship, the NCAA Fan Festival at Union Station, and more!

NCAA Fan Festival (St. Louis Union Station)
Thursday – Saturday, March 19-21: Noon – 7 pm. daily

Admission is FREE

In between sessions, wrestling fans are encouraged to visit the NCAA Fan Festival at St. Louis Union Station located just two blocks west of the Scottrade Center. The NCAA Fan Festival is located throughout Union Station and the Union Station South Entry Plaza. This year's fan festival will feature:

Daily Main Stage Events *(Union Station 2nd Floor)*

The NCAA Fan Festival stage will feature some of the biggest names in the sport of wrestling during daily presentations designed to keep you entertained and informed in between championship sessions. These events include:

"Glory Beyond the Sport" – Wrestling Hall of Fame Military Presentation and Autograph Session *(Thursday, March 19: 5 – 6:15 p.m.)*

Meet some of the greatest wrestlers and military leaders ever to represent the armed forces! Enjoy the Scott Air Force Base band and stick around for autographs from military greats and hall of famers afterwards.



Semifinals Preview Show *(Friday, March 20: 4 – 5 p.m.)*

Hear our expert analysts break down each of the semifinal matchups, predict the individual and team champions and provide insider information from the mat in this one hour preview to the most exciting night in collegiate wrestling.



USA Wrestling Autograph Session *(Friday, March 20: 5 – 5:30 p.m.)*

Get autographs from former NCAA and international champions now competing for the U.S. national team. Autograph cards provided.

Post-Championship Concert *(Saturday, March 21: 8:30 – 11 p.m.)*

After the championships are over, come back to Union Station to enjoy the various restaurants and the sounds of one of St. Louis's best local bands. If weather permits the concert will be held on the Union Station Lake Stage which can be seen and heard from the terrace of several Union Station restaurants.



Exhibit Booths *(Union Station 2nd Floor)*

Take a look at the wrestling exhibit booths, displays and memorabilia from such groups as the National Wrestling Coaches Association, USA Wrestling, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum, future NCAA Wrestling Championships hosts and more. All display booths are located on the second floor of Union Station near the main stage.

Coca-Cola Spirit of Champions Tour *(Union Station South Entry Plaza)*

Put all of your championship talents to the test at the Coca-Cola Spirit of Champions Tour located at the NCAA Fan Festival. You can test your skills at various NCAA championship sports and win great prizes on the Coke Zero Court and the Coca-Cola Field of Champions.



USA Wrestling Team Practices *(Union Station Grand Ballroom)*

Watch Olympic champions and hopefuls prepare for international competition daily in between sessions on the NCAA Fan Festival practice mats.

Pontiac Display *(Union Station South Entry Plaza)*

Come check out the latest Pontiac performance vehicles at the Pontiac Performance Tour display located in the NCAA Fan Festival area.

State Farm Fan Experience *(Union Station South Entry Plaza)*

Join the excitement at the State Farm Fan Experience, featuring: double-sided gaming stations, 42" LCD screens, a picture zone, prize stations and much more.

Food and Drink

While visiting the NCAA Fan Festival, come inside and explore the dozens of food and beverage choices that St. Louis Union Station has to offer. You can dine on a terrace overlooking the lake at one of the various fine

restaurants, have a drink or grab a quick bite at one of the many fast food options.

AT&T Fan Giveaway

Be one of the first 1,500 fans in attendance at Session 4 on Friday, March 20 and you will receive this 2009 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships fleece headband compliments of NCAA corporate champion AT&T.



Sign Up Now for the FREE Wrestling Youth Clinic

Bring your group to the 2009 Wrestling Championships Youth Clinic! Held on Tuesday, March 17, the clinic will provide kids ages 10-16 with instruction from college coaches. Each participant will also receive a commemorative wrestling T-shirt. Clinic attendance limited to 300. Passes will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To register [click here](#). For more information, contact Solomon at 314/992-0689.

Hotel Information

[Sheraton is the Official Hotel partner of the NCAA](#)

Several St. Louis area hotels have "fan blocks" set aside for fans traveling to the 2009 NCAA® Division I Wrestling Championships. Fans can reserve rooms at these hotels by clicking here to reserve a room online or by calling the St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission at 888/882-5569. Please note that fan block rates may not be available through the hotels themselves. Hotels may also have rooms available beyond those available in the fan blocks, and fans should check www.explorestlouis.com once rooms at the special rate are sold out. St. Louis visitor information can be found at that address as well.

Transportation

Go Metro to Scottrade Center

On MetroLink light rail service you can travel easily from Lambert International Airport to Scottrade Center (use Civic Center station as your destination). If you are driving to St. Louis, the light rail service offers 2,000 free park-and-ride spaces long the MetroLink line. For more information call Metro at 314/982-1495 or visit www.metrostlouis.org. Please ask for your free copy of the MetroLink RideGuide, detailing key hotels and selected attractions within walking distance of each MetroLink station.



Metro, St. Louis' public transportation system, is once again offering a special five-day MetroPass for wrestling fans. For just \$18.45, wrestling fans can ride on MetroLink light rail and MetroBus anytime Wednesday, March 18 through Sunday, March 22. It's a terrific way to go to and from Lambert International Airport, hotels and Scottrade Center as

well as many St. Louis area attractions and entertainment districts. The MetroPass also includes a special offer from the Gateway Arch Riverfront. To order the wrestling fan MetroPass, call 314/982-1495.

Bus Transportation

Scottrade Center is located along several city bus routes. MetroBus service is also available to extend your trip to other parts of the region in case you have a special interest in visiting a site not immediately located on the light rail alignment. For more information about bus routes and schedules, please call Metro at 314/982-1495 or www.metrostlouis.org.

Rent a Car

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the official rent-a-car company of the NCAA, is providing special rates for all fans traveling to NCAA competition around the country. For more information, use the link below or call 866/536-6222 and mention the NCAA championship code, NA08S11, to receive your special rate.



Parking

Approximately 6,500 parking spaces are available within 1,800 feet of Scottrade Center, including a 1,270-car garage situated immediately adjacent to the building. In addition, many nearby parking garages and surface

lots offer affordable, convenient access to Scottrade Center. Please note that due to the large number of employees that work in the downtown area, parking will be limited during the day session Thursday. Fans are encouraged to use MetroLink light rail or MetroBus service to get to Scottrade Center.

Directions to Scottrade Center

Scottrade Center is located at 1401 Clark Avenue in the heart of downtown St. Louis. There are three public entrances at Scottrade Center: the Main Entrance at the corner of Clark Avenue and 14th Street, the West Entrance on Clark Avenue adjacent to the attached garage and the 14th Street Entrance on 14th Street just north of Clark Avenue.



FROM I-70 EASTBOUND & LAMBERT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Take the Memorial Drive exit to Market Street. Proceed west on Market Street and turn left at Tucker to Clark. Turn right at Clark to reach the garage attached to Scottrade Center. Or, follow signs to other nearby parking facilities.

FROM I-64 (U.S. 40) EASTBOUND:

PLEASE NOTE: I-64 (U.S. 40) will be closed in BOTH directions between I-170 and Kingshighway Blvd. in 2009. Take the Chestnut at 20th Street Exit. Follow exit to Chestnut Street, turn right at 18th Street and proceed to parking. To reach parking garage attached to Scottrade Center from Chestnut Street turn right at 18th Street, left on Market Street and right at 14th Street. (Please note: The City Traffic Department discourages the use of the 14th Street Exit from I-64/U.S. 40 as it does not promote efficient traffic flow.)

FROM I-44 EASTBOUND:

Exit at Jefferson Avenue and proceed north to Chouteau Avenue. Turn right at Chouteau, then left at 18th Street, and follow signs to nearby parking facilities.

FROM I-55 NORTHBOUND:

Take the Downtown Exit to Memorial Drive. From Memorial Drive, turn left at Market Street, then left at Tucker to Clark. Turn right at Clark to reach the garage attached to Scottrade Center. Or, follow signs to other nearby parking facilities.

FROM ILLINOIS:

Take I-64 (U.S. 40) westbound to the 9th Street Exit. Turn left on Clark Avenue to access parking facilities along Clark Avenue east of Scottrade Center or proceed six blocks to the garage attached to Scottrade Center. Follow signs to reach other nearby parking facilities.



The 2009 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships at Scottrade Center are hosted by the University of Missouri and the St. Louis Sports Commission.

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