Congratulations for being selected to participate in the nation’s Toughest High School Wrestling Tournament, the 20th Annual Beast Of The East. We of the Delaware Wrestling Alliance welcome you to this year’s field of over One Hundred competitive teams. States included in this year’s event are: Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Utah. We feature over 125 nationally ranked individuals and over 40 state or national prep champions, including some of the #1 ranked individuals and the #2 ranked individuals in the country. In addition to that, a variety of USA Wrestling Fargo All-Americans will participate. Please read over the below letter very carefully!!!

The Bob Carpenter Center will again be the venue for this year’s historic event. The top twenty five team finishers this year will have an automatic invitation to our 21st Annual “Beast”. The remaining teams will be selected by committee, applications will be available online. If YOU ARE NOT A TOP 25 TEAM YOU MUST RE-APPLY EACH YEAR.

***NOTE*** A coaches dress code will be enforced again this year

***NOTE*** Entry fees and signed contracts must be submitted or you will NOT receive you logon and password! We are NOT accepting payment at the door.

All competition will be conducted under National Federation rules and sanctioned under our state association, The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. National federation weight classes will be used beginning with 106 lb. and concluding with the 285 lb. class. Championship bracket matches will be 2-2-2 minutes and all consolation matches will be 1-2-2 minutes. Please review all rules of competition and sportsmanship with your coaches and team members. We feel sportsmanship is an essential part of our sport. For this reason we recognize the team displaying the highest level of sportsmanship throughout the tournament with the annual Team Sportsmanship Award, voted upon by the officials of the tournament.

Wrestlers will be seeded using the Seeding Criteria sheet enclosed as a guideline. This system has been very successful in past “Beasts”, with a greater than 80% success rate of seeding the final four contestants. Coaches are encouraged to contact the seeding committee with any head to head results that may be helpful in the final bracketing. Online registration for seeding will be available to all coaches December 1, you MUST enter your participants information online instead of a fax entry, to confirm your entry, a link will be posted on the main page of the website. Change forms will be online also, those will be used if you must make a change, and DO NOT re-submits a full line-up! Information not received on or before this date will result in wrestlers not being seeded.
Other forms to be completed online are **Team Information Form, Senior/Junior Profile Form**, and **Projected Line-ups; these forms** must be completed and returned **before December 3, 2012**. This information will be used in our team profiles to be included in our award winning tournament program, and in the COLLEGE coach’s packets. If you do not complete online your team **WILL NOT APPEAR in the program**, we have a cutoff date from the printer that we must meet. **This is NOT YOUR OFFICIAL LINE-UP**, just gets the wrestlers names in the program The senior profiles will be distributed to the many college scouts attending the “Beast” to help them with their recruiting needs. Please be as prompt as possible in returning this information. Our staff is on a very tight schedule and your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

As you can see we are now a paperless organization. **First go to our web site beastwrestling.com and click on the coach’s logon page. Your username and password will be sent in a separate email**

1 Team Information  
2 Senior Profiles  
3 Junior Profiles (NCAA Coaches were thrilled to JR info last year)  
4 Projected Line-ups  
5 Team Registration/SEED Information DUE 12/19/2012 6pm

Check in is Mandatory, Friday December 21, starting at 2pm till 8pm, you CANNOT CHECK IN SATURDAY. Check in at the front of the Bob Carpenter Center with your team line-up, and your **ALPHA WEIGH-IN sheets. Workouts will be permitted between 5:00 and 8:00 PM on Friday – Arena closes at 8PM!**

Final team rosters and wrestler changes must be turned into the head table by **8:00pm Friday** evening at the Carpenter center. If you are unable to make it to the Carpenter Center Friday you must contact Bob Shaw and make arrangements to get me your roster to him prior to **6:00pm**. No changes will be made after 8:00pm any change will result in a forfeit of the match **NO BRACKETS will be changed**. Any changes made to your line-up after we receive this form will result in the changed wrestler **not being seeded at another weight class**.

No coaches passes will be given out on the day of the tournament you must get your packet **FRIDAY**, only 4 coach’s passes per team will be issued to each full team. If more passes are needed for coaches they MUST be purchased by the **head coach** when picking up the team packet. This year additional coach’s passes will be **$50.00**. We DO NOT accept credit cards so make sure they have cash or check, there is an ATM in the lobby. With a maximum of 3 additional passes purchased.

The competition will be conducted in two sessions. The first session will be on Saturday December 22 weigh-ins and skin checks **at 6:30am**. All wrestlers must be present at **6:30 am**. These will be conducted on the floor of the arena where we will begin with the 106 lb weight class and weigh in 7 weight classes at one time on seven different scales. National Federation Rules on weigh-ins at tournaments dictates this procedure. We will be using seven scales, so weigh-ins should be completed fairly quickly. **A ONE (1) LB ALLOWANCE** will be granted for weigh-ins due to the scheduled match of a participating team on Friday December 21st.

The National Federation Rule on weigh-in procedures requires all wrestlers who are still competing to weigh in Sunday morning; no longer will state associations be allowed to alter this rule. The Sunday morning weigh-in will be at **7:30 AM**. A two-pound allowance will be permitted at this weigh in.
The first coaches meeting will begin promptly at **8:00 am** in the **auditorium** located off the lobby of the Carpenter Center adjacent to the trophy cases, coffee and donuts will be served. We will discuss any problems which may have arisen and introduce our officiating staff and head officials. Questions may be asked pertaining to interpretation or how particular maneuvers may be called. We will also try to have final bracket sheets with last minute changes before competition begins. This first meeting will conclude promptly at 8:20 am. Plastic trash bags will also be distributed to each team to help keep team areas clean. All wrestlers NOT making weight are a scratch!

**Session I** wrestling will begin at **8:30 sharp** on eleven mats in the main arena. Seven rounds will be wrestled on Saturday with the first two being championship rounds. A total of three championship rounds and four consolation rounds will be wrestled the first day. Locker room facilities are limited, so coaches are encouraged to use team bags to help prevent crowding in the stands. Saturday will be a long day, ending at approximately **9:00 PM**. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be reserved for team participants only; no others will be permitted to this area. These sections are located on the right side of the arena when coming through the main entrance of the arena. **Only participants wrestling and on deck wrestlers with their coaches will be permitted on the arena floor.** A maximum of two team personnel will be permitted in each corner of the mat during competition. Please review these rules with your coaching staff and team. PLEASE MONITOR YOUR TEAM IN THESE SECTIONS AND CLEAN UP ANY TRASH CREATED IN YOUR AREAS. EVERY YEAR, THE CLEAN UP COSTS OUR ORGANIZATION THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

The second coaches meeting will start at **8:00 am and end promptly at 8:15.** This will also be in the auditorium. **Session II** wrestling starts at **8:30 AM sharp** with consolation round (5) on 5 mats and **championship quarterfinals** on six mats in the main arena. These rounds will conclude at approximately 10:30 AM. Consolation round (6) will begin at **10:30** on the eleven mats. **Championship semi-finals** will begin at **11:30** on two mats with **consolation quarterfinals** on four mats. **Consolation semi-finals** will follow at **1:15** and conclude at **2:15** on six mats.

We will begin the Finals Prelude at 2:30 PM. Wrestling will begin promptly at **3:15** on **four** mats with the **Championship Finals and Consolation Finals running simultaneously (1st/3rd/5th/7th places)**. Awards will be presented after each weight class championship final. **All wrestlers must wear a team warm-up or uniform to receive their awards, no hats please or jewelry.** Team awards for first, second, third, and fourth place overall will be presented at the conclusion of wrestling, with a picture session immediately following. The Governor’s Trophy for the highest finishing Delaware team, along with the Team Sportsmanship, Outstanding Wrestler, and Most Pins/ Shortest time awards will also be presented at this time. A tentative tournament schedule is enclosed.

If your team hasn’t already made room reservations, **most hotels have already been booked.** Rooms are limited, so please reserve your team’s rooms as soon as possible. Delaware Park also features **slot machine gambling, table games, and sports betting** just a few miles down the road along with many shopping malls and stores where visitors can enjoy “**tax free**” shopping for those last minute Christmas gifts.
The seating capacity at the Bob Carpenter Center for this event is approximately 2500, not including the reserved space for team personnel. All seats will be reserved and will be distributed on a “first come, first served” basis. Ticket sales are being handled through the Delaware Wrestling Alliance and can be ordered by calling (302) 366-8136. Tickets will be sold in two sessions this year, Session I on Saturday and Session II on Sunday on one ticket. We have had an overwhelming request for tickets so far this year. We have sold out in the past and would not want to have any of your parents not be able to get in. So please have them pre order there tickets. Updated tournament and lodging information can be found on our website: www.beastwrestling.com

Over the years parents complain about NOT getting the ticket info from the coaches, so this year we are requesting the coaches when getting this letter to send us an email address for the Team booster or team parent. We will then email them the ticket info and this will be one LESS THING YOU HAVE TO DO. Send email address to f.vettori@verizon.net Send it NOW!!!!

Our hospitality room is second to none. Each year we feature some of the finest cooking this side of the Mississippi and it is available throughout the tournament for coaches and staff. Please remember to compliment the hostesses, who work very hard every year to help make everyone feel at home.

All proceeds from this event go back into the wrestling community in the form of college scholarships, youth programs, and off-season clubs. In order to help offset some of the expenses to operate an event of this magnitude, we sell ads for our program each year; this year’s program will be our 20th Anniversary Edition featuring photos and stats from last year’s “Beast of the East” and archives from the previous seventeen Beasts..

Most teams will find that once I-95 is reached, the directions are simple. Follow I-95 to exit one, Rt. 896 North, Newark. The arena is just over a mile on the right. If problems should arise, please feel free to contact me at any time. Suggestions and comments for future “Beasts” are also welcome.

The state of Delaware is proud to be part of such an event and welcomes all teams with open arms. Good luck with your upcoming season and again, thank you for helping us help our youth.

Sincerely,

Bob Shaw
Bob Shaw
Tournament Director
V.P, Delaware Wrestling Alliance
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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES CHECK LIST

__ FRIDAY 11/16/12  BOOSTER or Team Parent email sent to f.vettori@verizon.net

__ FRIDAY 11/30/12  Entry FEE must be paid

__ SATURDAY 12/1/12  Passwords/on-line registration available to PAID TEAMS only.

__ MONDAY 12/3/12  Team Information for your team to be listed in program

__ MONDAY 12/3/12  Junior/Senior Profiles due to be in COLLEGE coaches packets

__ WEDNESDAY 12/19/12 6pm  Team Registration/ SEED INFORMATION due by

__ FRIDAY 12/21/12  Team CHECK IN 2pm – 8pm

__ FRIDAY 12/21/12  FINAL ROSTER DUE BY 6PM

__ FRIDAY 12/21/12  Team workouts 2pm to 8pm sharp gym closes

__ SATURDAY 12/22/12  DOORS OPEN 6am, weigh ins start exactly 6:30 sharp.

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