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Early Bird Ticket Sales Underway For L.P. Individual Wrestling Finals

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Jan. 9 – Fans wishing to purchase advance tickets for the 2003 Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals, March 6-8, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, may now do so by mail order only through the MHSAA.

The “early bird” ticket sales program allows the discounted purchase of all-tournament tickets, giving the bearer admission to all five sessions of the event, reserving the same seat. All-tournament tickets are \$40 each, and a purchaser will be able to purchase up to 10 tickets per division for each mail order form submitted. The ticket price includes in and out parking privileges at The Palace. All tickets will be mailed by Feb. 24, unless special handling is requested at a charge of \$6 per order.

Spectators ordering tickets by mail must designate the wrestling division they prefer to watch, which will result in their ticket assignment being in view of the mats being used for that competition.

Orders must be postmarked no earlier than January 6, and no later than January 31 to qualify for the early bird purchase plan.

Early bird tickets are available by mail order only through the MHSAA office – no telephone or fax orders will be accepted. Checks or money orders must be made payable to MHSAA, and must accompany the order form. An order form can be found on the MHSAA Web Site – www.mhsaa.com

Single-session tickets will go on sale beginning February 10 through The Palace of Auburn Hills Box Office. Single-session tickets are priced at \$9 each, and all-tournament tickets are available for \$45, which include in and out parking privileges. Advance tickets purchased through The Palace of Auburn Hills Box Office will also be assessed a service fee.

Upper bowl general admission tickets will also be available at The Palace of Auburn Hills Box Office only on the days of the event. General admission tickets will be priced at \$7 per session, which includes in and out parking privileges.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

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