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Application Forms For Advance Reserved Seat Ticket Sales Available For Individual Wrestling Finals

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Dec. 10 – The Michigan High School Athletic Association Individual Wrestling Finals will be a true statewide tournament in 2008, and fans wishing to purchase advance reserved seat tickets for the event, March 6-8, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, may now download an application form from the Wrestling page of the MHSAA Web site.

The advance reserved 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. Advance all-tournament reserved tickets are \$40 each, the ticket price includes in and out parking privileges at The Palace, and there is no limit on the number of seats which may be purchased in a single order. There is a \$5 handling charge for each order.

Spectators ordering reserved seat tickets must designate the wrestling division they prefer to watch, which will result in their ticket assignment being in full view of the mats being used for that competition. For Divisions 3 and 4, the seats will be on the side of the arena opposite the mat placement, providing an unobstructed view of those mats.

Group seating is available on a general admission basis in the upper level of The Palace for all sessions. A minimum purchase of 10 tickets per session is required. Group tickets are \$4.50 when purchased in quantities of 10 per session, with the price including in and out parking privileges at The Palace. A \$5 handling charge will be applied to each group order.

Orders must be postmarked no earlier than Jan. 2, or no later than Jan. 31 to qualify for the advance reserved seat discount. In mid-January, group general admission sales will begin. Order forms for both may be found on the Wrestling page of the MHSAA Web site – www.mhsaa.com

General reserved seat ticket sales will begin February 11 exclusively through The Palace of Auburn Hills Box Office. Only all-session reserved seat tickets will be sold at a cost of \$45 each, plus applicable Palace Box Office handling charges.

Remaining single-session reserved and general admission tickets will go on sale March 4, exclusively through The Palace of Auburn Hills Box Office. Single-session reserved seat tickets are priced at \$10 each, and general admission seats in the upper bowl of the arena are priced at \$9 per session, which include in and out parking privileges.

This will be the first time that schools from both peninsulas will compete in a unified individual tournament. The Lower Peninsula Individual Tournament began in 1948, and the Upper Peninsula Individual Tournament began in 1967. The Individual Tournament was also used to determine team titlists by peninsula until 1988, when the Team Dual Wrestling Tournament began, which was a unified event.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,600 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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