

63rd . J.C. Gorman Wrestling Tournament

November 20, 2025

Dear Coach,

The 63rd. renewal of the J.C. Gorman wrestling tournament is scheduled for Friday, January 2 & Saturday, January 3, 2026 at Mansfield Senior High School. We are pleased that you are planning on participating this year.

This letter contains information you will need for the tournament.

1. All individuals permitted to be in the wrestling mat area will be identified with a wristband that must be worn at all times. Each team will receive four coach's wristbands, four stat / manager wristbands. Everyone must check in at each session through the cosmetology entrance at the northeast side of the building. The gym will be emptied of everyone, including athletes and coaches, before the next session begins (Athletes, coaches and other team personnel should go to the hall outside the gym where you will be checked back into the gym.)
2. There will be no more than two people allowed in the corners. All others must be in the bleachers. Coaches are expected to enforce this and officials will enforce this.
3. There will be a hospitality room for officials and coaches. No athletes allowed. To enter, you must show your coach's wristband. A meal will be served on Saturday between 11 and 2:00 PM.
4. Chris Kallai will be running this year's tournament on USA Bracketing. Coaches, wrestlers, and wrestling fans can follow the tournament at www.usabacketing.com. Jeff Schwall, Bill Flanagan Jr, Terra Jackson, and I will handle the overall meet organization.
5. Presentation of awards will be as follows: Awards will be presented to 2nd through 6th place at the conclusion of all matches in that weight class. Awards will be presented in the commons area. Awards for 7th. and 8th. Place will presented at the conclusion of each match.
First place awards, the Bill Flanagan award for the outstanding wrestler, and team champion award will be presented at the conclusion of the heavy weight match. All champions should be in uniform and report with their coach; lining up by weight class, lightest to heavyweight, at the conclusion of the heavyweight match. Each champion will receive a plaque and a T-shirt. The coach will also receive a shirt. Please see that the champions are in uniform for the awards presentation. Individual pictures of each champion will be taken for program use as well as a group picture. Seventh and eighth place matches will be wrestled after the conclusion of the semi-finals on Saturday.
6. We are continuing our coach's award this year in memory of Doug Castle. The award will be selected by the Officials. Criteria would include: sportsmanship, academic motivator, compassionate encouraging leader, and a good mentor. All traits embodied by Doug.
7. There will be 3 mats set up in the auxiliary gym and 3 mats in the main gym. Matches will be numbered. There will be no announcements.
8. Only those participating and on the tournament list provided to the coach will receive admission passes as previously described in this memo. We will not provide more passes than indicated.
9. We will be having a recognition program at 2:00 to celebrate the 63 years of the Gorman. We will conduct the Parade of Champions at 2:15 P.M. The six qualifiers will line up in the hall outside the gym. Upon entering the gym, they will be introduced. They will be introduced again prior to their match. The championship match will begin first at each

weight class. The consolation matches will begin a few moments after the championship match begins.

10. Bus parking will be on the north side of the east parking lot off of West Park Blvd.
11. Weigh - In Procedure: Wrestlers will be weighed in by weight class starting promptly at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 2. There will be weigh - ins on Friday evening for Saturday sessions. All wrestlers surviving the preliminary rounds must weigh - in on Friday evening or at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 3. There will be three scales available in the weigh room. You may check your weight on Friday evening.
12. All teams will receive a one-pound weight allowance if any of the entered teams have a match on Thursday, January 2. Please notify Terra Jackson, 48 hours' notice is required if you have a Thursday match.
14. Please notify Terra Jackson at (419) 610-8324 if you have any girls who will be participating in the Gorman.
15. Coaches please send information on your top wrestlers so we may pass that information on to the media.
16. THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT IS AT MANSFIELD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON JANUARY 2 & 3, 2026.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact the following:

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