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***TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR 48th ANNUAL NYSPHSAA
WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS; OFFICIAL SCHEDULE RELEASED
Times Union Center in Albany, February 26-27, 2010***

LATHAM, NY – The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has announced tickets are on sale beginning December 16th for the 2010 high school wrestling state championships at the Times Union Center on Friday, February 26th and Saturday, February 27th. The Association has also released its official competition schedule for the upcoming tournament which is sponsored in part by Worldwide Sport Supply, Jostens, CSEA, MaxPreps, the Marines, Global Sports, the American Dairy Association, and ImPact concussion management.

THE 2010 TOURNAMENT, now in its seventh year of a two-division format, will follow a similar schedule to last year’s event held at the Times Union Center. This year will mark the fourth year an additional 120 wrestlers will fill the byes in the brackets bringing the total number of participants to over 500. Qualifiers will hail from the 11 NYSPHSAA sections, as well as from the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) of New York City and the Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA). The 2010 schedule is as follows:

SESSION #1

Friday, February 26	10 am.....	Parade of Champions/National Anthem
	10:30 – 2:30 pm.....	Preliminaries: Division 1 and 2
	2:30 – 4:30 pm.....	Quarterfinals: Division 1 and 2
	4:30 – 6:30 pm.....	Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2
	6:30 – 8:30 pm.....	Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2

SESSION #2

Saturday, February 27	9:30 am.....	National Anthem/Special Awards
	10 am – 12:30 pm.....	Semifinals: Division 1 and 2
		Wrestlebacks: Division 1 and 2

12:30 – 2:00 pm..... Wrestlebacks/Cons Semifinals: Div. 1 & 2
2 pm – 3:30 pm..... Consolations Finals: Division 1 and 2

SESSION #3

Saturday, February 27 6 pm..... FINALS: Division 1 and 2 (2 mats only)

THREE TICKET PACKAGES are being offered for the tournament including a “Premium package” for **\$38** in which an attendee would receive a ticket for each of the first two sessions and a third ticket for the last session in a premium seating area closer to the floor (finals only). Also available will be a one-session ticket for **\$12** as well as a three-session package without premium seating for **\$33**. All seating is general admission except for premium seating for the finals. Premium seating will not be sold separately during the finals.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE beginning Wednesday, December 16th at the Times Union Center Box Office, select Price Chopper outlets, by phone at 1-800-30-EVENT, or at www.timesunion.com.

THE EVENT WILL STAY IN ALBANY at the Times Union Center through 2012 after the NYSPHSAA wrestling state committee unanimously voted in favor of the bid in December 2008.

TO REQUEST A MEDIA CREDENTIAL for this event, please contact Chadd Ryan, Marketing Manager at the Times Union Center, via e-mail at: chadd.ryan@timesunioncenter-albany.com. Media members will be asked to provide a photo ID prior to receiving their credential at the ticket window during the tournament. Regardless of having secured an official NYSPHSAA tournament credential, this venue **REQUIRES ALL MEDIA** to contact the arena to request a credential and announce their attendance.

HISTORY/VENUES OF NYSPHSAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1963 – Cornell University, Ithaca

1964 – Walt Whitman High School, South Huntington (Long Island)

1965 – Ithaca College, Ithaca

1966 – Walt Whitman High School, South Huntington (Long Island)

1967 – Niagara University, Niagara Falls

1968 – Onondaga County War Memorial, Syracuse

1969 – George H. Clark Gymnasium, Rochester

1970-72 – Onondaga County War Memorial, Syracuse
1973 – Utica Memorial Auditorium, Utica
1974-2003 – Onondaga County War Memorial, Syracuse
2004 – University at Buffalo, Amherst
2005 – Pepsi Arena, Albany (currently the Times Union Center)
2006 – Nassau Veterans Coliseum, Uniondale
2007 – Times Union Center, Albany
2008 – Blue Cross Arena, Rochester
2009 – Times Union Center, Albany
2010-2012 – Times Union Center, Albany

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