

CHICAGO GAY GAMES VII WRESTLING SPORTS GUIDE



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WELCOME

Welcome to Chicago Gay Games VII Wrestling Tournament! We hope that you enjoy watching the competition and catch the spirit of pride and inclusiveness shared by the wrestling community. This Wrestling Sports Guide includes useful information on how to get to the Welsh-Ryan Arena and important guidelines and restrictions for the conduct of spectators and others during the Wrestling Events.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped to make this event a success. We could not have put on this tremendous event without the support of our dedicated volunteers and the wrestlers themselves who came from across the U.S. and around the world to demonstrate their skill on the mats as well as their courage and spirit as members of our community.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday July 16, 2006

- 9:00 to 10:00 am Arrival for Clinic/Check-in

Wrestlers are required to check in before being allowed to participate in clinic
- 10:00 to 11:15 am Rules Clinic – Jerry Tillman, Les Morgan and Kevin Martin
- 11:15 to 12:30 pm Lunch Break – *Wrestlers will need to make their own arrangements for lunch/snacks*
- 12:30 to 3:00 pm Novice Workshop –

Guest Clinician will be Tim Cysewski, Head Wrestling Coach for Northwestern University
- 3:15 to 4:00 pm Briefing session for all competing athletes and officials
- 4:00 to 6:00 pm Medical and Weigh In
- 6:00 to 7:30 pm Pairing for competition next day
- 6:15 to 6:45 pm Referees Clinic

Monday July 17, 2006

- 8:00 to 9:00 am Arrival for Tournament/Check-in

Wrestlers are required to check in before being allowed to participate in tournament
- 9:00 to Finish Competition – Men’s and Women’s Open and Masters
Estimated end time – 5:00 pm

Wrestlers will need to make their own arrangements for lunch/snacks
- Finish + 5 minutes **Award presentations**
- Finish + 30 minutes Bump out wrestling mats

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO WELSH-RYAN ARENA
(directly behind Ryan Field, Northwestern's football stadium)

From Chicago: Take either Lake Shore Drive or I-90/94 (Kennedy). If you go the Lake Shore Drive route, follow LSD until it ends and merges with Sheridan Road. Take Sheridan north through Evanston (follow the signs as Sheridan winds through south Evanston). Turn left on Central Street, just north of the main campus. Go west approximately one mile to Ryan Field. If you take the expressway, stay on the Kennedy until I-90 and 94 split. Take I-94 West (Edens) toward Milwaukee. Exit on Old Orchard Road and proceed east. Turn left on Gross Point Road and then turn right at the next light which is Central Street. Proceed approximately two miles to Ryan Field.

From the north: Take I-94 (Edens) East. Exit on Skokie Blvd. and turn left at stop light at Lake Avenue. Go east on Lake to Green Bay Road. Turn right and proceed south to Central Street. Turn left and go east approximately one-half mile to Ryan Field.

From O'Hare International Airport: Exit the airport and take I-294 North. Exit on Dempster Street east and proceed several miles until you reach I-94. Take I-94 West and exit and turn right on Old Orchard Road. Proceed east and turn left on Gross Point Road. Take the next right on Central Street and head east approximately two miles to Ryan Field.

USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO WELSH-RYAN ARENA

Below are sample itineraries using the Chicago Transit Authority train system to get you from Millennium Park (the site of the opening ceremonies and the Hilton Hotel where many wrestlers will be staying) to Welsh-Ryan Arena (where the wrestling clinic and tournament will be held). You can use the links below to find out more about the Chicago Transit Authority (including maps of the CTA system) and to plan out your own itinerary using the Trip Planner service.

Chicago Transit Authority: <http://www.transitchicago.com/>

CTA Trip Planner: <http://www.transitchicago.com/maps/tripplanner.html>

SUNDAY JULY 16th

OPTION A:



[Walk 0.2 mile W from MILLENNIUM PARK to WASHINGTON/STATE CTA \(RED\)](#)



Take CTA RED LINE TRAIN (TO HOWARD)

Depart:	WASHINGTON/STATE CTA	At 07:32 AM
Arrive:	HOWARD CTA	At 08:04 AM

TRANSFER



Take CTA PURPLE LINE TRAIN (PURPLE LINE - CLOCKWISE)

Depart:	HOWARD CTA	At 08:20 AM
Arrive:	CENTRAL CTA	At 08:29 AM



[Walk 0.6 mile NW to MCGAW HALL - NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY](#) (Ashland Avenue)

OPTION B:



[Walk 0.2 mile W from MILLENNIUM PARK to WASHINGTON/STATE CTA \(RED\)](#)



Take CTA RED LINE TRAIN (TO HOWARD)

Depart:	WASHINGTON/STATE CTA	At 07:52 AM
Arrive:	HOWARD CTA	At 08:24 AM

TRANSFER



Take CTA PURPLE LINE TRAIN (PURPLE LINE - CLOCKWISE)

Depart:	HOWARD CTA	At 08:35 AM
Arrive:	CENTRAL CTA	At 08:44 AM



[Walk 0.6 mile NW to MCGAW HALL - NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY](#) (Ashland Avenue)

MONDAY JULY 17th

OPTION A:



Walk 0.2 mile W from MILLENNIUM PARK to MADISON/WABASH CTA (BRN/GRN/ORN/PRP/PNK)



Take CTA PURPLE LINE TRAIN (PURPLE LINE –LINDEN)

Depart: MADISON/WABASH CTA (BRN/GRN/ORN/PRP/PNK) At 06:38 AM

Arrive: CENTRAL CTA At 07:29 AM



Walk 0.6 mile NW to MCGAW HALL - NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (Ashland Avenue)

OPTION B:



Walk 0.2 mile W from MILLENNIUM PARK to MADISON/WABASH CTA (BRN/GRN/ORN/PRP/PNK)



Take CTA PURPLE LINE TRAIN (PURPLE LINE –LINDEN)

Depart: MADISON/WABASH CTA (BRN/GRN/ORN/PRP/PNK) At 06:53 AM

Arrive: CENTRAL CTA At 07:44 AM



Walk 0.6 mile N to MCGAW HALL – NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (Ashland Avenue)

MEDIA POLICY - Spectators

We will require that all spectators attending the Chicago Gay Games VII Wrestling Events **do not walk onto the mats areas**. The mats need to be kept free of dirt and debris for the safety of our wrestlers. The only people allowed on or near the mat area are the officials/referees, security volunteers, and the wrestlers themselves.

We also ask that spectators **do not take photographs or video of the wrestlers**. You will see that we have official CGI/GGVII media who are permitted in areas adjacent to the wrestling mats. We also permit friends and family of the wrestlers on the mat to take photos or video from a safe, designated area near the wrestling action. The wrestlers on the mat will identify friends and family permitted to take photos and video prior to the match.

Security volunteers are assigned to the mat areas. You must comply with their instructions. Spectators who do not comply with these restrictions may be asked to leave the wrestling event.

Your cooperation will assure a safe and enjoyable tournament that everyone can enjoy! Thank you!

MEDIA POLICY – Official CGI/GGVII Media

During the matches, Official CGI/GGVII Media with appropriate credentials will be permitted to take photographs and video from a designated media area at the side of the mats.

For the safety of the wrestlers (and yourself), please stay within your designated area and do not interfere with officials, security or the wrestlers movement in the mat area. You may be asked to leave the area if you do not comply with these restrictions.

At the end of the match, a security volunteer will escort the wrestler from the mat area to the mat table, where the match results will be finalized, and then to the designated post-match media area.

The following rules must be followed by all media:

- **All contact between media and the individual wrestlers must be coordinated through the security volunteer escort.**
- **Media will not be permitted to talk to a wrestler until after the wrestler has reached the post-match media area.**
- **Media must respect any request from a wrestler not to be interviewed.**

If you have any questions or concerns during the events, please work with the designated CGI/GGVII media representative or the designated Wrestling media representative.

MEET AND GREET EVENTS

There will be a Wrestlers Hospitality Suite at the Accreditation Center in the Chicago Hilton Hotel (720 S. Michigan Ave.) from 1-5pm on SATURDAY 15 July 2006. Look for Andy Krauchunas in the Accreditation Center with our official T-Shirt for further information and directions.

Wrestlers will assemble to walk to opening ceremonies at 4:30pm Saturday 15 July in the lobby of the Accreditation Center/Chicago Hilton in order to walk to Soldier Field.

After the Wrestling Events, our Chicago area sponsors are hosting events at their establishments where the wrestlers and their friends and family can gather and celebrate post-tournament.

One of those sponsors, *Touche*, will be hosting a party for the wrestlers on Tuesday, July 18th from 5-7 p.m. *Touche* is located at 6412 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60626, Phone +1.(773) 465-7400.

Details on how to get to *Touche* and information about other events will be given out at the Clinic/Tournament.

The local Chicago *Windy City Wrestlers* will have a practice during the week at their new practice facility. Information to be available on Sunday.

We hope to see everyone at these events!