**THSPA**

**REGION 4**

**DIVISION 1(5A & 6A schools)**

[**www.thspa.us**](http://www.thspa.us)

Dear Coach,

I would first like to welcome you and your school to the start of the 2021 powerlifting season. Enclosed, you will find some information that will hopefully ensure a smooth and productive season. Good luck to all the coaches and lifters on the upcoming powerlifting season.

**Membership Dues** – They must be postmarked no later than **January 21, 2021**. You can find the Membership Form on the THSPA website. A list of member schools will be posted on the website for you to verify that your dues were received by the association. **Please check this as soon as you pay your dues so that we may be able to verify payment before the due date. Do not wait until the last minute to check!** Dues are $75.00. Mail membership form and check to:

**THSPA**

**Box 1072**

**Crowley, TX 76036**

Please note: **Any school that does not have their dues postmarked by**

**January 21, 2021, and still wishes to lift in the Regional Meet will have to pay a $200.00 fine before their lifters may compete. The fined school must then pay the fine by the Monday before the last qualifying date (February 27, 2021) or the school’s lifters will not be eligible for Regional or State Competition.**

**W-9 Forms** – If your school is requiring you to get a W-9 form from THSPA, please send me an email at ericicar@dickinsonisd.org or r4d1@thspa.us and I will send you a copy.

**Rulebooks** – If you want a copy of the rulebook, you can download it from the THSPA website. Please check the rulebook at the beginning of the season for any rule changes. They are highlighted in yellow.

**Invitational Meets** – All meet results must be sent via ***e-mail as a .psm file*** ***attachment.*** THSPA provides PowerScore software free to member schools and the Meet Director must have the latest version downloaded from the website. Meet results are due by 4:00 pm on the Monday following the meet. **I will not accept results after this time.** It is **your** responsibility to tell the Meet Director to send the information to me. This is extremely important if you are lifting at a meet outside of Region IV. If you cannot have them to me by that time, make sure to contact me before the deadline.

If you are planning on hosting a meet, please remember that it must certified **through THSPA website** **prior** to you hosting the meet for the results to be reflected in the standings. This can be accomplished through the website with a form that will be sent to me. **Meet results from schools that have not paid membership dues by the deadline may be withheld or dropped and all standings for the region will be affected.**

**Regional Standings** – Results will be posted on the THSPA website. Please check these each week. If there are errors in the spelling of lifters’ names or schools, please send me an e-mail so I can get those corrected as we move through the season.

**Last Date to Qualify** – The last date to qualify is February 27, 2021. All results from these meets must be received by 12:00 midnight on the last qualifying date. If you are planning to lift on February 27th, please let me know in advance so that there are no mistakes in the Regional Standings.

**Weight Declarations** – The deadline for declaring all lifters who have qualified for the Regional Meet in more than one weight class or scratch is Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:00 pm. If you scratch after this date your school is still responsible for entry fee. Would like them earlier if possible.

**Regional Meets** – The Division 1 Regional Meet will be held Saturday, March 6, 2021 at ***Dickinson High School*.** More information to follow. Please check the THSPA website.

**Scholarships** – Please note the scholarship page in the rulebook if you have a senior lifter with a desire to attend college. Paperwork will be due at the Regional Meet.

**Academic All-Star Nominations** – Coaches will need to nominate their Academic All-Star athletes online. More information to follow. Please check the THSPA website.

**State Meet** – The State Meet will be held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene on March 27, 2021. More information to follow. Please check the THSPA website.

**Coaches and Lifters - Important Changes for 2021 Season**

**Weight Class Addition:**

THSPA has added a 308 weight class (Full team is now 12 lifters)

**Invitational Meet Window**:

Each meet must have between 2 and 8 boy’s teams with 14 to 96 lifters. This is the minimum and maximum for any meet this year other than the Regional or State Meet.

**Rulebook Changes:**

Weigh-in must be extended by 30 minutes in order to accommodate lifters during COVID.

**Qualifying Totals:**

The Automatic Qualifying Total has been eliminated for the 2021 season. This means that only lifters finishing 1st & 2nd place at Regionals will qualify for State this year.

\*\*Note (2nd place Ties also qualify for state)

**COVID Guidelines:**

* Equipment should be wiped down after each lifter
* All workers and lifters must wear a mask unless they are actually lifting
* Teams will provide their own back spotter for Squat and Bench
* All lifters will provide their own chalk (no community buckets at the meet)
* Temperatures must be checked at weigh-in

If I can be of any assistance in any way, do not hesitate to contact me. The best way to contact me is by e-mail. In most instances, I will have an answer for you as soon as I can find it. As with most coaches, trying to get me on the phone can be difficult; therefore, email or text is the best form of correspondence. Again, I wish you the best of luck in the upcoming season.

***Note:***

***Please send an email to me at*** ***r4d1@thspa.us******. I need your Name, School, and Cell phone. This will help me in case I need to get in contact with you throughout the season. Thank You***

Thanks,

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