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**NEW JERSEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS SET TO HIT THE MATS AT
BOARDWALK HALL MARCH 5, 6, AND 7**

Tickets On Sale Monday, December 14

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – In what has become an eagerly anticipated annual tradition, 336 of the top high school wrestlers from around the state will converge on Atlantic City to spend the weekend competing in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) State Wrestling Championships at Boardwalk Hall March 5, 6 and 7, 2010. Tickets for all four sessions will go on sale Monday, December 14 at noon. The event is presented by The Star Ledger and Resilite Wrestling Mats.

The competition begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 5, for the preliminaries and pre-quarter finals. On Saturday, Mar. 6, the competition starts at 10 a.m. for the quarter-finals and wrestle-backs I and II. Following the morning session, Boardwalk Hall will clear the facility and re-open doors at 4 p.m. for the 5 p.m. evening session of the semi-finals and wrestle-backs III and IV. On Sunday, Mar. 7, competition begins at 10 a.m. for consolations, followed by the finals and awards ceremony at 2 p.m. Doors open one hour prior to each session.

The tournament is the highlight of the year for the sport of wrestling. The race for the championship title begins with the district competitions on Feb. 19 and 20 in each of the 14 weight classes (103 lbs, 112 lbs, 119 lbs, 125 lbs, 130 lbs, 135 lbs, 140 lbs, 145 lbs, 152 lbs, 160 lbs, 171 lbs, 189 lbs, 215 lbs, and Heavy Weight) and is open to all New Jersey high schools who are members of the NJSIAA. The competition heightens with the eight regional competitions on Feb. 23, 26 and 27. The season culminates with the State Championships in Atlantic City where the top 16 wrestlers in each weight class will vie for the Championship Title.

Tickets may be purchased at the Boardwalk Hall Box Office, all Ticketmaster locations, by calling 1-800-736-1420 or visiting www.ticketmaster.com. Single session reserved tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens (62 and older). For groups of 15 or more, or to purchase reserved all-session tickets, order forms can be found on the NJSIAA website www.njsiaa.org. These reserved combination tickets are \$40. Questions can be directed to Ms. Terry Humphries at the NJSIAA at 609-259-2776 or thumphries@njsiaa.org.

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A limited amount of parking is available in the Boardwalk Hall parking garage on a first-come, first-served basis. Convenient, economical parking is located throughout Atlantic City in municipal lots and privately owned garages. Guests are encouraged to park in the more than 13,000 available parking spots in close proximity. Enjoy a walk down the world's most famous pedestrian corridor, the Atlantic City Boardwalk, to the Hall. Maps of all parking locations are available at the Atlantic City Visitor's Center locations, Atlantic City Convention Center and Boardwalk Hall's Guest Services office. For destination information, visit www.atlanticcitynj.com. For information about Boardwalk Hall, visit www.boardwalkhall.com.

In addition to the two major sponsors, the NJSIAA New Jersey State High School Wrestling Championships receives support from Matguard Corporation, Levine Industries, Bob's Rentals and CSG Sports Coatings.

For more information on the Championships, or to obtain media credentials, please contact Joe Zedalis at 732-600-6741 or email rallycap@comcast.net.

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About Historic Boardwalk Hall

Historic Boardwalk Hall, which first opened in 1929, underwent a three year, \$90 million renovation to transform the building into a modern special events arena capable of variable seating for up to 14,770 people. Listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, Boardwalk Hall's renovation produced a glimpse into the dramatic and original Roman Renaissance style, while providing a 21st century experience in terms of comfort and amenities. Upon its reopening in 2001, it has been recognized as the destination's premier entertainment venue, known for high profile concerts, family shows, and sporting events. SMG manages Boardwalk Hall on behalf of its client, the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority. Visit us at www.boardwalkhall.com for more information. For destination information about Atlantic City, please visit www.atlanticcitynj.com

Boardwalk Hall will present the Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Basketball Championship March 12 – 14, 2010. The A-10 Conference consists of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of Dayton, Duquesne University, Fordham University, The George Washington University, La Salle University, University of Massachusetts, University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond, St. Bonaventure University, Saint Joseph's University, Saint Louis University, Temple University, and Xavier University.