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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex at IUP hosts 2019 FloNationals Presented by ASICS**

**April 3, 2019 – INDIANA, PA.** On the 10-year anniversary of FloNationals, the event will move to freestyle and greco style wrestling and serve as the 2019 Men's Cadet Pan American Team Trials. The competition will take place at the Kovalchick Complex on the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania from April 18-20, 2019.

Since 2013, the FloNationals event brings over 1,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches, family members and wrestling enthusiasts each year to the Kovalchick Complex and Indiana, PA during April, generating great activity for the businesses and hotels surrounding the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Campus

Additionally, wrestlers who place Top 8 will receive separation (seeding) criteria for the Cadet World Team Trials in Akron. "USA Wrestling is excited to partner with FloWrestling, as FloNationals transitions into a major freestyle and Greco-Roman competition. It has already established itself as a premier competition, and we look forward to helping build this event in the future. Our nation's top young wrestlers in the international styles have a new showcase, and this is an important part of the qualification process for U.S. international teams. We encourage our athletes, coaches and parents to join us in Indiana, Pa.," said Rich Bender.

"Over the years, there have been some incredible matches that happen on the FloNationals stage, and we are looking forward to even more legendary performances at this next edition of the tournament as it returns to the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at the Kovalchick Complex in Indiana, PA." says Kovalchick Complex General Manager, Andrew Thompson.

This year's event features wrestlers from as far away as Germany and more from all over North America. The Finals will be held Saturday Night April 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. Only \$10.00 admission for spectators at the door. If you would like more information about the FloNationals competition schedule, it can be found by visiting <http://kovalchickcomplex.com>

#### **Daily events will be:**

##### **April 17<sup>th</sup> (Torretti Auditorium)**

6PM-8PM - Greco Weigh-in Card Pickup. ALL Weigh-in Card pick up must be done at this time due to day of competition morning weigh-ins.

##### **April 18th - UWW Cadet Greco**

7AM - Weigh-ins - Scratch Weight, must be present at the start of weigh-ins (Torretti Auditorium)

9AM-Noon - Session I: Prelims thru Quarterfinals

2PM-5PM - Session II: Semi's thru Completion

6PM-8PM - Freestyle Weigh-in Card Pickup. ALL Weigh-in Card pick up must be done at this time due to day of competition morning weigh-ins.

##### **April 19th - UWW Cadet FS & UWW Junior FS**

7AM - Weigh-ins - Scratch Weight, must be present at the start of weigh-ins

9AM-1PM - Session III: Prelims

2PM-8PM - Session IV: Prelims thru Quarterfinals

##### **April 20th - UWW Cadet FS & UWW Junior FS**

7AM - Weigh-ins - Scratch Weight, must be present at the start of weigh-ins

9AM-11AM - Session V: Semifinals and Consolations

1PM-3PM - Session VI: Finals, 3rd, 5th, 7th

**About the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex:** *The Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex is located on the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania along Wayne Avenue in Indiana, PA. The multi-use facility opened March 10, 2011, and boasts 148,500 sq.ft. of event space with a 5,000 seat arena, 630 seat auditorium, over 17,000 sq.ft. of conference space with multiple breakout rooms, and a 6,000 sq.ft. Corporate Training and Executive Conference Center. The Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex is home to IUP's Men and Women's Division 2 Basketball, which are amongst the best teams in the PSAC.*

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