**NEW MEXICO WRESTLING HALL OF FAME**

Wrestling is a unique sport. It welcomes all athletes of varied physical characteristics and attributes, and wrestling is blind to color, socioeconomic status, and geography. Those who have contributed to this sport should be recognized.

1. **MISSION STATEMENT –** The mission of the New Mexico Wrestling Hall of Fame shall be to honor athletes, coaches, referees, and individuals who have demonstrated outstanding character and performance as an athlete, coach, referee, or individual and who has contributed immeasurably to the establishment, maintenance, continuation, and growth of amateur wrestling in New Mexico.
2. **NEW MEXICO WRESTLING HALL OF FAME BYLAWS**
	1. Name: New Mexico Wrestling Hall of Fame (“NMWHOF”)
	2. Purpose: To continually and perpetually recognize the outstanding and exemplary accomplishments and contributions of New Mexico’s wrestlers, coaches, referees, amd individuals through induction into the NMWHOF.
	3. Objectives: The NMWHOF’s objectives are:
		1. To display before the public the athletic accomplishments or services which have been instrumental in creating, maintaining, continuing, and growing New Mexico’s excellent wrestling tradition while exhibiting high moral character;
		2. To promote continuing interest in New Mexico wrestling and the NMWHOF as a public relations vehicle to further enhance relations between the public at large and the wrestling community.
	4. Hall of Fame Committee: The committee shall consist of interested members not exceed thirteen (13) people.
		1. The NMWHOF will strive to have a committee consisting of former or current wrestlers, coaches, officials, or supporters;
		2. The NMWHOF Committeeshall have a:
			1. President;
			2. Vice President;
			3. Secretary; and
			4. Treasurer
		3. There is no formula or set term of office for NMWHOF Committee members.
	5. Meetings: The NMWHOF Committee shall meet at least four times per year.
		1. First meeting – discuss/set yearly agenda and goals; discuss new business; prepare to ramp up the nomination process
		2. Second meeting – establish nominee list; establish nominee profiles; distribute profiles to the wrestling community for comment
		3. Third meeting – Review public comment received; review nominees; NMWHOF Committee votes on nominees; release and distribute names and profiles of newly inducted nominees
		4. Final meeting – Review committee membership; review bylaws; set banquet date/time (if possible)
3. **NOMINATION AND INDUCTION PROCESS**
	1. Anyone may nominate a wrestler, coach, referee, or individual for induction. All nominations must be submitted to the NMWHOF Committee on the Nomination Form. (*See*, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_);
	2. Each year a notice for nominations shall be distributed to the New Mexico Wrestling community;
	3. A complete file for each nominee shall be compiled and maintained by the NMWHOF. Files for new nominees will be completed by the Second meeting each year;
	4. The NMWHOF Committee will then review the nominations and any public comment by the Third meeting. Those nominated are added to the selection list, but not necessarily added to the final ballot. The NMWHOF Committee shall vote on new inductees at the Third meeting;
	5. Nominees are added to the list of present and past nominees;
	6. Nominations not selected for induction shall be carried over year-to-year, unless they are removed for cause or for failure to meet the induction criteria by a majority vote of the NMWHOF Committee;
	7. The induction class shall not exceed three (3) in any given year. There is no requirement to induct a class, if no one receives the required votes;
	8. There is no designated quota regarding induction numbers or categories;
	9. To be inducted, a nominee must receive a 70% affirmative vote of voters attending or of voters attending by proxy;
	10. The NMWHOF Committee votes on and approves all nominations for induction. Each member is entitled to one equal vote;
	11. Voting Methods Allowed:
		1. Voting shall occur in-person by anonymous paper ballot at the Third meeting;
		2. A member may vote by proxy;
		3. The President and Secretary shall each tally and count the votes.
4. **NMWHOF INDUCTION CRITERIA**
	1. Athletes
		1. The inductee must have been associated with New Mexico Wrestling;
		2. An athlete becomes eligible for induction as an athlete ten (10) years after graduating from high school or ten (10) years after the athlete retires from active competition;
		3. Athletic achievements are of prime importance;
		4. Athletes must also exhibit high moral character and citizenship;
		5. Athletes convicted of a felony crime are not eligible for induction;
		6. Any athlete convicted of any crime of a sexual nature is not eligible for induction;
		7. Athletes convicted of a felony crime after being inducted may be removed from the NMWHOF;
		8. Any athlete convicted of any crime of a sexual nature after being inducted may be removed.
		9. An inductee is removed by a 70% affirmative vote by the NMWHOF Committee.
	2. Coaches
		1. All coaches, active or retired, are eligible for induction as a coach after coaching for a minimum of five (5) seasons;
		2. Coaching achievements are of prime importance;
		3. Coaches must exhibit high moral character and citizenship;
		4. Coaches convicted of a felony crime are not eligible for induction;
		5. Any coach convicted of any crime of a sexual nature is not eligible for induction;
		6. Coaches convicted of a felony crime after being inducted may be removed from the NMWHOF;
		7. Any coach convicted of any crime of a sexual nature after being inducted may be removed.
		8. An inductee is removed by a 70% affirmative vote of the NMWHOF Committee.
	3. Meritorious Nominations – Referees and Individuals
		1. This category recognizes individuals who have contributed to New Mexico Wrestling and who are friends of New Mexico Wrestling;
		2. The nominee’s contributions to the creation, maintenance, continuation, and growth of New Mexico Wrestling are considered;
		3. Time lapse is relative, but the contributions must be of prominence and over a period of years;
		4. The inductee exhibits high moral character and citizenship;
		5. A potential inductee is not eligible for induction if the inductee has been convicted of a felony crime;
		6. Any potential inductee that has been convicted of any crime of a sexual nature is not eligible for induction;
		7. An inductee convicted of a felony crime after induction may be removed from the NMWHOF;
		8. An inductee convicted of a any crime of a sexual nature after induction may be removed from the NMWHOF;
		9. An inductee is removed by a 70% affirmative vote of the NMWHOF Committee.