

# **OREGON SENIOR DIVISION BY LAWS**

## **Article I**

### **Name, Purpose and Identity**

1.1 Name ... The name of the division shall be "The Oregon Wrestling Association, Senior Division" In addition to the formal name, the division may conduct its affairs under such names, symbols and images as approved by its Board of Directors.

1.2 Purpose ... The Senior Division, shall responsibly advocate, promote, coordinate, and provide opportunities to its membership to achieve their full potential as a wrestler or coach of the sport of amateur wrestling.

1.3 Identity ... The Senior Division shall operate as a Division of the Oregon Wrestling Association, which is a charter member of The United States of America Wrestling Association Inc. shall be organized as a non-profit corporation within the definition of the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(3), as amended.

## **Article II**

### **Structure**

2.1 Membership ... Every resident of the State of Oregon that holds a valid membership with USA Wrestling and is at least eighteen years of age, shall, for the term of the membership, also be a member of the OWA Senior Division. No individual shall be denied membership in the association, nor shall they be refused recognition, because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, or ethnic or national origin.

2.2 Meeting of members ... A meeting of members of the Senior Division shall be held annually at the OWA General Meeting held in the Fall. Notice of the date, time and location of the meeting will be made available via the OWA website.

2.3 Voting members defined ...The voting membership for Each Division, with the exception of the Kids Division shall be defined consistently by the OWA General Bylaws and shall conduct its business according to the By Laws adapted by that division.

Therefore all individuals defined as members of the OWA in the OWA General Bylaws shall have voting rights in the Cadet, Junior, Cultural Exchange, Women's, Coaches, Officials, Senior and Beach Divisions. (Sept. 2010)

2.4 Quorum ... At least five voting members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business at the annual meeting of the division.

## **Article III**

### **Officers**

3.1 Officers and their duties ... Officers of the OWA Senior Division shall be the Director, Athlete Spokesman and one Member at Large . Each shall be responsible to oversee specific tasks as coordinated by the division director. The Director is to manage the funds provided the division from the OWA and/or any other sources.

3.2 Election of Officers ... persons shall be elected, in accordance with these by laws, one to serve as State Senior Director, one as the Spokesman for Athletes and one Member at Large. The term of office shall be two years commencing at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the OWA. The Senior Director and Member at Large shall be elected on odd numbered years and the Athletes Spokesman shall be elected on even numbered years. Any member of the OWA in good standing shall be eligible to run for election for any position that they are qualified to be in.

**Article IV**  
**Monies**

4.1 Funds ... As provided by the OWA State Office are to be used for expenses within the Senior Division.

4.2 Accountability ... The Division Director shall prepare and present an annual budget to the OWA Board of Directors at the Annual Executive Board Meeting. Copies of said report are to be available for distribution at the OWA Annual Meeting. All books shall be open to any voting member of the OWA.

4.3 Fiscal Year ... the fiscal year for the Senior Division of the OWA shall begin September 1 and end August 31.

4.4 Excess Monies.. Monies left in an account at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in that account to be used during the next fiscal year.

**Article V**  
**Amendments**

Proposed changes to the By Laws of each division of the OWA with the exception of the Kid's Division shall be presented to the Board of Directors in writing and signed by two active members no later than 21 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the general membership. Written or printed notice setting forth the proposed changes or a summary of the changes shall be given to each voting member no later than 10 days prior to the meeting (via OWA website). An amendment is adopted only if 75% of the voting membership in attendance at the meeting approves the amendment and a quorum is present. (Sept 2010)