## **Battle for the Belt**

The "Battle for the Belt" award is given by the North Carolina Wrestling Association for Youth to the wrestler who accumulates the most tournament points throughout the season. A wrestler can earn points by placing in the top four at local NCWAY tournaments marked as "Belt Series Events" and competing as a member of the NCWAY national team on the day of any Belt Series Events. Updated points standing will be posted on the NCWAY website and on the NCWAY Facebook page for everyone to view.

The TOP 5-point scorers in each age division will be recognized and presented with a custom NCWAY award during the opening ceremonies of the NCWAY State Championships. In addition to the TOP 5, the overall point scorer in each age division will receive *the NCWAY Rankings Championship Belt*. Awards for all five divisions will be awarded at the NCWAY State Championships. All wrestlers must attend to receive their awards.

## Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Must be a North Carolina Resident
- 2. Must possess a current NCWAY membership card
- 3. Must attend the NCWAY State Championships

## **Points**

- 1. The Scoring System for the "Battle for the Belt" are as follows:
- a. 10 Points for 1st Place
- b. 7 Points for 2nd Place
- c. 5 Points for 3rd Place
- d. 3 Points for 4th Place
- 1. A wrestler that wrestles more than one weight class in the same division will only receive points of the higher finish. Wrestlers may compete in two divisions, points may not cross divisions.
- 2. A wrestler competing as a member of any NCWAY National dual team will receive 1st place credit for the tournament they missed while away at a National Dual team event.
- 3. Rookie Tournaments will NOT count towards points for the belt.

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- 4. Brackets with only 1 wrestler will be awarded half the value of first place for that tournament unless they are put into a combined weight class. If the wrestler earns more points in the combined weight class, we will award those points instead of the lower half value.
- 5. If Belt Series Tournaments are on both Saturday and Sunday wrestler will only get highest scored points for either tournament.
- 6. In the event of a tie, the following tie-breaker criteria will be used in awarding the Belt:
  - a. Head-to-head competition.
  - b. The individual with the most 1st Place finishes.
  - c. The individual with the most wins (State Championship bracketed weight).
  - d. The individual with the most falls (State Championship bracketed weight).

All results and points will be entered and maintained by NCWAY. If you notice any errors, please notify us via email at ncway1@hotmail.com.

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