

## **WELCOME TO THE WYOMING AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION**

This manual contains the policies, procedures, instruction and information clubs need to have a successful wrestling season. The information in this manual needs to be reviewed by all of your officers, coaches, officials and directors.

WAWA Board members include Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registration Chairman, Kids Director, Cadet Director, Junior Director, Girls Director, Open Director, Cultural Exchange Director, Mat Official Director, Pairing Official Director, State Coach, Media At-Large Member, At-Large Member, Female Athlete Representative and Male Athlete Representative.

For additional information, go to WAWA website: <http://wawawrestling.org>

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### **POLICY ON ABUSE AND HARASSMENT**

Wyoming Amateur Wrestling Association (WAWA) is committed to providing a safe environment for its members, participants, coaches, officials and volunteers and to prevent abusive conduct and harassment in any form while participating in the activities associated with WAWA. WAWA and USAW promote good sportsmanship throughout the organization and encourages qualities of mutual respect, courtesy and tolerance in all members, participants, coaches, officials, staff and volunteers.

To this end, WAWA has established the following guidelines of behavior for our staff, volunteers, coaches, officials and participants. All members of the organization, as well as parents, spectators and other invitees are expected to observe and adhere to the guidelines.

Abuse or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated within the organization. This means WAWA does not accept, but is not limited to: physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse, harassment or similar misconduct from any person towards athletes, staff, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, spectators or any other persons while they are participating in or preparing

for events or activities conducted under the auspices of WAWA.

WAWA will timely respond to any and all allegations of abuse or harassment in matters that are within the purview and jurisdiction of WAWA. WAWA expects that allegations of abuse or harassment that are properly within the purview and jurisdiction of officials or persons at other levels or of other organization will be timely responded to and dealt as appropriate. When necessary and appropriate, this information should be communicated to the appropriate authorities for investigation and should be reviewed by appropriate officials with timely notification to the alleged offender or such allegations.

Any person accused of sexual or physical abuse may be asked to resign voluntarily or may be suspended until the matter is investigated and resolved. Regardless of criminal or civil guilt in the alleged abuse, the continued presence of the person could be detrimental to the reputation of the organization and could be harmful to the participants. A person who is accused but later cleared of the charges, may request to have a suspension lifted or, if applicable, to be reinstated within the organization. Reinstatement is not a right, and no assurance is made that the person will be reinstated to his/her former position.

Any person who violated this policy, who fails to appropriately report matters covered by this policy, who makes a false report with respect to matters covered by this policy or who threatens retaliation or reprisal against an individual for reporting a matter under this policy will be subject to discipline or other action as may be within the purview and jurisdiction of WAWA.

All clubs are required to provide a SafeSport athlete training for their club members to receive continued chartered membership through USAW, and report the training to the state SafeSport Coordinator. All incidents of suspected misconduct involving a minor athlete must be immediately reported to the state SafeSport Coordinator or a report can be filed on the USAW website. Any incidents involving sexual abuse must also be reported to the proper authorities and will be investigated by such. The SafeSport Coordinator will immediately report sexual abuse allegations to the USAW SafeSport Director, and the National SafeSport Center will handle sexual abuse allegations in conjunction with authorities. Other reports of misconduct will be investigated by the state SafeSport Coordinator, State Coach and State Chairman. If the reported incident/investigation involves any of the members, a replacement board member will stand in. Any disciplinary action will be decided at a local level, and then reported to the USAW SafeSport Director. Local clubs may handle reports of misconduct at a local level. Further explanation of the SafeSport investigation process is included in the WAWA Constitution and By-Laws.

## **MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION, TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS & INSURANCE INSTRUCTIONS**

**ANY MEMBER PURCHASING A MEMBER CARD WHO IS TURNING 17 SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR MUST COMPLETE THE SAFESPORT COURSE. MINORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GET PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR THIS COURSE. All requirements are built into the system, so until all requirements are completed, a USAW card cannot be purchased.**

## **ATHLETE REGISTRATION:**

NO ATHLETE CARDS PURCHASED AT TOURNAMENTS OR EVENTS.

### **ATHLETE REGISTRATION:**

Registration for a USAW card cannot be purchased the day of a tournament or event.

Registration will be processed online by the Registration Chairman with a minimum of a 24 hour deadline before the tournament or event. Any athlete cards processed after Wednesday in **the needed** week, will incur an additional \$50 fee for a rush registration. The Registration Chairman must be notified if an athlete registration submitted after Wednesday is needed as a rush to avoid the \$50 rush charge. If the Registration Chairman is not available for rush orders they will not be completed.

The above information and definitions requested for athlete registration must also be included with any rush registrations.

### **CLUB ATHLETE REGISTRATION:**

Registration will be processed online by the Registration Chairman. The registration and monies have to come from the club and be paid by the club either by club check or club card to be affiliated with said club, unless its prior to the club chartering for the season. (With that said, the club must charter prior to any business or practices). Again, methods of payment are by club check or credit card. If payment is made by club check, the monies have to clear the bank before the cards will be issued.

1. Information needed for each athlete needs to be completed with the registration form supplied to the club: first name, last name, date of birth mm/dd/yyyy, address, city, zip, email address, main phone, (if this person is under 18 THIS MUST BE included) parent 1 first name & last name and email address, and parent 2 first name & last name and email address, then club affiliation, (optional: grade and approximate weight).
2. For all new athletes, a copy of the birth certificate is required to be sent to the Registration Chairman either by email or mail. Until the copy of the birth certificate is received and processed, the athlete will be required to carry with them a copy of said document. (A RED line will appear on each membership card "**AGE VERIFICATION NEEDED**"). The athlete will be required to carry said verification document to all tournaments attending. After the document is received and processed, each card will be updated and then can be printed without the needed documentation thereafter.)
3. Payment: Include billing information as it appears on charge card (also, if there is a \$ limit on transactions, please indicate so a call to the financial institution can be made before processing the invoice). Include first and last name, mailing address, city, state and zip, type of card (Mastercard, Visa, etc.), card numbers (16 characters), cvc and expiration date.
4. Member Agreement forms from USA Wrestling needs to be signed and dated and then sent to the Registration Chairman by email or mail for each athlete.
5. All athletes in the club have to be registered for the insurance to be valid for all members with Member Agreements completed.
6. Definition of a Wyoming athlete: The athlete must be registered or attending a Wyoming school or be a Wyoming resident.

7. Once registration is completed, club affiliation will not be allowed to change with the exception of moving to a different town.

**UN-ATTACHED WYOMING ATHLETES:** (An athlete that is not affiliated with a club.)

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1. Information needed for each athlete: first name, last name, date of birth mm/dd/yyyy, address, city, zip, email address, main phone, (if this person is under 18 THIS MUST BE included) parent 1 first name & last name and email address, and parent 2 first name & last name and email address (optional: grade and approximate weight).
2. For all new athletes, a copy of the birth certificate is required to be sent to the Registration Chairman either by email or mail. Until the copy of the birth certificate is received and processed, the athlete will be required to carry with them a copy of said document. (A RED line will appear on each membership card “**AGE VERIFICATION NEEDED**”. The athlete will be required to carry said verification document to all tournaments attending. After the document is received and processed, each card will be updated and then can be printed without the needed documentation thereafter.)
3. Payment: Include billing information as it appears on charge card (also, if there is a \$ limit on transactions, please indicate so a call to the financial institution can be made before processing the invoice). Include first and last name, mailing address, city, state and zip, type of card (Mastercard, Visa, etc.), card numbers (16 characters), cvc and expiration date.
4. Member Agreement forms from USA Wrestling need to be signed and dated and then sent to the Registration Chairman by email or mail for each athlete.
5. Definition of a Wyoming athlete: The athlete must be registered or attending a Wyoming school or be a Wyoming resident.
6. An unattached athlete may not become affiliated with a club during the member year with the exception of moving to a different town.

**WRESTLING LEADER REGISTRATION (Coaches, Mat Officials, Pairing Officials):**

All athletes, coaches and officials must be licensed with USA Wrestling. Coaches and officials must hold a current Wrestling Leadership card.

Requirements prior to purchasing a USA Wrestling card includes completing and passing the required background check and the SafeSports education program.

WAWA would like to encourage coaches and officials to purchase Wrestling Leadership cards through the Registration Chairman by doing so a small discount on is given at purchase.

Wrestling Leader cards can only be purchased online. The site is <https://www.themat.com>. Either sign in or create an account. Make sure all information is correct, the email is used to communicate necessary information. Go to Memberships, then purchase or renew membership.

Select the Wrestling Leader PURCHASE/RENEW button. Then a message will appear that states both or one requirement(s) need to be completed prior to purchasing the USA Wrestling card.

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For local in-state tournaments, it is not mandatory for athletes 17 and under to officiate under a Wrestling Leader card. Athletes 17 and under may officiate using their athlete card. However, for state tournaments and any coaching or officiating out of state, a specific USA Wrestling Leader card is required.

#### **USA CARDS LOG:**

The Registration Chairman will provide a current listing to the club of all USAW registered athletes and wrestling leaders upon request.

#### **CLUB CHARTER:**

1. Club charter have to be completed before the first practice.
2. Charters will be processed online by the Registration Chairman. The method of payment is by club check or credit card. The club charter information can be sent to the Registration Chairman either by email or mailing the following information:
3. Forms can be obtained on the website: [www.wawawrestling.org](http://www.wawawrestling.org). Fill it out, save it and email it to the Registration Chairman. The information needed for each charter: club name, address 1, address 2, city, zip, email address, main phone, website, approx. coach count, approx. athlete count, athlete ages, months of operation and percentages of styles of wrestling used.
4. Payment: If payment is made by club check, the monies have to be received before the charter will be processed. If paying by credit card include billing information as it appears on charger card (also if there is a \$ limit on transactions please indicate, so a call to the financial institution can be made before processing the invoice), first and last name, mailing address, city, state & zip, type of card (mastercard, visa, etc.), card number (16 characters) cvc and expiration date.
5. A current, dated and signed copy of the club's Constitution & Bylaws must be submitted to the WAWA Secretary before a charter will be approved.
6. The charter fee will be the WAWA required charter fee plus \$200. \$100 will be reimbursed per meeting to a club for having a representative at the Winter or Spring general membership meeting. If a club does not have a representative at the meeting, WAWA will keep the \$100 attendance stipend per meeting.

#### **TOURNAMENT/EVENT SANCTION APPLICATION:**

1. Event Sanctions must be completed 2 weeks prior to the event date.
2. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance will be sent to the club.
3. Sanctions will be processed online by the Registration Chairman. The method of payment is by club check or credit card. The sanction information can be sent to the Registration Chariman either by email or mailing the following information.
4. Forms can be obtained on the website [www.wawawrestling.org](http://www.wawawrestling.org) as an online fill-in form, just fill it out, save it and the email it to the Registration Chairman.
5. Payment: If payment is made by club check, the monies have to be received before the charter will be processed. If paying by credit card include billing information as it appears on charger card (also if there is a \$ limit on transactions please indicate, so a call to the financial institution

can be made before processing the invoice), first and last name, mailing address, city, state & zip, type of card (mastercard, visa, etc.), card number (16 characters) cvc and expiration date.

#### **ADDITIONAL INSURANCE:**

All sanctioned events receive a Certificate of Insurance after the sanction is complete, and if an additional facility is shown on the event sanction form, it will receive a certificate showing that facility as well. There is no extra fee to do this. Additional insured (the facility) is available for purchase on any chartered club.

#### **HOW TO PROCESS NOTICE OF INJURY FORM:**

Complete a "Notice of Injury" form by filling in all information. Please print legibly. Have form signed by the Tournament Director or Club President if injured at practices. Keep copies and mail form. Forms can be obtained from <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/membership/insurance-information>. Send only injury notices to the State Chairman. Sending other items will delay the processing.

#### **ADDITIONAL FORMS:**

Further assistance can be given by contacting the state Chairman or Registration Chairman.

#### **LOCAL CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

1. Event Sanctions must be completed 2 weeks prior to the event date. Failure to do so is a risk of not having the event covered by insurance.
2. Satellite weigh-ins will be accepted. If onsite weigh-ins are used, then it will not close before 8:30 am for all open tournaments. If satellite weigh-ins are conducted, weigh-ins must be held no earlier than Thursday prior to the event. Satellite weigh-ins must be conducted by wrestling leaders and the names and license numbers shall be on the weigh-in sheet.
3. Clubs wishing to participate in an Invitational Tournament must first contact the tournament director of that tournament to gain permission to participate.
4. All athletes and wrestling leaders (coaches and officials) must be licensed with USA wrestling.
5. Singlets meeting national requirements or predominately red and predominately blue singlets or reversible singlet with under briefs are required. Women's cut singlet is required for all female athletes. A blood rag is required. Wrestling shoes are not required, but cannot be street shoes and have no metal on them.
6. All athletes in divisions 14U and younger are required to wear headgear by WAWA and USA Wrestling.
7. For pairing supplies, contact the Pairing Director or go to <http://www.wawawrestling.org/>.
8. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to complete the Tournament Report with complete list of officials included within 72 hours into the online form [www.wawawrestling.org](http://www.wawawrestling.org).
9. In order for any club to be eligible to hold a sanctioned tournament it must have sent both a pairing official and a mat official to the state tournament the previous year and the officials must have worked at the state tournament (Folkstyle or Kids/Cadets respectfully if separate state tournaments). If a club has not complied with this requirement, then it may not hold a WAWA sanctioned tournament the following year, except in extraordinary circumstances decided at the sole discretion of the WAWA Executive Board.

10. It is strongly encouraged that the official requirement guidelines for team awards for each club in attendance be adhered to. Number of required officials for team awards are as follows: 5-14 athletes- 1 mat officials and 1 pairing official; 15-24 athletes- 2 mat officials and 2 pairing officials; 25-34 athletes – 3 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 35-44 athletes- 4 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 45-54 athletes- 5 mat officials and 4 pairing officials; 55-64 athletes- 6 mat officials and 5 pairing officials. For additional calculations, for each ten additional athletes, the officials will increase by one respectfully.

### **WAWA YELLOW AND RED CARD POLICY**

WAWA-USAW will be governed by the yellow/red card system as outlined in the National rule book. All tournament personnel, parents, and spectators, are subject to the same disciplinary criteria as coaches.

The following disciplinary criteria will be used:

\*Receive a Yellow Card – 30 minutes off of the floor.

\*Receive a Red Card – removed from coaching the rest of the tournament.

A. Upon receiving a red card, in addition to losing the opportunity to coach the remainder of the tournament, the coach loses the privilege of coaching the next USA WAWA tournament. (See #1 and #3).

B. Upon receiving a second red card the offending coach shall lose the privilege to coach any USA WAWA tournament for the remainder of the season.

C. To ensure that the offending coach's fulfills their responsibilities, the offending coaches club shall be levied a \$100 fine, which must be paid by WAWA Kid/Cadet state.

D. At the time a red card is issued; an immediate appeal is set in motion which requires a meeting between parties including the tournament director, coach's representative, and the head tournament official. Video review if available.

1. If a coach receives a red card for flagrant misconduct and is removed from a tournament that coach will be subject to a disciplinary committee sanction, and may include suspension of his/her card for a set period of time.

2. If a coach receives a red card at a Regional or National tournament he/she will be subject to a disciplinary committee. The committee is to be made up of the coach's representative, the WAWA Mat Official Director and Pairing Official Director.

3. After two yellow cards in a season or a red card, the receiving coach must officiate a tournament before they can return to coaching mat side at any USAW WAWA TOURNAMENT.

4. All fines must be paid and current, before any offending coach may participate in any WAWA State Tournament.

### **GUIDELINES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, PRE & POST DUTIES INCLUDED** **STYLES: FOLKSTYLE FREESTYLE GRECO-ROMAN**

1. The Kids/Cadet state championships will be directed by the WAWA Board of Directors.
2. All other state championship locations will be decided by the WAWA Board.
3. The Registration Chairman will send by email address on record for each club the registration information and flyers to each club and board member four weeks before the State Championships. Junior flyers will be sent to all Wyoming High Schools with wrestling programs as well as all chartered clubs.
4. All state entries have a set deadline and must be completed and received by this date. Registration entry fees will be doubled for any athlete accepted after the set deadline.
5. The WAWA Chairman will be in charge of the State Tournament operation, concerning scheduling and actual wrestling as Tournament Director.
6. WAWA will follow National and Regional guidelines for pairing. All styles of wrestling will be one pool per weight. Competitors of each age/weight division will be separated by club and placed in random order. There will be no seeding of athletes, but separation criteria will be used. The top 4 athletes in each weight will be separated using TrackWrestling's ranking to avoid facing each other in the first quarter. The WAWA Pairing Director will use .08 and above based on TrackWrestling's rankings.
7. State Championships will be an open tournament for 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U age divisions. The Junior State Championships will be Freestyle and Greco-Roman and an open tournament for high school age athletes and must have a current USA Wrestling card.
8. The Female State Championships will be an open tournament for 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U age divisions.
9. There must be a minimum of six full-sized wrestling mats available for all competitions and two full-sized wrestling mats available for Junior competitions. This requirement is subject to change by the Board of Directors.
10. Weigh-in information: All athletes must be present at the start of weigh-in time. Weigh-ins will close as soon as the last athlete crosses the scale. One weigh-in for those wrestling two or more continuous styles, but the athlete must actively wrestle in each style. The athlete shall have two (2) attempts to make weight. The initial attempt when called to the scales, and the immediate challenge scale. Athletes must show up at the scale in a singlet. The athlete may not leave the weigh-in area or initiate in any active means of weight reduction. No coaches or parents are permitted in the weigh-in area. All weigh-ins will cease when the last athlete has weighed in. All weigh-in procedures will be determined by the Board of Directors.
11. National requirements for singlet will be met or predominately red and predominately blue singlets or reversible singlet with under briefs are required. A women's cut singlet is required for all female athletes. A blood rag is required. Wrestling shoes are not required, but cannot be street shoes and have no metal on them.
12. All athletes in divisions 14U and younger are required to wear headgear by WAWA and USA wrestling.
13. For all matches at state championships, video review will be utilized in place of protests. Each athlete will get at least 1 challenge per match, thrown by one of the two Wrestling Leader(s) in the corner. The challenge block must be thrown immediately to challenge a move or series of moves. Falls, stalls and passive wrestling are not challengeable calls. The athlete may accept or deny the procedure of the challenge. The challenge will be reviewed by the mat chairman and at least 1 senior official. If the review committee changes the score in favor of the challenger, the athlete's corner will receive the challenge block back. If the challenge is not



upheld, the other athlete (non-challenging) will receive 1 point (+1) and the block will kept.

14. WAWA will provide awards for the top six place winners in each weight class in each style for 16U and below and the top three place winners in each weight class in the Juniors division.

15. Two team divisions will be awarded, larger clubs and smaller clubs. This will be determined by the Registration Chairman and the Pairing Director at the time of the tournament. WAWA

State Team awards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed will be awarded in Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco-

Roman styles in 2 divisions. 1<sup>st</sup> place will be awarded in the Female tournaments also.

Trackwrestling determines the top 12 point getters in each club.

16. Number of required officials for team awards are as follows: 5-14 athletes- 1 mat officials and 1 pairing official; 15-24 athletes- 2 mat officials and 2 pairing officials; 25-34 athletes – 3 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 35-44 athletes- 4 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 45-54 athletes- 5 mat officials and 4 pairing officials; 55-64 athletes- 6 mat officials and 5 pairing officials. For additional calculations, for each ten additional athletes, the officials will increase by one respectfully.

17. If a club wants to bring an out of state official to officiate to qualify for team points, it is allowed, but that official or pairer would have to be approved by the State Mat Official or State Pairer, and must be notified at a minimum of one week prior. Must be at least an M1C official or a P1C and in good standing with a USA license.

18. Admission fees will be \$10 per person for Day Pass and \$25 per person for Tournament Pass. There will be no charge for anyone under the age of 8.

19. Medical personnel must be present at the tournament at all times.

20. All entrance fee money will be collected by the Events Staff and any monies coming to WAWA will be put toward any fees owed.

21. Results of the State Championships will be available at Trackwrestling.com.

22. Western Regionals is an open tournament athletes may choose to register and compete at.

23. 16U Championship Qualifiers. The top four place winners in each weight class will become eligible for the Wyoming 16U National team. Athletes must attend the team camp before the tournament. For additional information, see National and Regional Teams.

24. Junior Championship Qualifiers. The top four place winners in each weight class will become eligible for the Wyoming Junior National team. Athletes must attend a team camp before the tournament. For additional information, see National and Regional Teams.

25. Cultural Exchange Team. Submitting an application of interest to be considered for the team is how the cultural exchange team will be made. Applications will be due to Cultural Exchange Director no later than the first weekend in March of the current season. The process of picking the team will be up to the Cultural Exchange Director and should be filled with high school Seniors first then move down to freshman until the team is full. The team will try and be filled with athletes that have never gone on the trip before. If the cultural exchange director is unable to fill a team with athletes that have never gone before it is up to the discretion of the director to fill with previous cultural members to try and fill the team.

26. National 14U Dual. 14U teams will be chosen to participate in the National 14U Dual Tournament the first part of June. If the date for the National Tournament conflicts with Western Regionals, then the two teams will NOT go to the National Dual. The 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place athletes have priority to participate on the national team. A true 1<sup>st</sup> place will be determined by a

wrestle off if the two athletes have not wrestled previously. If the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> athletes decide not to be on the team, then the opportunity will be given to athletes in descending order according to their finish in the tournament. A \$300 deposit is required immediately of the athletes participating on the National Team.

### **NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TEAMS**

Western Regional Team: This tournament is an open tournament.

#### **16U and Junior National Team**

1. The top four place winners in each weight class from the WAWA State Cadet Freestyle Championships will be eligible for the team. Athletes must attend any camp before the national tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS! If you can't make the camp you will not be eligible for the team. One additional spot at each weight, if available, will be available for those athletes who are unable to attend the WAWA State 16U tournament. These athletes will be based on a petition by petition basis.
2. The required fee for the National Tournament will be determined by the Cadet and Junior Directors on a year by year basis to cover all expenses during camp and National Tournament. Athletes wishing to just attend camp will be required to pay a fee of \$300. Participation will be determined by the Directors.
3. Fees and annual budget will cover transportation to and from National Tournament, lodging, entry fees for tournament, uniforms and meals while at tournament. Meals and lodging will be provided while at camp.
4. Athletes planning on being part of the National Team must inform the Director of their intentions by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Team Wyoming athletes will follow the WAWA National team schedule and rules, including travel/lodging, practices and events. WAWA National team coaches will have priority and responsibility for coaching and supervision.

#### **National Coaching Team**

- Individuals wishing to be a coach on National Team must be willing to give up a full two weeks devoted to the National team. A week for camp and a week for national tournament. Coaches going to National Tournament must stay until released by one of the directors that they may leave to ensure enough coaches throughout the tournament.
- Coaching candidates must also have some kind of experience coaching at Regional or National Freestyle/Greco Tournaments.
- Must have a current USAW Wrestling Leader card and certification requirements completed.

### **WYOMING CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

1. The Cultural Exchange team will be decided through an application process. Only one athlete is eligible from both the 100 and 106 pound weight classes. The 98 and 105 pound champions will wrestle off for that spot on the team. Only one athlete is eligible from both the 220 and 275 pound weight classes. The 220 and 285 pound champions will wrestle off for that spot on the team.

2. There will be four wild card place winners, coach and official will be picked by the Cultural Exchange committee. The Cultural Exchange committee will consist of the following WAWA positions: State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mat or Pairing Director, Open Director and Cultural Exchange Director.
3. A \$400 deposit is required of each athlete making the team. Deposit has to be made within one week after the Junior State Tournament. The deposit is to be applied toward tour costs and is non-refundable.
4. All team members must attend the WAWA Cultural Exchange Team camp before departure on the tour. Cost for the camp is included in the tour price.
5. Those athletes who qualify for the team and adult team members selected must obtain a passport immediately. The tour is coordinated by the WAWA Cultural Exchange Director. For further information contact the WAWA Cultural Exchange Director.

### **GOVERNOR'S AWARDS**

1. Awards may be given in each style of wrestling, Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco-Roman and in any age division where there is a national tournament held in that style. An award can also be given to an adult non-wrestling member. The WAWA Governor's Award recipients will be determined using criteria including, World Championships and/or World Team Member, USAW sanctioned National Championship, USAW sanctioned Regional Tournaments, WAWA State Tournament and tournaments listed in the USAW Future Olympians rankings with emphasis on participation/record/placement at National then Regional then State tournaments. In addition the committee reserves the right to include other tournaments for consideration: i.e., the NHSCA National Tournament, Rocky Mountain Nationals, WHSAA State Championships and the Ron Thon tournaments can be used to add to the Cadet/Juniors body of work. Number of years in WAWA/USA wrestling and other non-sport accomplishments may also be considered.
2. A committee, chaired by the WAWA Vice-Chairman, comprised of the following WAWA board members shall determine the award recipients from the above criteria and nomination forms: State Coach, Open Director, Junior Director, Cadet Director, Kids Director, and Girls Director, the Vice Chair can make a vote to break a tie.
3. Awards will be presented at the WAWA State Tournament and/or at other major tournaments.
4. An award recipient can win one Governor's Award per year.
5. An award recipient can win the award once in each style in the kids divisions (8U, 10U, 12U and 14U) and can win the award once in each style as a 16U or Junior.
6. Girls are eligible to win a Governor's Award in the open division as long as they compete in the same tournaments and have the criteria to warrant it.

### **WAWA OFFICIALS CLINICS**

1. All officials must be licensed with USA Wrestling.
2. Any mat or pairing official planning on working any state championship, must have completed the WAWA clinic online and registered 10 days before the state championships for Folkstyle, Freestyle & Greco-Roman. Attendance at a National or Regional officials clinic will count, only if approved by the WAWA Mat or Pairing Director. It is mandatory to attend all clinics at all tournaments.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR PAIRING AND MAT OFFICIALS**

1. All officials must have a current Wrestling Leader card to officiate any WAWA sanctioned tournament.
2. All officials 18 years of age and older working any STATE tournament must:
  - a. Hold a current Wrestling Leader card with SafeSport certification
  - b. Complete online clinics for the appropriate disciplines by the required deadlines
  - c. Attend all pre event clinics
  - d. Officiate three [3] sanctioned tournaments in the appropriate discipline
3. All officials 17 years of age and under working any STATE tournament must,
  - a. Have a current athlete's membership or have a Wrestling Leader card (if not an athlete) and be at least 12 years old
  - b. Have completed SafeSport certification
  - c. Complete online clinics for the appropriate disciplines by the required deadline
  - d. Attend all pre event clinics
  - e. Officiate two [2] sanctioned tournaments in the appropriate discipline
4. Any official who desires to be considered for an upgrade must:
  - a. Attend a state sanctioned clinic, a regional or national clinic
  - b. Officiate at least one state tournament in all styles and must
  - c. Officiate at least two local, regional or national tournaments or a combination of at least two of those tournaments.
5. Officials must contact the official director in writing before working a Regional or National tournament. Notice must be sent at least 30 days before the tournament.
6. Mat officials should work at least three sanctioned tournaments during the current season to qualify to officiate at the state tournament in the correct discipline.
7. All mat officials must wear proper uniforms at the State, Regional and National tournaments (black polo shirt and gray dress pants). All pairing officials are encouraged to wear a state regional or national events shirt over dark blue pants.
8. Questions or concerns contact the appropriate officials director.

### **SCHEDULING AND ORDER OF TOURNAMENT SELECTION**

Clubs in attendance at the Winter Meeting will receive preference on scheduling dates to those clubs not in attendance. Only clubs attending and setting a date at the meeting will have preference.

If a club is not represented at the Winter Meeting, in order to schedule an event, the club must not overlap an existing event, schedule on an open date or must be over 200 miles from a schedule event.

Starting at the winter meeting in 2019, the order of clubs to select the dates for the clubs local tournaments shall be as follows – A list of clubs belonging to WAWA listed in alphabetical order will be supplied and attendance will be taken. The order of clubs to choose the dates for their club tournaments will start at the middle club in attendance and then move to the next club above it and then the next club below it and continue until all clubs have scheduled. The next year, order of scheduling would start at “A” and proceed to the bottom. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year, it will start at

“Z” and proceed to the top. This rotation will repeat every 3 years after.

March and April will focus on Freestyle/Greco and if a club wants to host a Folkstyle tournament during those months, the tournament will also include either (or both) Freestyle & Greco OR a club can have a Freestyle/Greco only tournament. This is effective starting the 2018-2019 season.