



Tournament Guidelines for Officials, Coaches, & Tournament Directors

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The following are guidelines to go to committee for review and may be revised at anytime. They are intended to improve communication between the WSWA, Coaches, Officials and Tournament Directors. They are guidelines for pay, modified rules (from USA Wrestling rules, WSWA policy and NFHS rules), weigh-ins, registration procedures and pairings procedures. They may be altered, removed, or additional comments can be added. They will go to the WSWA State Chairman for his initial review and or any changes; they will then go to a committee that will be made up of Board of Directors via a conference call. The WSWA will then make changes, add any new information or delete any guidelines that are suggested from the first draft. Then new changes will go back to the WSWA Board of Directors for final approval and implementation.

GUIDELINES

1). Assignments:

Once the WSWA Folkstyle, Freestyle & Greco-Roman Tournament Schedule is official and published the following needs to occur.

- A). Head Officials as well as a mixture of M1's, M2's and M3's and club Mat Official that have a current license will be assigned to each tournament.
- B). If possible assignments need to be completed at least 1 month prior to the tournament.
- C). Assignments will be made by conference call with M1, M1C and M2 Mat Officials on the call. Any remaining open spots not filled will be filled via e-mail to M3 Mat Officials on a first come first served biases.
- D). A list of all current licensed officials names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers will need to be in a data base to allow access for the assignor.

E). The Head Official and weigh-in officials that are assigned to a do tournament weigh-ins will need to report 1 hour before registration and weigh-ins start.

F). All assigned Mat Officials are required to report to the Head Official 1 hour prior to the start of the event. If the assigned Mat Official in question is delayed then the Mat Official in question is responsible to make contact with the Head Official.

It will be at the Head Official's discretion to replace the Official in question if he or she cannot make their appointed scheduled time.

If there are not enough Mat Officials that are assigned or cannot be assigned, then the following guidelines need to be used for officials who want to sign up to officiate the day of the event. Note: All Officials, regardless of age, must possess a current USWOA license prior to arriving at the event.

A). M1's first

B). M1C's second

C). M2's third.

D). M3's forth

Note: Officials that are not wrestling will be taken before officials that are wrestling.

The guidelines that correspond to the above conditions for who should be assigned first to work at tournaments as well as assignments should be as follows:

Seniority. (Based on how many years they have worked at WSWA events. Events worked in the current year. USAW Officials Membership number.)

2). Officials Dress Code:

All Officials that officiate at all WSWA events will be required to dress as officials. Dress code is as follows:

A). Proper Blue Collared Shirt

B). Proper Gray Dress Slacks

Note: Gray shorts or sweat pants will be allowed for Officials who are wrestling in that tournament.

C). Black Socks

D). Black Belt

Note: If Official is wrestling in same tournament no Black Belt is required.

E). Black Shoes

Note: Wrestling Shoes if Official is wrestling in same tournament.

F). Lanyard Whistle

G). Red & Green Arm Bands, Red/Green Disk for Folkstyle Season

H). Red & Blue Arm Bands, Red/Blue Disk or Red and Blue Balls for Freestyle and Greco-Roman Season

If Mat Officials wants to Officiate at WSWA events, they will be required to dress as officials. They will be held accountable as officials.

3). Tournaments:

The WSWA Mat Official Director/ and or an assistant will need to contact each Tournament Director and find out how many wrestling mats, areas, or surfaces, will be used. This will dictate how many Mat Officials will be needed. This number needs to be known prior to the season start date. Data from previous events/years can also be used to establish a minimum.

A). For all local tournaments and WSWA State Championships there will be 1 Head Official in addition to 5 officials for every 4 wrestling surfaces for the folkstyle season and local events for Freestyle and Greco events.

B). For WSWA Freestyle and Greco-Roman State Championships it is recommended that each Mat has a Mat Chairman, Mat Judge and Mat Official for each match. (3 Man Mechanics)

C). The minimum wrestling area for local tournaments will be 20' X 19' with a 1' setback from the edge of the mat on any hardwood or gym floor. The minimum wrestling area for all State Championship events must be a full size high school regulation mat.

Note: Any changes to mat size will have to have written approval from the WSWA State Chairman and the WSWA Mat Officials Director.

D). It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to provide a separate timer, a separate scorer and a separate bout sheet runner at each wrestling surface or modified wrestling area.

E). It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to provide a separate clock for the match a separate clock for Blood Time and a separate clock for Injury Time.

Note: This will change when Mat Side Scoring is adopted by the WSWA.

4). Registration:

The assigned Head Mat Official for that tournament should meet with the Tournament Director about ½ hour before the start of Registration and Weigh-ins. At this time they need to establish a clock in the building that will be the official clock to start and stop registration. Just before the end of registration the Tournament Director, the Head Mat Official, the Head Pairing Official and if possible a Board of Director will close down registration at the appropriate time and no late arrivals will be allowed to enter the tournament.

5). Weigh-Ins:

Weigh-ins will be held in a common area such as a gym, commons or practice room. There will be no weigh-ins in locker rooms or rest rooms due to mixed gender weighing in.

All wrestlers will weigh-in in a competition singlet.

Weigh-ins will start at the established published WSWA start time and stop at 1 hour after the established published start time.

Registration may start early, but weigh-ins will not start until the WSWA established published time.

At all local tournaments a minimum 2 to 3 official digital scales and 1 digital check scale will need to be used. The scale that is weighing the highest weight will be used as the check scale.

Note:

The WSWA has scales that can be used each week and they can be transported by the Head Official for that tournament or the Head Pairing Official.

The weigh-ins will be handled by WSWA Officials, 2 at each scale, 1 to weigh wrestlers and the other to record weight on the weigh-in cards and write on the wrestlers arm. If the tournament director does not request additional mat officials for morning weigh ins then the responsibility to have enough staff on hand at weigh ins will be the Tournament Directors.

6). Skin Checks:

Skin check will also be conducted by the WSWA Officials at weigh-ins. If a problem occurs at weigh-ins then the guidelines of the NFHS will be followed and the proper form presented by the wrestler to the official at the time of weigh-ins.

The NFHS Physician Release for Wrestler to participate with skin lesion(s) form will be used at all WSWA events. All wrestlers that have questionable areas on their skin will need to produce this completed form signed by a medical physician at the time of skin checks. If the wrestler is questioned about a skin problem and does not have the proper form then the Head Mat Official will allow the wrestler to weigh-in. The wrestler will then be given the proper form and directions will be provided to the nearest clinic. The wrestler will be placed in the tournament by the pairing staff with a note under his skin condition that he is not released to wrestle until cleared by a Physician. The wrestler who has been cleared needs to bring the Physicians signed form to the pairing area to have the statement removed from their record.

The Tournament Director is responsible for written directions to the nearest clinic for each wrestler.

7). Rules:

For the Folkstyle portion of the WSWA season, the current year NFHS Rules Book, NFSHSA Case Book and Manual and the USA Wrestling Rule Book & Guide to Wrestling shall be used with the following WSWA modifications:

- A). A wrestler will weigh-in in a competition Singlet.
- B). All weigh-ins will be held in a common area. No Locker Rooms or Rest Rooms will be used for any weigh-ins.
- C). A minimum of 2 Digital Scale shall be used for Official weigh-ins and 1 Digital Scale for a check scale for a total of 3 scales. The heaviest scale will be used as the check scale.

These guidelines are for local WSWA tournaments. At State Championship and Qualifying tournaments, additional scales will be used as dictated by the pre-registration numbers and after review by the Head Official and the Tournament Director 1 week prior to the event.

Note: Bathroom, Medical, or Mechanical scales shall not be used.

- D). Head Gear is Optional at WSWA events.
- E). A 10 point Technical Fall and not a 15 point Technical Fall will be used at WSWA Folkstyle events.
Note: At WWKWL events, if both coaches agree that if a match ends early due Tech. Fall or Pin then an additional round of wrestling will occur with a running clock. No other points or falls will be recorded after the initial victory during that match.
- F). Bracketing systems will be governed by WSWA guidelines.
- G). Age group wrestling match times will be governed by WSWA policies.
- H). Proper Starting Lines and Out of Bounds Lines will be used on all modified wrestling areas at WSWA events. The Head Official will ensure that they are in place as well as out of bounds lines marked. This check will be completed before the start of the event.

8). Head Official Duties:

- A). Check-in all Officials assigned for that tournament as well as walk-ins.
- B). Have Sign Sheet ready. (Head Pairing Official will assist with sheet).
- C). Assist with Registration.
- D). Oversee Weigh-ins.
- E). Assist with closing down registration and weigh-ins.
- F). Check all wrestling surfaces for Modified Out of Bounds Lines and Starting Lines, Safety Issues and Mat cleanliness.
- G). Make Mat assignments.
- H). Hold or assign another official to do Officials Clinic.
- I). Oversee officials and matches during the start of competition.
- J). Set up a Protest Committee.
- K). Assist with Sign-ups for officials assigned the day of the event.
- L). Complete pay sheet and pay Official at the end of tournament. (Head Pairing Official will assist with sheet).
- M). Send or scan and e-mail Officials Pay and Registration sheet to the WSWA Head Mat Official.
- N). Review with the Tournament Director the event findings during the tournament before the conclusion of the tournament.

- O). Send e-mail of tournament report, with all good items and also items to improve upon within 1 week after completion of tournament. E-mail will need to go to the WSWA State Chairperson, WSWA Mat Official Director, WSWA Pairing Official Director, WSWA Secretary and the Tournament Director.
- P). Ensure Digital Scales are distributed to the next assigned Head Official. The Head Pairing Officials can also help with rotating scales to the various events. At the end of the season Scales will be returned to the WSWA Mat Official Director. WSWA Mat Official Director will ensure scales are certified and in proper working order.
- Q). Ensure that there are skin check forms for DR's available at weigh ins.
- R). Obtain from the Tournament Director copies of a write up of driving direction to the nearest open clinic so copies are available at weigh ins.
- S). All fees collected by the WSWA will be by check. **NOTE: NO CASH ACCEPTED.**
- T). If the Head Pairing Official assigned is a Current Board of Director and needs to help a Coach or Athlete or Official with purchasing a USA Membership Card the member needs to pay with Debt or Credit card. If cash is used to pay for the membership card then that cash will need to be reported immediately via e-mail to the following WSWA Directors. Pairings Director, Treasure, Deputy Director State Chairperson) **NOTE: ONLY WSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE THE ONLY ALLOWED TO COLLECT CASH FOR MEMBERSHIP CARDS ONLY WHEN ASSIGNED AS THE HEAD PAIRING OFFICIAL. NO MAT OFFICIALS WILL COLLECT CASH FOR THE WSWA.**

9). Pairing Officials

10). Pay compensation for WSWA Mat and Pairing Officials:

Mat Officials time starts at the beginning of event competition unless:

- a) Head Mat official time starts at beginning of weigh ins as they are required to be present at weigh ins.

b) If club hosting event has requested more mat officials for weigh ins, those mat officials will get \$10 in addition to daily compensation for working weigh ins.

Pairing Officials start time begins at start of weigh ins.

a) Head Pairing Official will have an additional \$30 added to the compensation listed below to cover the additional duties/time setting up and running event.

Pay compensation is as follows:

Base pay for first 4 hours worked.

After first 4 hours of pairing or mat officials start time, each mat and pairing official will get \$10 per hour.

Base pay is as follows:

FILA Official \$80

P1E \$70

P1 / M1 \$70

P1C / M1C \$60

P2 / M2 \$50

P3 / M3 \$40

PA Normally not paid until they pass their P3 test. It is up to Head Pairing Official if this individual will be paid based on circumstances at event.

Mat officials without license. MUST be under the age of 18 otherwise they purchase online unless they have already completed background check through TcLogiq - club pays cost of license + \$10. \$10 goes to Mat Official and the remainder goes to pay for license. At this time, license is \$29.75 online. If license price changes, the additional fee will be added to this.

If an event has 2 styles in same day, the hours of both event are added together to get total hours. They are not treated as two separate events.

If an event has multiple days, the pay starts over each day of event.

Example of compensation:

Event starts at 10am and ends at 3pm

If Head Mat official is a P2, their pay will be \$90. \$50 for the first 4 hours from 07:00 - 11:00 and \$40 for the last 4 hours from 11:00 - 15:00

If Pairing Official is a P3, their pay will be \$80. \$40 for the first 4 hours from 07:00 - 11:00 and \$40 for the last 4 hours from 11:00 - 15:00

If a Mat Official is a M3 and is not the head official and not present at weigh ins will be compensated \$50. \$40 for the first 4 hours from 10:00 - 14:00 and \$10 for the last hour from 14:00 - 15:00.

If a Mat Official is a M1 and is not the head official and IS present at weigh ins will be compensated \$90. \$70 for the first 4 hours from 10:00 - 14:00, \$10 for the last hour from 14:00 - 15:00 and \$10 for working weigh ins.

To calculate hours, time will be based on the nearest hour. Ex. if event ends at 3:29 time of 3pm will be used. If event ends at 3:30 time of 4pm will be used