

WYOMING AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION



POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

WELCOME TO THE WYOMING AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

This manual contains the policies, procedures, instructions, 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, FILA Junior Director, Girls Director, Open Director, Cultural Exchange Director, Mat Official Director, Pairing Official Director, State Coach, Median/Promotion Director, At-Large Member, Female Athlete Representative, and Male Athlete Representative.

For additional information go to **WAWA Website: <http://wawawrestling.org>**

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION, TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS & INSURANCE INSTRUCTIONS

ATHLETE REGISTRATION:

CLUB ATHLETE REGISTRATION:

Registration will be processed online by the Registration Chairman. The method of payment is by credit card or by check. If payment is made by check, the monies have to clear the bank before the cards will be issued.

1. Information needed for each athlete: first name, last name, date of birth mm/dd/yyyy, address 1, address 2, city, zip, email address, main phone, alternate phone, (if this person is under 18 include) parent 1 first name & last name and email address and parent 2 first name & last name and email address parent 2 first name parent 2 last name parent 2 email address, club affiliation, optional: grade and approximate weight
2. For all new athletes, a copy of the birth certificate is required to be mailed to the Registration Chairman. 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 "PENDING. 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.)
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, st & zip, type of card (mastercard, visa, etc), card number (16 characters), cvc and expiration date.
4. Consent/Waiver forms from USA Wrestling need to be signed and dated and then mailed to the Registration Chairman.
5. All athletes in the club have to be registered for the insurance to be valid for all members.
6. Definition of a Wyoming wrestler: The athlete must be registered or attending a Wyoming School, or be a Wyoming resident.

UN-ATTACHED WYOMING WRESTLERS: (A wrestler that does not belong to a club.)

ATHLETE REGISTRATION:

Registration will be processed online by the Registration Chairman. The only method of payment is by credit card. Either email or mail the following information.

1. Information needed for each athlete: first name, last name, date of birth mm/dd/yyyy, address 1, address 2, city, zip, email address, main phone, alternate phone, (if this person is under 18 include) parent 1 first name & last name and email address and parent 2 first name & last name and email address parent 2 first name parent 2 last name parent 2 email address, club affiliation, optional: grade and approximate weight
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4. Consent/Waiver forms from USA Wrestling need to be signed and dated and then mailed to the Registration Chairman.

5. Definition of a Wyoming wrestler: The athlete must be registered or attending a Wyoming School, or be a Wyoming resident.

**WRESTLERS WHO WISH TO PURCHASE CARDS AT TOURNAMENT OR EVENTS:
ATHLETE REGISTRATION:**

Registration will be processed online by the Registration Chairman, it will be at their discretion and availability. USAW cards should be purchased prior to tournament day, there is no guarantee purchasing a card will be available prior to registration and weigh in. The only method of payment is by credit card.

1. Information needed for each athlete: first name, last name, date of birth mm/dd/yyyy, address 1, address 2, city, zip, email address, main phone, alternate phone, (if this person is under 18 include) parent 1 first name & last name and email address and parent 2 first name & last name and email address parent 2 first name parent 2 last name parent 2 email address, club affiliation, optional: grade and approximate weight
2. For all new athletes, a copy of the birth certificate is required to be mailed to the Registration Chairman. 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 "PENDING. 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.)
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, st & zip, type of card (mastercard, visa, etc), card number (16 characters), cvc and expiration date.
4. Consent/Waiver forms from USA Wrestling need to be signed and dated and then mailed to the Registration Chairman.
5. Definition of a Wyoming wrestler: The athlete must be registered or attending a Wyoming School, or be a Wyoming resident.
6. Out of state wrestlers must pay the Wyoming fee to purchase a USAW card.

COACHES REGISTRATION:

Background Check (good for 2 years)

1. Coaches cards can only be bought on-line. The website for USAW membership is <https://www.usawmembership.com>.
2. If you have created an account previously, sign in using your USAW ID and PASSWORD, if you are brand new, create an account. Make sure you use an email that is correct and accessible to you. Write down your ID and password.
3. Click on whatever item purchasing (renew coach or add new coach). Check all information for accuracy, change any items needing to be changed.
4. Select *membership type (Wyoming Coach Membership - 1 Year or - 2 Year), keep in mind the invoice will reflect the charge for 1 or 2 years.
5. If the following message is in RED, continue with the instructions that follow.
*----- does not have a valid background check that is good through 08/31/2012.
He/she will have to complete that process before you can purchase this membership.
----- must login under his/her own account to complete the screening.
Click [here](#) if they would like to start that process now.*
 - A. By clicking the "here," it takes you to <https://www.tcllogiq.com/> either...
 - Create an account, if new, fill in the information and make sure your email address is correct. An email with your username and password will be sent to the email provided. It is possible to login and change the password to the same as the USAW

- password to make remembering easier.
- Login with username & password (tcllogiq username & password, not USAW) or click on forgot my login, answer the questions and reset you password. Suggestion.... use the same password in this section as in the USAW membership section. The password previously set is not kept on file anywhere so keep the email address and security questions up to date.
 - B. Once the questions are started on the background check the time limit to complete the questions and finish the initial process is 5 days. After that time the data already filled in will be lost. If it is lost, the account has to be recreated and the information and questions started over.
 - C. When all the lines are filled in there will be a \$15 credit card charge. You should print a copy of the receipt of this transaction.
 - D. The background checks can take from a few hours to sometimes 2 or 3 weeks. If there are any questions regarding your background, the company will get a hold of you for clarification.
 - E. Check email for notice of completion. There will be a link in this email to take you directly to the USAW membership page so you can complete the process.
- **OR** if renewing membership and have a background already completed for the year, the following message will appear

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH PARENTAL CONSENT ("AGREEMENT")

I acknowledge that I have had sufficient opportunity to review the provisions of this document and understand its purpose, meaning and intent.

6. Either click the acknowledgment or it will be printed out at the end, sign it and mail to the Registration Chairman.
7. Click continue, this will give you the invoice page and the amount owed for the USAW card. If purchasing or renewing more an one coaches or officials card, it can be completed on one invoice, just click the add item to invoice.
8. When the payment process is complete there will be 2 links, 1 for a copy of the invoice receipt and 1 for the consent/waiver form (if not acknowledged already) and the USAW card. Print out all copies, if needed sign the consent/waiver and mail to the address on the form.
9. Copies of the USAW card can be obtained at any time during the year by logging in and printing it.

USA CARDS LOG:

The Registration Chairman will provide a current listing to the club of all USAW registered wrestler upon request.

CLUB CHARTER:

1. Club Charter have to be completed before the first practice.
2. Charters Registration will be processed online by the Registration Chairman. The only method of payment is by credit card. The club charter information can be sent to the Registration Chairman either by emailing or mailing the following information.
3. 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: 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, st & zip, type of card (mastercard, visa, etc), card number (16 characters), cvc and expiration date.

TOURNAMENT / EVENT SANCTION APPLICATION:

1. Event Sanctions must be completed the Monday prior to the event date.
2. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance will be sent to the club.
3. Each event sanction after completion is reviewed and accepted by the WAWA Chairman.
4. Event Sanctions can only be purchased on-line. The website for USAW membership is <https://www.usawmembership.com>.
5. If you have created an account previously, sign in using your USAW ID and PASSWORD, if you are brand new, create an account. Make sure you use an email that is correct and accessible to you. Write down your ID and password.
6. Click on "add new event". Complete all necessary information. Check for accuracy and change any items needing to be corrected.
7. Click continue, complete second page, click continue, this will give you the invoice page and the amount owed for the USAW sanction.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCE:

All sanctioned events receives 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, the fee is \$25.

OFFICIALS REGISTRATION (Mat & Pairing):

Before purchasing a license all officials must get a background check. Go to *themat.com*, click on membership follow the directions for purchasing cards, make sure to include an email address that is current and available for use. This site will give instructions on how to get to the background check site to get started. (For more help, see coaches card section.) After notification of the background check completion by email, finish the registration online. Make sure to print the USA card. There will be a charge for the background check every other year. It is good for two years. The official license may be purchased for one or two years. More information can be obtained from the Mat & Pairing Directors.

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 practice. Keep copies and mail form. Forms can be obtained from WAWA Chairman. 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 the Monday prior to the event date. If not, there is a risk of not having the event covered by insurance.
2. Weigh-in will not close before 8:30 a.m. for all open tournaments.
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 wrestlers, coaches and officials have to be licensed with WAWA and USA Wrestling.
5. Predominately red and predominately blue singlets, or reversible singlet with under briefs are required. Folkstyle only will follow high school federation rules concerning singlets and 2 piece singlets are allowed. A blood rag is required. Wrestling shoes are not required but can not be street shoes and have no metal on them.
6. All Junior age and younger wrestlers 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. Any club hosting a tournament must submit to the WAWA Treasurer, a State Commission Report form and \$2 for every entrant in your tournament for all styles, including all hosting club wrestlers. This is required to be received within two weeks, or the hosting club will not be allowed to sanction a tournament the following year.
9. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to complete the Tournament Report with complete lists of officials included within 72 hours of the tournament and mail or email a copy to the WAWA State Chairman, State Coach, the State Mat Official and the State Pairing Official.
10. 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 a club has not complied with this requirement, then it may not hold a WAWA sanctioned tournament the following year.
11. 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 to 14 wrestlers – 1 mat official and 1 pairing official; 15 to 24 wrestlers – 2 mat officials and 2 pairing officials; 25 to 34 wrestlers – 3 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 35 to 44 wrestlers – 4 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 45 to 54 wrestlers – 5 mat officials and 4 pairing officials; 55 to 64 wrestlers – 6 mat officials and 5 pairing officials. For additional calculations for each ten additional wrestlers the officials will increase by one respectfully.
12. A current, dated and signed copy of the club's Constitution & Bylaws must be submitted to the State Chairman before a tournament sanction will be approved.

GUIDELINES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, PRE & POST DUTIES INCLUDED

ENTRY FEES: 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. WAWA will mail out entry forms and information flyers to each club and board member four weeks before the State Championships. Junior fliers will be sent to all Wyoming High Schools with wrestling programs as well as all chartered clubs.
4. The state entries will have a set deadline and must be completed and received by this date. The Junior tournament is not a pre-registered tournament.
5. The State 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. Freestyle and Greco-Roman styles of wrestling, will be split into two pools if six or more competitors are in a weight. Folkstyle will be one pool. Competitors of each age/weight division will be separated by club and placed in draw number order. There will be no seeding of wrestlers.
7. The Folkstyle, Female, Freestyle and Greco-Roman State Championships will be an open tournament for 7-8, 9-0, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-16 age divisions. The Junior State Championships will be Freestyle and Greco-Roman and an open tournament for high school age wrestlers and must have a current USA Wrestling card.
8. Female wrestlers may compete in the Greco-Roman tournament. Female wrestlers wishing to attend Western Regional must compete in WAWA Kids/Cadets State Male Freestyle Tournament not the female only tournament to qualify. Female wrestlers must choose female only Freestyle, Freestyle or Greco-Roman. Female wrestlers can only participate in two of the three styles. Female wrestlers have the option of wrestling both Folkstyle state tournaments: Folkstyle and Female Folkstyle, however it is the responsibility of the wrestler to make each match as required.
9. There must be a minimum of six full sized wrestling mats available for all competitions and four full sized wrestling mats available for Junior competitions.
10. There must be one scale available for each age group. Additionally one check scale outside of weigh-in area.
11. Weigh-in information. All wrestlers must be present at the start of weigh-in time. Weigh-ins will close as soon as the last wrestler crosses the scale. One weigh-in for those wrestling two styles but wrestler must actively wrestle in each style. The wrestler shall have two (2) attempts to make weight. The initial attempt when called to the scales and the immediate challenge scale. Wrestler must show up at the scale in a singlet. The wrestler may not leave the weigh-in area or initiate in any active means of weight reduction. No coaches or parents are permitted in weigh-in area. All weigh-ins will cease when the last wrestler has weighed in. All weigh-ins procedures will be determined by the Board of Directors.
12. Predominately red and predominately blue singlets, or reversible singlet with under briefs are required. Folkstyle only, two piece singlet is allowed. A blood rag is required. Wrestling shoes are not required but can not be street shoes and have no metal on them.
13. All kids division wrestlers are required to wear headgear.
14. WAWA will provide medals for the top six place winners in each weight class in each style.
15. Two 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 1st and 2nd place will be awarded in Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco-Roman styles in 2 divisions (to be determined at the time of the tournament by the Registration Chairman, Pairing Director and Chairman.) 1st place will be awarded in Female Folkstyle and Female Freestyle. Team scoring structure: each club will designate 12 or less point getters

from their club. This list of 12 point getters with their proper age and weight class must be submitted to the state Pairing Director or designee within 30 minutes after weigh-ins close. No Exceptions! Once the roster has been submitted it may not be changed. The total number of wrestlers must be listed on back of form along with the appropriate number and names of Mat and Pairing Officials. Pairing and Mat Officials must attend the State Clinic at the tournament to qualify for team points.

16. Number of required officials for team awards are as follows: 5 to 14 wrestlers – 1 mat official and 1 pairing official; 15 to 24 wrestlers – 2 mat officials and 2 pairing officials; 25 to 34 wrestlers – 3 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 35 to 44 wrestlers – 4 mat officials and 3 pairing officials; 45 to 54 wrestlers – 5 mat officials and 4 pairing officials; 55 to 64 wrestlers – 6 mat officials and 5 pairing officials. For additional calculations for each ten additional wrestlers the officials will increase by one respectfully.
17. Each club will receive one pass for every certified WAWA coach but no more than five. One pass for every additional five athletes thereafter.
18. Admission fees will be \$5 per person for Day Pass and \$10 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 entry fee money will go to the WAWA State Treasurer for deposit.
21. Results of the State Championships will be posted on the WAWA website within 17 days of the tournament by the Pairing Director.
22. Western Regional Championship Qualifiers. Eight qualifiers per weight from Freestyle and Greco-Roman (ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 & 15-16) will qualify for the Western Regional Championships. If qualifiers in the top eight do not apply for the Western Regional, additional wrestlers may apply for the vacant position/s. The Kids Director will provide entry forms and information flyers. For additional information see National and Regional Teams.
23. Cadet Championship Qualifiers. The top four place winners in each weight class will become eligible for the Wyoming Cadet National team. The wrestler must wrestle the same competition weight. Wrestlers must attend a week long camp before the tournament. For additional information see National and Regional Teams.
24. Junior Championship Qualifiers. The top four place winners in each weight from the WAWA State Junior Freestyle Championships will be eligible for the team. Wrestlers must attend a week long camp before the tournament. For additional information see National and Regional Teams.
25. Cultural Exchange Program. The top place winner of the WAWA Junior State Freestyle Championships in each weight class will have first choice of being on the Cultural Exchange Team. The previous exchange wrestlers may go again if a spot is vacant at their weight. For additional information see Wyoming Cultural Exchange Program.
26. National Schoolboy/girl Dual Two Schoolboy/girl teams will be chosen to participate in the National Schoolboy/girl Dual Tournament the first part of June. If the date for the National Tournament conflicts with Western Regional then the two teams will NOT go to the National Dual. The 1st place and 2nd place wrestlers have priority to participate on the national team. A true 1st place will be determined by a wrestle off if the two wrestlers have not wrestled previously. If the 1st and 2nd wrestlers decide not to be on the team then the opportunity will be given to wrestlers in descending order according to their finish in the tournament. A \$300 deposit is required immediately of the wrestlers participating on the National Team. A 3 day camp prior to the trip to the National Tournament will be mandatory. The cost of the camp will be included in the cost of the trip and the site for the camp will be decided annually.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TEAMS

Kids/Cadet Western Regional Team: Each wrestler competing at the regional tournament will receive a WAWA team t-shirt. The top eight placers from the 9 -16 age groups will be eligible to attend the regional tournament in the Greco-Roman and Freestyle competition respectfully. Substitutions can be made based on the fact that a wrestler competed in the WAWA State Greco-Roman and Freestyle Championships. All decisions are final and at the discretion of the Kids & Cadet Directors.

Cadet 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. Wrestlers must attend a one week long 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 wrestlers who are unable to attend the WAWA State Cadet tournament. These wrestlers 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. Wrestlers 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. Wrestlers planning on being part of the National Team must inform the Director of their intentions by June 1st.

National Coaching Team

- A. 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.
- B. Coaching candidates must also have some kind of experience coaching at Regional or National Freestyle/Greco Tournaments.
- C. Recent National Team members that want to coach must be actively wrestling in college and in good standing with the college.

Junior National Team

1. The top four place winners in each weight class from the WAWA State Junior Freestyle Championships will be eligible for the team. Wrestlers must attend a one week long 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 wrestlers who are unable to attend the WAWA State Junior tournament. These wrestlers 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. Wrestlers 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. Wrestlers planning on being part of the National Team must inform the Director of their intentions by June 1st.

National Coaching Team

- A. 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.
- B. Coaching candidates must also have some kind of experience coaching at Regional or National Freestyle/Greco Tournaments.
- C. Recent National Team members that want to coach must be actively wrestling in college and in good standing with the college.

National Schoolboy/girl Dual

1. Two Schoolboy/girl teams will be chosen to participate in the National Schoolboy/girl Dual Tournament the first part of June. If the date for the National Tournament conflicts with Western Regional then the two teams will NOT go to the National Dual.
2. The 1st place and 2nd place wrestlers have priority to participate on the national team. A true 2nd place will be determined by a wrestle off if the two wrestlers have not wrestled previously. If the 1st and 2nd wrestlers decide not to be on the team then the opportunity will be given to wrestlers in descending order according to their finish in the tournament.
3. A \$300 deposit is required immediately of the wrestlers participating on the National Team.
4. A 3 day camp previous to the trip to the National Tournament will be mandatory. The cost of the camp will be included in the cost of the trip and the site for the camp will be decided annually.

WYOMING CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. The top place winner of the WAWA Junior State Freestyle Championships in each weight class will have first choice of being on the Cultural Exchange Team. The previous exchange wrestlers may go again if a spot is vacant at their weight. If the wrestler is unable to go the choice moves down to the next highest place winner in that weight and so on. Only one wrestler 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 wrestler 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 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, University Director and Cultural Exchange Director.
3. A \$300 deposit is required of each athlete making the team. Deposit has to be made within one week after the Junior State Tournament. The deposit 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. Adult team members are selected by the WAWA Cultural Exchange committee from applications sent in by WAWA adult members.
6. Those wrestlers 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 will be given in each style of wrestling, Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco-Roman. Awards will be given in the following age groups for both men's and women's divisions: 7-8,9-10,11-12,13-14, Cadet, Junior, FILA Junior and Open. An award will also be given to an adult non-wrestling member of the WAWA Governor's award recipients will be determined from the following criteria. Tournament placement will be determined by actual tournament results. Member in good standing with WAWA, Medalist in a World Championship and/or a World Team Member, Placement at a USA Wrestling Sanctioned National Championship, Placement at a USA Wrestling Sanctioned National Regional Tournament, Placement at a USA Wrestling Sanctioned Regional Tournament, Placement at a WAWA State Tournament, Number of years in WAWA/USA Wrestling program, High School Accomplishments (non sports). Nominations for award recipients will also be received by WAWA registered members or clubs.
2. A committee, chaired by the WAWA Vice-Chairman, comprised of the following WAWA Board Members shall determine the award recipients from the tournament results and nomination forms: State Coach, Open Director, University Director, Junior Director, Cadet Director, Kids Director, Girls Director and the Vice Chairman will only vote to break a tie.
3. Awards will be presented at the State Championships and at other major tournaments.
4. A recipient may receive one award in each style as a participant in the Kid's Division, one award in each style in the Women's Division and one award in each style as a participant in the Cadet/Juniors divisions.

WAWA OFFICIALS CLINICS

1. There will be 5 clinics around the State, every club has to have at least 1 Mat Official (highest ranked) at one of the clinics to teach the rules to their coaches. These clinics will be teaching clinics for all Mat Official levels.
2. All officials have to be licensed with WAWA and USA Wrestling. Before purchasing a license all officials must get a background check. Go to *themat.com*, click on membership follow the directions for purchasing cards, make sure to include an email address that is current and available for use. This site will give instructions on how to get to the background check site to get started. After notification of the background check completion by email, finish the registration online. Make sure to print the USA card. There will be a charge for the background check every other year. It is good for two years. The official license may be purchased for one or two years. More information can be obtained from the Mat & Pairing Directors.
3. Any mat or pairing official planning on working any State Championship must have attended a WAWA clinic 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 have to be licensed with WAWA and USA Wrestling. Before purchasing a license all officials must get a background check. Go to *themat.com*, click on membership then follow the directions for purchasing your cards. This site will direct you to the background check site to get started. After notification of the background check completion, finish the registration online. There will be a charge for the background check every other year. It is good for two years.
2. Any mat or pairing official planning on working any State Championship must have attended a WAWA clinic 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.
3. Any official who desires to be considered for an upgrade must attend a state sanctioned clinic, a regional or national clinic, must work at least one state tournament in all styles at all sessions, and must work at least two local, regional or national tournaments or a combination of at least two of those tournaments.
4. Officials must contact the official director in writing before working a Regional or National tournament. Send request at least 30 days before the tournament.
5. All State rules apply for qualifying for team points for State tournaments.
6. Mat officials must work at least four 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 (blue 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. At State tournaments the majority number of Mat Officials per club must be 18 years of age or older. No officials under the age of 15 will be considered for team awards.
9. M1's will meet prior to wrestling season and the clinics to attend to any business that needs addressed. All M1C's will have to attend at least one clinic every other year. It is recommended that you attend every year. All rules changes will be covered at these clinics. All M2's and below will have to attend one clinic every year. You are welcome to attend as many as you want. There will be 5 clinics around the State, every club has to have at least 1 Mat Official (highest ranked) at one of the clinics to teach the rules to their coaches. These clinics will be teaching clinics for all of Mat Official levels.

10. Questions or concerns contact the appropriate officials director.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

1. Individuals actively employed as a high school wrestling coach will not be required to have a Folkstyle rules control card.
2. It will be required to attend a Freestyle/Greco rules clinic prior to the state tournament.
3. Must purchase a USA coaches card and hold a minimum of a copper level card in order to coach Freestyle/Greco tournaments.

PROTEST PROCEDURES – STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. All state championship events shall be governed by a committee established by the official directors. The committee shall number at least five and no more than nine members. The Mat Official Director or designee shall be designated chairman. A majority of the members shall be USWOA officials of at least Category 1 rating.
2. The chairman of the protest committee shall appoint three or more members of the committee, and he may include himself, to rule on any formal protest. He shall select members of the committee from geographical areas different from those of the contestants and officials involved in the protest.
3. On any protest involving application or interpretation of the rules, the mat chairman must be notified immediately upon conclusion of the bout that a protest is imminent, and the written protest must be filed within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the bout. Protests must be filed in writing on an official protest form obtained from the Pairing Director of the tournament. The protest must be accompanied by a fee, not to exceed \$100 cash, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
4. No protest of the officials' judgment shall be considered.
5. Any protest involving eligibility of a contestant shall be heard and decided by a special committee created and chaired by the Pairing Director. Questions concerning errors in recording of results, assignments of classification points and/or improper pairing of the contestants may be directed to the Pairing Director without the filing of a written protest.
6. After a decision on a formal protest is reached, the party filing the protest shall be provided a written explanation of the ruling. If the protest is upheld, the other party also shall receive a copy of the decision.
7. Video tapes of a bout shall not be considered in the evaluation of any protest. The bout sheet signed by the chairman and the winning wrestler will be accepted as the official result of the bout, even if it differs from the numerical or electric score board, unless – in consideration of a formal protest – the committee determines that a rule was improperly applied and incorrectly scored.
8. If the scoring totals shown on the official score sheet differ from the actual totals of the individual points recorded, through an error in addition, the recording of the individual scoring moves shall be deemed official and the totals shall be corrected by the Pairing Director upon discovery of the error.
9. When a wrestler is disqualified from the tournament for brutality or flagrant misconduct, such action shall be subject to automatic review by the committee without the filing of a written protest.

W.A.W.A. STATE DISTRICTS

District #1

Hulett Tower Tufts
 Moorcroft Mat Masters
 Newcastle Fall Guys
 Wright Gladiators

District #2

Browns Club
 Casper WC
 Douglas WC
 Glenrock WC
 Lusk Rawhide WC
 Natrona Colts WC
 Renegade Grappling
 Windy City Wrestlers

District #3

Lander Tiger Tough
 Riverton USA WC
 Shoshoni Shooters
 Wind River WC

District #4

Cody WC
 Cowboy WC
 Greybull AC
 North Big Horn WC
 Powell WC
 TenSleep Hyattville Scrappers
 Thermopolis WC
 Worland WC

District #5

Big Piney Pinners
 Bridger Valley Bruins
 Diamondville WC
 Evanston Elite
 Jackson Hole WC
 Pinedale Pummelers WC
 Star Valley WC

District #6

Green River Grapplers
 Top of the Rock

District #7

Cheyenne Regulators
 Cheyenne WC
 Cowboy Kids Laramie WC
 Cowboys Wrestling Club
 Guernsey WC
 HEM Wrestling Club
 High Plains Thunder
 Rawlins WC
 Saratoga WC
 Team Braves
 Torrington WC

District #8

Buffalo Outlaws Wrestling
 Camel Kids Wrestling
 Peak WC
 Touch of Gold
 Young Guns WC



