

# USA WRESTLING

## JUNIOR OLYMPIC WRESTLING COMMITTEE

### BOARD REPORT

### PREPARED FOR THE

**2009**

**USA Wrestling**

**August Board of Directors' Meeting**

During the 2009 National Convention, the National Kids/Cadet Council, National Junior Council and National Coaches Council passed recommendations that were submitted to the USA Wrestling National Council of State Chairpersons' for approval. Also during the year, the National FILA Junior World/University Council met at FILA Cadet/University National Championships, and the JOWC met throughout the year to provide additional recommendations included in this report. In addition, the National Council of State Chairpersons' also proposed additional recommendations for consideration for the USAW Board of Directors. This report is now submitted to the USA Wrestling Board of Directors for final approval.

#### **I. Recognition of Award Winners.**

Gina Hendrickson (WA) (**BERNIE NORRIS AWARD**)  
Debbie Kelly (ID) (**IVAN OLSEN AWARD**)  
Scott Green (NY) (**FILA JUNIOR/UNIVERSITY PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**)  
Chris Curtis (NJ) (**MORT GELLAR AWARD**)  
Jan Hesser (IN) (**PHIL PORTUESE AWARD**)  
Rusty Davidson (NM) (**OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**)  
Sam Julian (PA) (**GLEN BLACKMAN AWARD**)  
Tom Knupp (OH) (**DICK RIGGLE AWARD**)  
John Carlson (AZ) (**JUNIOR PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**).  
Rick Gumble (NY) (**DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**)  
Trent McCormick (IN) (**KIDS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**)  
Chuck Bullard (WA) (**STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**)

#### **II. Recommendations:**

##### **A. Folkstyle Nationals True-Second:**

In cases where the second and third place finishers have not met at Folkstyle Nationals, a true-second place match shall be wrestled.

**B. National Duals Schedule:**

The dates and locations for the 2010 National Dual Championships are as follows:

- Schoolboy Duals, Indianapolis, IN – June 9-13
- Cadet Duals, Rochester, MN – June 15-19
- Junior Duals, Oklahoma City, OK – June 24-28

**C. Developmental Dual Team:**

The following shall be struck from the National Dual Policies:

1. States that have attended the tournament within the past five years as a non-developmental team may not enter the tournament as a part of a developmental team.
2. States may only enter each age division of the National Dual Championships as part of a developmental team three times in any five year period.

**D. Two Year USAW Coach and Official Membership:**

Beginning with the 2010-11 membership season, coaches and officials will be able to purchase 2-year memberships to coincide with the 2-year background checks. This was originally slated to begin with the 2009-10 membership seasons, but the recommendation from the State Chairs discussion is that it starts with the 2010-11 membership season.

**E. Background Checks for Coaches and Officials under 18 years of age:**

For coaches and officials who turn 18 in the same membership season as when they purchased their membership, a background check should not be required. Currently the member receives an e-mail notifying him/her of the fact that a background check is needed in order to “re-activate” the membership for the remainder of the season. The recommendation is that there is no background check needed for the situation above.

**F. Membership Purchase Process:**

The recommendation is that the order to purchase a membership card for coaches and officials be reversed. First, the individual must pass the background check, at which point the individual can then purchase membership with USA Wrestling.

**G. Junior Women’s Freestyle National Duals:**

That a Junior Women’s Freestyle National Duals be held in conjunction with the Girls Folkstyle Nationals in March. The National Duals shall be conducted on the final day of the tournament.

**H. Separation Criteria at FILA Cadet Nationals:**

Level 1

- Previous Cadet and above National Champion (IN style)

Level 2

- Previous Cadet and above National 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (IN style)

Level 3

- Previous Cadet and above National 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> (OUT of style, not including folkstyle)

Level 4

- Separation by State

**I. State Leaders Summit:**

That the location of the State Leaders Summit be moved around the country to other locations and not solely focus on Colorado Springs as the location.

**J. Coaches Council Structure/Policy Change:**

The Coaches Council has voted to move in a direction to have regional representation for the developmental coaches, which mirrors the Kids/Cadet Council.

**K. Cadet/Junior National Championships:**

Establish an incentive program that rewards and assists states and/or officials who attend and work the entire tournament. At registration, each state will be assessed a fee of \$7.50 per athlete per tournament.

After the tournament, the money collected will be divided by the number of officials who work the tournament. If the state organization subsidizes the official's travel, the state would keep funds up to the amount of subsidy. If there are funds remaining, the funds would be given to the official. If the state does not subsidize the official, the entire subsidy amount would be given to the official. Officials may only represent the state in which they reside.

**L. USA Wrestling Membership Increase:**

Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, the following changes in the price of USA Wrestling membership shall go into effect.

1. Increase athlete membership from \$20 to \$21 for USA Wrestling.
2. Round up \$4.75 processing fee to \$5, with all of processing going to USA Wrestling.
3. Increase club charter fee to \$55.
4. Increase event sanction to \$40.

**M. Election Results:**

**Kids/Cadet Division** – Ed Gould (NY) Vice-Chairperson

**Junior Division** – Chris Kallai (OH) Vice-Chairperson

**FILA Junior/University Division** – Ed Slaughter (NY) Vice-Chairperson

**State Chairperson** – Bill Grant (FL) Vice-Chairperson