

# USA WRESTLING

## JUNIOR OLYMPIC WRESTLING COMMITTEE BOARD REPORT

2011

USA Wrestling

August Board of Directors' Meeting

During the 2011 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 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.

The report below is comprised of the recommendations **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the USA Wrestling Board of Directors related to USA Wrestling's grass-roots programming. These policies have an effective date of September 1, 2011 unless otherwise noted.

### I. Recognition of Award Winners.

Charlotte Owen (FL) (**BERNIE NORRIS AWARD**)

Vicki Tolin (WY) (**IVAN OLSEN AWARD**)

Rusty Davidson (NM) (**MORT GELLAR AWARD**)

Cliff Buerke (TX) (**PHIL PORTUESE AWARD**)

Stacy Davis (GA) (**OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**)

Eric Frandsen (MI) (**GLEN BLACKMAN AWARD**)

Charles Hull (WY) (**DICK RIGGLE AWARD**)

Bob Callison (AZ) (**JUNIOR PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**)

Danny Struck (IN) (**DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**)

Mike DeRoehn (WI) (**KIDS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**)

Louis Rosbottom (IN) (**STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**)

### II. Recommendations:

#### A. Line Bracketing:

For Schoolboy and younger National Championships, the tournaments shall utilize line bracketing, with each region determining the format of Regional Championships. Cadet and Junior Nationals are to remain vertically paired.

#### B. Format of National Dual Championships:

In an effort to increase efficiency of the National Duals and participation of Cadet and Junior Nationals, the format of the duals shall be changed. This change will ensure more competition against like-ability teams, and reduce the amount of matches to no more than 9 for any team per style.

**C. Payment for National Dual Championships:**

The local organizing committees of each National Dual Championships may set up payment online through tournament registration system. If this option is utilized, the cost for registration becomes \$775. If registration is paid by check by the registration deadline, the cost will be \$750.

**D. Two-Piece Uniform:**

Allow for folkstyle wrestlers to wear compression or board shorts and a tight-fitting sleeveless, short, or long sleeve shirt. The shorts shall not be excessively baggy or have pockets, buttons, or snaps.

**E. Kids Regional Participation/Eligibility:**

All Kids Regionals shall be opened to all participants. In order to be eligible for competition at the Kids Nationals, individual wrestlers must still qualify at his/her own regional.

**F. National Duals Weigh-Ins:**

One weigh-in at National Duals be valid for both styles, so long as the wrestler wrestles in at least 2 matches in the first style of the tournament. Wrestlers competing only in the second style of the tournament will weigh in the night before the competition.

**G. Council/Committee Term Limits:**

The grassroots councils and committees shall be set up to include term limits for the chairman and vice-chairman.

**H. State Chair Executive Committee Term Limits:**

The State Chairman's Executive Committee shall have three (3) 2-year term limits for the chairman and vice-chairman.

**I. Athlete Release:**

Athletes competing at National Championships are able to compete for their state of residence or another state if released by his or her respective state chairperson. Release form is to be provided by USA Wrestling, and approved by state of residence as well as state chairman of new state, then returned to USA Wrestling.

**J. Cadet and Junior Weight Classes:**

In conjunction with the recently approved NFHS weight classes, the below weight classes are approved:

Junior: \*100, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, 285.

Cadet: \*88, \*94, \*100, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, 285.

\* - non-NFHS weight class

**K. Regional Representation:**

On both the Coaches Council (Developmental) and Folkstyle Committee, there will be regional representation within the council structure.

**L. Coaches Council Bylaws:**

The Coaches Council has recommended a revised bylaw structure, which is representation from the respective USA Wrestling regions. This is similar to other existing councils within USA Wrestling.

**M. Tour du Monde:**

The State Chairpersons Council has referred this to the Junior Olympic Wrestling Committee for review and recommendations.

**N. Endowment Fund:**

From the existing Board-Restricted Insurance Reserve Fund, an endowment fund/foundation with a board of directors selected by USA Wrestling's State Chairpersons Council shall be created.

**O. Election Results:**

**Women's Age Group Committee** – Patricia Fox (CO), Chairperson

**Women's Age Group Committee** – Julie Gonzalez (CA), Vice-Chairperson

**FILA Junior/University** – Joe Russell (MN), Chairperson

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

**Kids/Cadet Division** – Craig LaMont (UT), Vice-Chairperson

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

**State Chairperson** – Louis Rosbottom (IN), Vice-Chairperson