

USWOA MEMBERSHIP

United States Wrestling Officials Association

Why join the USWOA?

1. USWOA offers both women and men the opportunity to become skilled in either or both the art or arts of Mat Officiating and of Pairing.

2. The USWOA has developed a MENTOR PROGRAM to assist young officials who wish to improve their Mat Officiating Skills.

Positioning Skills:

To observe the competitors techniques both on their feet and on the mat.

To be able to change their level while action occurs on the mat.

To work on the side of the mat between the contestants and the boundary line.

To observe the timing device so that a correct timing decision is made.

To be able to work as a team partner with another official.

Prevention:

To prevent techniques used to force a competitor to permit a score or to suffer an injury.

To understand when athletes are not actively attacking their opponent.

Correct use of the Whistle:

To understand the correct time to sound the whistle.

To take the whistle out of their mouth so the contestants, coaches and spectators know when verbal instructions are occurring.

3. To belong to USA Wrestling with its advantages:

Insurance Coverage:

To have the advantages of the following Web Sites for information:

The Mat .Com

<http://www.themat.com>

USA Wrestling Web Site

<http://www.usawrestling.org>

United States Wrestling Officials Association Web Site

http://uswoawrestlingofficials.com/uswoa_home.htm

National Wrestling Coaches Association

<http://www.nwcaadmin.bluestep.net/my/shared/home.jsp>

National Wrestling Hall of Fame

<http://www.wrestlinghalloffame.org>

International Assignments

<http://www.fila-wrestling.com>

Schedules of many states:

Interrelated to International Organizations such as FILA

Interrelated to National Organizations that provide membership opportunities and rule interpretation to their members.

4. **Magazines and other written information dealing with projects and activities of the related organizations**
5. **A site to register for your membership and purchase various types of equipment for the athlete, the Official, or the interested observer.**
6. **A site to air your feelings as an athlete, parent, coach or interested observer of the Sport of Wrestling.**
7. **USWOA has developed the most skilled pairing organization in the world:
USWOA offers parents the opportunity to learn how competitors are matched throughout the competition.**
8. **The ability to officiate at any local or state tournament sanctioned by USA Wrestling.**
9. **To officiate at all Regional Kid, Cadet, Junior, University Open and Women Tournaments sanctioned by USA Wrestling.**
10. **To officiate Schoolboy, Cadet and Junior Dual Competitions sanctioned by USA Wrestling.**
11. **To officiate National Championships of all age divisions, depending upon officiating category as sanctioned by USA Wrestling.**
12. **The ability to become an international official and progress to the category capable of officiating at the Olympic Games as sanctioned by USA Wrestling and the International Olympic Committee.**

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