

## NEMWA Administrative Rules

### NEMWA League and Tournament Structure

- Four-division league structure created with all clubs assigned to a division. Current members of each division are listed in Appendix 1.
- Tournament schedule: Two tournaments per weekend. Six week regular season (two division rotations) and two week post season.
- Wrestlers must participate in their scheduled division tournament unless there is no tournament scheduled for their division. Then clubs may participate in the other tournament only if there is space (first-come first-serve call-in beginning at noon two weeks in advance of the tournament for filling space in alternate tournament).
- Tournament schedule filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Sunday tournaments are open to all clubs on a first-come, first-served basis.

### NEMWA League Meetings

- The quorum necessary to conduct business at a NEMWA meeting shall be 50% of the NEMWA membership in good standing at the time of the meeting.
- At the beginning of each NEMWA meeting, member clubs in good standing must select one person per club that will be responsible for casting votes on behalf of their club at the NEMWA meeting. The NEMWA secretary will provide a sign with the club name to be used by the responsible person during the voting process at each meeting.
- Any NEMWA member in good standing may request a role call vote for any item of business requiring a vote of the membership. In the case of a role call vote, individual votes by each club will be recorded in the meeting minutes.

### NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements

- Dues are \$100 for returning clubs in good standing and \$200 for new clubs. For the 2009 season clubs must pay annual dues by November 30, 2008. For seasons thereafter all annual dues must be paid by September 30 of the year prior to the season. Clubs that do not pay by this deadline will be removed from active membership and must be reinstated as a new club. Each year, dues must be accompanied by a NEMWA Membership Request/Renewal Form (Appendix 2) with current club information.
- In order to maintain in good standing, members must:
  - For the 2009 season clubs must pay annual dues by November 30, 2008. For seasons thereafter all annual dues must be paid by September 30 of year prior to the wrestling season. New members may not vote prior to dues payment.
  - Have representation at least 75% of the association meetings each calendar year. A club is no longer in good standing as soon as it becomes impossible for the club to have representation at 75% of the meetings in a calendar year.
  - Members who are not in good standing will not be eligible to vote.
  - League dues must be paid to participate in league functions.
  - Once a club loses its good standing it must be reapply to NEMWA as a new club.
- Each club must provide the NEMWA secretary with between one and four names that will serve as official club representatives at NEMWA tournaments. One of these representatives must be at every tournament.

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- The deadline for clubs to turn in AAU forms, player's agreement, and birth certificates is December 15. Please alphabetize by last name all birth certificates and player's agreements before submitting them to the NEMWA secretary.
- Wrestlers who join their club after the season begins must have their club submit their AAU forms, birth certificates and player's agreements to the NEMWA secretary. Registration may take up to two weeks before they are eligible to compete in NEMWA tournaments.
- Access to the NEMWA web site forums will be limited to clubs in good standing. NEMWA Forum members must be listed as club contacts on the NEMWA web site and approved by the primary contact.

### NEMWA Wrestler and Coach Requirements

- All wrestlers and coaches must be active AAU members in the sport of wrestling prior to their first practice. Coaches can direct parents to register with AAU directly (preferred), or coaches can do so on behalf of the club. In either case NEMWA clubs are responsible for verifying that the online AAU registration has been completed for all participants and coaches before the first practice in order to qualify for AAU insurance. Consult the NEMWA web site for NEMWA AAU registration information so individual AAU memberships are correctly affiliated with NEMWA.
- To be eligible for official NEMWA league meets (not including preseason events) the wrestler's club must:
  - Provide the NEMWA secretary with a copy of the NEMWA "Player's Agreement to Participate" signed by a parent or guardian.
  - Provide the NEMWA secretary with a copy of participant's birth certificate.
  - Provide the NEMWA secretary with a copy of the participants current AAU membership card.
  - Have approval to participate by NEMWA. If a wrestler has not turned in the required forms prior to the start of competition, the wrestler is ruled ineligible for the event and removed from the tournament. Rather than redrawing the weight class the wrestler defaults his matches. His opponent advances uncontested.
- Wrestlers may only register and represent one club in NEMWA per complete season. Once a wrestler enters a NEMWA tournament under a club name, that wrestler cannot enter other NEMWA tournaments under any other club name during the same season unless all of the following criteria are met:
  - The wrestler has physically moved and has taken up residency outside of the area represented by the club.
  - The wrestler must live near full time in new household as evidenced by changed schools, etc.
  - Wrestlers with separated parents cannot bounce between homes and clubs.
  - The new club is willing to accept this wrestler into their club and represent his/her case to NEMWA to gain approval if necessary.
  - The wrestler gains permission through NEMWA.
  - There may be special cases that warrant NEMWA to allow a wrestler to change clubs even if the statements above are not met. These special cases will require at least 2/3 of the clubs in NEMWA to approve of the "Hardship case". Should any

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concern or issue arise, the tournament director and NEMWA will contact the proper club representative and resolve the issue.

- Wrestlers must compete in two NEMWA tournaments in order to be eligible to compete in the regional tournament.

### **Tournament Operations Requirements**

- The tournament director is responsible for staffing the pairing room. Each tournament must have a minimum of one qualified pairer. This person must be trained and/or qualified by the head NEMWA pairer or his/her representative prior to the tournament.
- The tournament head official required to be MHSAA certified. NEMWA will pay for expenses required as part of the MHSAA certification process.
- The tournament director is responsible for providing mat officials and coordinating with the NEMWA head official. The NEMWA head officials have the final approval over the mat officials. Only trained officials are permitted at NEMWA tournaments. In order for officials to be paid at a tournament, they must be trained and/or qualified by the head NEMWA official or his/her representative prior to the tournament in which they are paid. Each tournament must have a minimum of 8 qualified officials plus one head official.
- Rates for tournament help are paid by the host club and are as follows:
  - Head official \$150
  - Qualified official \$100
  - Head pairer \$150
  - Qualified pairer \$100
- Host clubs must submit to the NEMWA secretary all weigh-in slips from their tournament (sorted by club) and include a listing all participants.
- Officials may not referee matches of their relatives.

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Appendix 1: Current Division Members

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
Bangor	Bay County	Gladwin	Clare
Bullock Creek	Mid-Michigan Grapplers	Grayling	Farwell
Essexville	Oscoda	Hale	Harrison
Freeland	Pinconning	Houghton Lake	Michigan Xtreme
Hemlock	Standish	Kalkaska	Mount Pleasant
Midland	Tawas	Ogemaw	Reed City
Saginaw Arthur Hill	Whittemore Prescott	Onaway	Sanford/Meridian
Saginaw Heritage		Petoskey	Shepherd
		Roscommon	St. Louis

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**Appendix 2: NEMWA Membership Request/Renewal Form**

Name of club or school: \_\_\_\_\_

City of club or school: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate contact address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate contact e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEMWA Purpose and Goals:**

1. Teach the basics of collegiate-style wrestling.
2. Encourage healthy, fair and fun competition with a focus on improvement.
3. Build self-confidence by showing the positive results that come from practice and self-discipline.
4. Teach respect for peers, those in authority (such as coaches and referees) and property (such as the wrestling mat, school gym, lockers, etc.).
5. Develop wrestlers that have potential to become successful at the higher levels of competition in the middle or senior high schools.

Our club is requesting to become a member of, or to renew its membership in, the Northeastern Wrestling Association (NEMWA). We commit to the following:

1. To support the purpose and goals of NEMWA.
2. To read, understand, and comply with the rules of NEMWA.
3. To actively contribute to NEMWA, including participation at NEMWA meetings.
4. To communicate NEMWA membership obligations to present and future coaches, leaders, wrestlers, and parents.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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