

The head official will establish free annual NEMWA training clinics for potential referees during December and early January at several schools around the NEMWA area. Upon successful completion of a clinic, participants are given a NEMWA Certified Official's card with his/her name on it.

Certified officials:

- Will be given first choice over non-NEMWA certified officials all NEMWA tournaments.
- Will receive \$10 more per tournament than non-NEMWA certified officials. (Current rates were established at the November 3, 2002 NEMWA meeting. Certified officials earn \$50 per tournament. This proposal will update those rates so that non-certified officials would be paid \$40 per tournament)
- Are required for NEMWA Finals and Regional tournaments.

The clinic shall consist of:

- A written rules test (a 100% is required to pass the Clinic). Participants are allowed to retest after the group has gone over what answers are correct and why.
- A mobility test. Officials must maintain proper position to accurately score the match, observe for potentially dangerous holds, and to protect the wrestlers if they move out of bounds. This will be rated by the Head official or his designate as follows: 1=poor, 2=needs improvement, 3=satisfactory, 4=excellent, 5=outstanding. Officials need a 3 or higher to pass.
- A safety rules application seminar. Participants will be shown a variety of wrestling scenarios and asked to determine if the situation demonstrates a legal move, a potentially dangerous hold, or an illegal hold. These seminars will also include a variety of situations where NEMWA rules differ from high school, MMWA, or MYWAY rules. Participants will be told the correct answer after each situation. The seminar will continue until all participants are comfortable with the correct response for each situation.