

## **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 Member Club/School Requirements**

- Dues are \$100 for returning clubs in good standing and \$200 for new clubs. The deadline for club dues is December 31. Clubs that do not pay by this deadline will be removed from active membership and must be reinstated as a new club.
- In order to maintain in good standing, members must:
  - Pay annual dues prior by January 1 of the wrestling season. New members may not vote prior to dues payment.
  - Have representation at least 75% of the association meetings each calendar year.
  - Members who are not in good standing will not be eligible to vote or participate in NEMWA functions.
- 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.
- The deadline for clubs to turn in AAU forms, player's agreement, and birth certificates is December 31. 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 submit their AAU forms, birth certificate and player's within two weeks of their club registration and two weeks prior to their first tournament.
- 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.
- To be eligible for official NEMWA league meets (not including preseason events) wrestlers must turn in a copy of the NEMWA "Player's Agreement to Participate" signed by a parent or guardian, and accompanied by a copy of their birth certificate prior to the start of the NEMWA event. If a wrestler has not turned in a form 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.

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- 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 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. 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.
- Rates for tournament help are paid by the host club and are as follows:
  - Head official \$150
  - Qualified official \$100
  - Head pairer \$100
  - Qualified pairer \$50
- Host clubs must submit to the NEMWA secretary all weigh-in slips from their tournament (sorted by club) and include a Microsoft Excel file listing all participants.
- Officials may not referee matches of their relatives.

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### Appendix 1: Current Division Members

<b>Division A</b>	<b>Division B</b>	<b>Division C</b>	<b>Division D</b>
Bangor	Gladwin	Grayling	Bullock Creek
Bay County	Hale	Houghton Lake	Clare
Essexville	Ogemaw	Onaway	Farwell
Freeland	Oscoda	Petoskey	Harrison
Hemlock	Pinconning	Pine River	Mount Pleasant
Midland	Standish	Roscommon	Sanford/Meridian
Saginaw Arthur Hill	Tawas	Mid-Michigan Grapplers	Shepherd
Saginaw Heritage	Whittemore Prescott		