

2003 NEMWA Annual Report

2003 NEMWA Statistics

Description	Number
Registered Wrestlers in Division "A"	182
Registered Wrestlers in Division "B"	319
Registered Wrestlers in Division "C"	217
Registered Wrestlers in Division "D"	225
Registered Wrestlers in Region "A&B"	501
Registered Wrestlers in Region "C&D"	442
Number Tournaments Open to NEMWA Wrestlers (incl, CMU, Regionals, NEMWA Finals & MYWAY finals)	20
Average NEMWA tournament size	210

2003 NEMWA Highlights

- The reduced tournament size and improved operation found favor in the eyes of most parents.
- The new division system appeared to meet all the desired goals. NEMWA clubs did an excellent job compensating for the known weaknesses in the system.
- New bracket design is favored by most parents.
- Combined NEMWA/MYWAY tournament allowed wrestlers who desired to expand their access to competition. The MYWAY finals received positive praise from all NEMWA participants who responded to the survey.
- Sportsmanship levels in NEMWA remain high and we are meeting the goal of building good character (including integrity, honesty, and self-discipline) in young people through wrestling.
- We have made positive steps forward in improving the quality and consistency of the pairing room operations from one tournament to the next.
- There is room to grow again in NEMWA.

2003 NEMWA Areas for Improvement

- The officiating in NEMWA is inconsistent from one tournament to the next and the overall quality remains below that found in the other leagues.
- The number of preventable serious injuries at tournaments seems to be on the rise.
- In general, wrestling organizations are having less success competing for facilities against other sports or community events. In many areas, the image of wrestling is not as positive as it is for other sports.
- In general, communication to parents remains inadequate. There are still too many parents who do not understand even the most basic NEMWA decisions and directions.