

Draft Summary of NEMWA Administrative Rules
Based on Minutes from September 2002 through April 2007

September 2002

- Four-division league structure created with all clubs assigned to a division.
- Tournament schedule: Two tournaments per weekend. Nine week regular season (three division rotations) and two week post season.
- Wrestlers must participate in your scheduled division tournament unless there is no tournament scheduled for your division. Then you may participate in the other tournament if there is space (first-come first-serve call-in implied for filling space in alternate tournament).

November 2002

- All clubs must carry \$10,000 medical accident insurance on all wrestlers. (Method clarified by November 2004 AAU decision).
- Tournament schedule filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Wrestler birth certificates and signed players agreements must be received by the NEMWA secretary prior to competing in any tournament. (Clarified December 2003)
- Wrestlers must compete in two NEMWA tournament in order to be eligible to compete in the regional tournament (restatement of earlier rule).
- Host clubs must submit to the NEMWA secretary all weigh-in slips from their tournament (sorted by club) and include a type-written summary listing all participants.
- In order for officials to be paid at a tournament, they must be trained 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.
- In order for pairing room help to be paid at a tournament, they must be trained or qualified by the head NEMWA pairer or his/her representative prior to the tournament in which they are paid. Each tournament must have a minimum of 4 qualified pairers.
- Rates for tournament help are paid by the host club and are as follows:
 - Head official \$70
 - Qualified official \$50
 - Head pairer \$100
 - Qualified pairer \$50
- Sunday tournaments are open to all clubs on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Dues payment: \$100 for returning clubs in good standing, \$200 for new clubs.

January 2003

- Detailed pairing room help certification process created. Includes written test and apprenticeship.
- Detailed referee certification process created. Includes written test and apprenticeship.
- Detailed tournament call-in process created. Includes responsibilities for both tournament directors and coaches.
- Decision to require finals payment at regionals. It is unclear whether this vote was intended to set a precedent for future years.

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- No new administrative rules.

October 2003

- No new administrative rules.

November 2003

- NEMWA secretary requests that coaches alphabetize by last name all birth certificates and player's agreements before submitting them.

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December 2003

- 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.
- 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.
- 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. The form and the birth certificate may be turned in the same day as the competition but prior to the start of the tournament. If the wrestler has not turned in a form prior to the start of competition the wrestler is ruled ineligible for this event and removed from the tournament. Rather than redrawing the weight class the wrestler just defaults his matches. His opponent advances uncontested. (Clarification of November 2002)

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- In order to maintain in good standing, members must:
 - Pay annual dues prior to 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 Association functions.

September 2004

- No new administrative rules, although there is some content on the roles of the head official and the head pairer which may be useful to develop further.

November 2004

- The tournament director is responsible for staffing the pairing room, but must have one certified pairer working.
- Decision made to affiliate NEMWA with AAU.
- Wrestler eligibility requirements expanded to include AAU membership for all wrestlers.
- Insurance requirements for officials and regular coaching staff now met through AAU membership.

December 2004

- Proposal passed to raise entrance fees for regional and finals tournament in order to fund trophies instead of medals. This approach is in lieu of NEMWA subsidizing the additional cost of trophies. It is unclear if this is precedent setting.

September 2005

- No new administrative rules, although there is some content on the roles of the head official and the head pairer which may be useful to develop further.

October 2005

- No new administrative rules.

December 2005

- Head official pay raised to \$150 and mat officials pay raised to \$100.
- Tournament head official required to be MHSAA certified (at NEMWA expense?).
- Only trained officials are permitted at NEMWA tournaments.
- Officials may not referee matches of their relatives.

July 2006

- No new administrative rules.

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September 2006

- Players agreement waiver form amended to provide a place for parental consent for age and/or weight class bumping.

October 2006

- Deadline for club dues set at December 31. Clubs that do not pay by this deadline will be removed from active membership and must be reinstated as a new club. (Reinstatement process implied but not stated).
- Access to the NEMWA web site forums will be limited to approved club/school contacts and are listed as such on the NEMWA web site.

November 2006

- No new administrative rules.

December 2006

- Deadline to turn in AAU forms, players agreement, and birth certificates is Dec. 31, 2007.

April 2007

- No new administrative rules, but there is some content on the process of selecting tournament hosts and the tournament schedule which may be useful to develop further.