

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting  
Sunday, September 14, 2008  
Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley ~ Gladwin, MI

The meeting was **call to order** by President Tony March at 2:00 pm. **Roll call** was done with the following NEMWA clubs present; Bangor, Bay County, Bullock Creek, Clare, Essexville, Farwell, Freeland, Gladwin, Grayling, Hale, Houghton Lake, Midland, Mid Michigan Grapplers, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Pinconning, Sanford/Meridian, Shepherd, St. Louis, Standish, and Whittemore/Prescott. The following clubs were absent; Harrison, Kalkaska, Mt. Pleasant, Onaway, Petoskey, Reed City, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Saginaw Heritage and Tawas. There were 21 of the 33 NEMWA Clubs present. Clubs who are not in good standing at this time are as follows:

Missing 2 meetings: Harrison, Onaway, Saginaw Arthur Hill

Missing 3 meetings: Kalkaska, Mt. Pleasant, Petoskey, Reed City,  
Saginaw Heritage and Tawas

NEMWA Club Administrative Rules states that in order to maintain in good standing, member clubs must:

- Pay annual dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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. League dues must be paid to participate in league functions.

The **minutes** of the April 20, 2008 meeting were reviewed as accepted as written.

The **minutes** of the August 24, 2008 meeting were reviewed as accepted as written.

The **treasurers report** is reported that NO CHANGE from the August meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Mat Side Pairing:** Mid Michigan Grapplers passed out some hand outs to go along with the pros and cons sheet that was given out with the meeting agenda regarding mat side pairing. It was suggested that maybe one of the tournaments be run this year as a trial. *It was moved by Bangor and supported by Clare to allow NEMWA clubs at the tournament director's decision to try mat side pairing at their 2009 tournament. Motion failed 9 to 11.* *It was moved by Grayling and supported that more info is gathered and that someone comes in to show us how it would work. Motion carried.* Carrie Beeson from St. Louis has agreed to bring information from MYWAY to the next meeting and go over it with NEMWA.

**B. Division Rearranging:** Russ Brugger from Farwell has looked over the current divisions and has rearranged them to balance the wrestling numbers. He suggested moving Bay County from A to B, Gladwin from B to C, Ogemaw from B to C, Reed City from C to D and Bullock Creek from D to A. Lydia Kimball requested that Mid Michigan Grapplers and Ogemaw not be in the same division. Re-looking at numbers, it was suggested that we move Hale from B to C and leave Mid Michigan Grapplers in the B division. Other significant details of discussion were; Bay County opposed the proposed arrangement because it increased travel and would likely reduce the number of their wrestlers attending tournaments. And some clubs felt that with the number of clubs not in good standing, it may be premature to rearrange the divisions until we are more certain of active NEMWA membership. *It was moved by Gladwin and supported by Grayling to accept how Russ has rearranged the divisions, except for moving Mid Michigan Grapplers back to B and moving Hale to C. 17 yes and 2 no. Motion carried.*



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Proposed Rule Additions:**

Richard Shull proposed these additions to the Administrative Rules;

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Any NEMWA member in good standing may request a role call vote for any item of business requiring a vote of the membership.

*After reviewing, it was moved by Shepherd and supported by Essexville to table the above 3 till the October meeting. Motion carried.*

Richard Shull proposed that the NEMWA Wrestling Rules Penalty Chart be updated with two changes:

1. Change the Title to "Penalty Chart for Contestants, Coaches, and Non-Participating Personnel".
2. Add an infraction line for repeated misconduct during the season for contestants, coaches, and non-participating personnel. There is no warning. Upon the second act of flagrant misconduct, or upon the third act of misconduct, the person is suspended from NEMWA events for at least the remainder of the season. NEMWA may extend the suspension up to one full season based on the circumstances of the offense and upon majority vote of the membership.

The above 2 changes were accepted as written (motion carried).

Ike Clelland proposed the following a series of NEMWA Wrestling rule changes. Each rule change was voted on separately. Those changes that passed are summarized in the attachment to these meeting minutes.

**B. NEMWA CLUB DUES DATE CHANGE:** It was brought to everyone attention that being that the NEMWA season will be starting the first Saturday of January 2009, that NEMWA club dues date be moved up from December 31<sup>st</sup>. Ogemaw moved that NEMWA Club dues be paid by November 30, 2008 for the current wrestling season and that there after club dues be paid by the September meeting of the current wrestling season. Essexville supported, motion carried.

### **OPEN:**

- Lydia Kimball would like to have a rule stating that each club have 1 qualified head pair in their pairing room, qualified pair would be taking a test that Lydia and April have prepared. This was asked to be placed on the agenda for October meeting.
- It was recommended by Richard Shull that everyone view the Administrative Rules and that they be reviewed at the October meeting.

**MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley, Gladwin, MI

Pinconning moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm

*Dottie Brugger*  
NEMWA Secretary

### **Summary of NEMWA Wrestling Rule Changes**

(Page 5) Article IV. WRESTLERS CLASSIFICATION AND WEIGH-IN

Section 2 - Wrestlers' Appearance and Health

Rule 1: (DELETE) All wrestlers are to be clean-shaven; hair and mustaches are optional. Mustaches are not to extend below the line of the bottom lip. All hair longer than the collar shall be contained under the headgear.  
(CHANGE TO READ) During competition all wrestlers are to be clean shaven. Hair shall be trimmed and well groomed no lower than the earlobe and not extend below the top of an ordinary shirt collar. If an individual has hair longer than allowed by this rule, it must be contained in a hair cover. The cover must fully contain the hair and must be non-abrasive. A bandana, beanie, skull cap, or stocking cap is not considered a legal hair covering.

(Page 9) Article V. DEFINITIONS

Section 1 - Positions

Rule 5B (ADD) The optional starting position may be used at any time, including the start any regulation or overtime period.

(Page 10/11) Article V DEFINITIONS

Section 3 - Match Results

Rule 2: (Delete) In case of a tie at the end of regulation time, the following criteria will be used:

(A) A one-minute sudden death period, opponents starting in the neutral positions. The first points scored declare the winner.

(B) If the match is still tied after the first sudden death period, a one-half minute sudden death period with the wrestler who scored first getting choice of up or down. If opting up he holds his opponent down or scores points he would win. If wrestler opting up allows an escape or reversal he would lose.

(Change to read) Adopt NFHS WRESTLING RULE BOOK RULE 6, SECTION 7, ART. 1,2, & 3  
OVERTIME pages 34 & 35 reproduced below:

ART. 1 ... When the contestants are tied at the end of the three regular periods, they will wrestle overtime. Overtime will consist of a one-minute sudden victory period, and if needed two 30-second tiebreakers. If the score remains tied at the end of the two 30-second tiebreakers, a 30-second ultimate tiebreaker shall take place. The procedure will be:

- a. no rest between the regulation match and the sudden victory;
- b. wrestlers in the neutral position;
- c. the wrestler who scores the first point(s) will be declared the winner; if no winner is declared by the end of the sudden victory, then the following procedure will be used:
  1. two 30-seconds tiebreakers will be wrestled to completion and score kept as in the regular match;
  2. the referee shall flip a disk to determine which wrestler has the choice of starting position for the first tiebreaker;
  3. the wrestler who has choice in the first tiebreaker may select top, bottom, or defer the choice to the opponent;
  4. at the conclusion of the first 30-second tiebreaker, the opponent will have the choice of top or bottom position;
  5. whichever wrestler has scored the most points in the two 30-second tiebreakers will be declared the winner;

6. if the score is tied at the end of the two 30-second tiebreakers: the choice of position for the ultimate tiebreaker will be granted to the wrestler who scored the first point(s) in the regulation match; if no points are scored in the regulation match a flip of the disk shall determine the wrestler who has the choice (points for double-stalling or simultaneous penalties shall be considered as no points for the purpose of the tiebreaker choice);

7. the wrestler who has choice may select top, bottom or defer the choice to the opponent;

8. the wrestler who scores the first point(s) during the ultimate tiebreaker will be declared the winner. If no scoring occurs during the ultimate tiebreaker, the offensive wrestler will be declared the winner and one match point shall be added to the offensive wrestler's score.

d. a fall terminates the match.

ART. 2 ... Overtime is an extension of the regular match. All points, penalties, cautions, warnings, time-out and injury time will be cumulative throughout the regular match and the overtime period.

ART. 3 ... If the points earned in the sudden victory or ultimate tiebreaker involve a takedown or reversal straight to near-fall criteria, the match shall continue until the near-fall or fall situation has concluded.

#### (Page 11) Article VI. CONDUCT OF MATCH

##### Section 2 - Starting the Match

Rule 3: 11 & 12 and 13 & 14 will consist of three periods. The second and third period positions will be decided by the flip of a colored disk or coin occurring at the beginning of the second period. (DELETE) Positions will be opposite for the third period. (ADD)The wrestler who wins choice shall elect to wrestle top, bottom, neutral, or defer his choice until the third period. At the start of the third period the wrestler who has choice or the wrestler who deferred his choice shall elect the top, bottom or neutral position.

#### (Page 14) Article VII. INFRACTIONS

##### Section 1 - Illegal Holds

(ADD) Sitting out with the double chicken wing

#### Article IX. SCORING

##### Section 1 - Individual Match Scoring

Rule 5: The wrestler in the advantage position is awarded 2 points for a near fall. When the criteria for a near fall are met continuously for 5 seconds, the offensive man shall be awarded 3 points after the situation is ended. A visual hand count to determine 5 seconds shall be used when feasible. (CHANGE TO READ) The wrestler in the advantage position is awarded points if the near-fall criteria are met continuously for two seconds, a two point near-fall would be earned. If the criteria for a near-fall are met for five continuous seconds, a three point near-fall will be earned. A visible count of the near-fall will be used when feasible.

#### (Page 22) Penalty Chart

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The high school communicable disease form will be added to the wrestling rules.