

CONSTITUTION OHIO HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization will be the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association. It will be a voluntary organization, not organized for profit.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Its object shall be to develop and promote high school wrestling to its utmost, to cooperate with and assist the OHSAA in all matters pertaining to the maintenance, promotion and improvement of Ohio's wrestling program to promote sportsmanship, fair play, and good conduct, to sponsor clinics to assist in the clarification and interpretation of rules and the techniques and procedures in coaching, to assist in promoting and setting up District, Regional and State Tournaments; and to promote good fellowship and social contact among coaches.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Active and Honorary

1. Active membership will include coaches, assistant coaches, athletic directors and others associated with the wrestling program in the high schools. Membership will be from September 1st to August 31st of the following year.
2. Honorary members will be elected to the organization by a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

The annual membership fee shall be \$20.00 for an active membership card. One membership card per person will be required. After the fee is received by the Treasurer, he will return to the school as an acceptance, the annual membership fee card or cards, depending on number associated with the organization in each school. Dues are to be paid before December 31st.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The officers shall be elected by nomination from the floor at the annual meeting which will be held on the morning of the state clinic. Any officer may be subject to reelection if the executive board so vote. At no time may the president and vice president be from the same representative district. At no time may the Secretary and Treasurer be from the same district. (Ammended – See ammendment #30)

The officers' duties are as follows:

PRESIDENT

The President shall serve a term of two (2) years. He shall serve on the Executive Board during his term of office and for two (2) years thereafter.

He shall preside at all special and regular meetings of the Association.

He shall appoint committees when necessary.

He shall serve as ex-officio member to all committees.

He shall serve as the official wrestling representative to the OHSAA Board of Control.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall serve a term of two (2) years.

He shall preside as chairman of the OHSWCA meetings in the absence of the President.

He shall assume any other duties which may be delegated or assigned to him by the President or the Executive Board.

The Vice President shall serve as the director of the Ohio Duals committee.

The Vice President will automatically become the President at the end of the President's two year term.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall serve a term of four (4) years.

He shall keep a complete record of all receipts and expenditures and work and act under the provision of these by-laws as far as OHSWCA funds are concerned.

He shall assume any other duties which may be delegated or assigned to him by the President or the Executive Board.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall serve a term of four (4) years.

He shall record the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Association.

He shall send out the O.H.S.W.C.A. Newsletter following all regular and special meetings of the association.

He shall assume any other duties which may be delegated or assigned to him by the President or the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Secretary and Treasurer from the Association, a minimum of two members or an alternate from each district,* and the retiring President is a voting member of this executive board. Any retiring members from each district will also make up this membership in an ex-officio capacity. Each district has the discretion of setting up the length of term for their district representatives. This board shall conduct the business of the Association between regular meetings, make recommendations and other suggestions to the OHSAA on sites for tournaments, drawings, rules and all other matters pertaining to inter-scholastic wrestling. The Executive Board shall meet twice a year and at any special meeting called at the discretion of the President.

* Note: East & Southeast are combined.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

There shall be two (2) regular meeting each year, plus any special meeting called at the discretion of the President.

1. A general meeting at the annual preseason clinic.
2. A meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

A majority of the members present at any general, special, or executive meeting constitutes a quorum.

BYLAWS

1. All card carrying members in attendance are permitted to vote at the fall general meeting.
2. By-laws can be formulated by the Executive Committee or general membership.
3. By-laws can be amended by a majority vote at any meeting.
4. Only members of the executive board, or alternate(s), are permitted to vote at the executive board meetings.

BY-LAWS

1. It was unanimously approved that the Secretary-Treasurer be paid \$20.00 per year for services rendered. (Passed general meeting February 25, 1956 – retroactive 1955-56).
2. These officers shall be elected by nominations from the floor at the general meeting which will be on Saturday morning of the State clinic. (Passed general meeting 11/3/62) Columbus, Ohio.

The following are proposed changes / additions to be made during the 00-01 membership year and beyond:

18. Sportsmanship Trophy will rotate through out the state in the following order:
Central, Southwest, Northwest, Northeast, East/Southeast.
19. Service Award will rotate through out the state in the following order:
Northeast, East/Southeast, Central, Southwest, Northwest.
20. The State M.V.P. will be selected by a committee named by the OHSWCA.
A M.V.P. shall be selected for all divisions.
21. Coach of the Year Award. The OHSWCA will recognize a Coach of the Year
In all three divisions. They will be awarded and recognized at the Ohio State
Wrestling Tournament. The selection process is as follows:
 - A. May not repeat with-in a five year period.
 - B. Must be nominated by their district representatives.
 - C. One will be selected per division.
 - D. Winner must be a member of the OHSWCA.
 - E. Must receive a majority vote of the executive board.
22. Qualifying formula for teams earning positions in the Ohio Duals:
 - A. Teams will receive four points for each underclass member of their team that
qualifies for the District Wrestling Tournament. (An underclassman is a
freshman, sophomore, or junior).
 - B. Teams will receive four bonus points for each underclass member of their
team that wins one or more matches at the District Tournament.
 - C. Teams will receive all team points earned by all underclassmen competing in
the District Tournament.
 - D. In the event an alternate has the opportunity to compete in the District, he will
be scored the same as any other qualifier. If an alternate does not have the
opportunity to compete, they will not count in accumulating team points.
 - E. The top two teams will be invited to compete in the Ohio Duals. In the event
a team declines, the invitations will be offered in order of team finish based on
the above formula.
 - F. In the event of a tie, the team with the most district qualifiers.
 - G. In the event of a tie, most District Champions (then 2nd's, 3rd's, etc.)
23. In the Ohio Duals – in the event of a dual meet tie, the following tie-breaking
Criteria will be used; (Amended – See amendment #31)
 - A. Greater number of victories.
 - B. Greater number of six-point victories (falls, forfeits, dsqs, or defaults)
 - C. Greater number of technical falls.
 - D. Greater number of major decisions.
 - E. Greater number of decisions.
 - F. Lesser cumulative time of falls.

- G. Lesser cumulative time of technical falls.
 - H. Greater total number of match points scored.
 - I. Use NFHS wrestling rulebook tiebreaker criteria.
 - J. Coin toss.
24. Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame Criteria:
- A. Nomination packets are to be sent to the Chairman of the Hall of Fame at least one day before the selection meeting.
 - B. Nomination packet must contain three (3) letters of recommendation from OHSWCA members and Ohio Wrestling Hall of Fame nomination forms.
 - C. Nominees are presented by a member of the selection committee. No nomination “speeches” from non-committee members are permitted.
 - D. Total points possible for election determined by the number of nominees X number of votes.
 - E. Points for selection = total points possible x 60%.
 - F. Maximum of four (4) individuals elected each year. In addition, a wrestler may be selected each year. (Omit – See amendment #29)
25. Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Scholarship Information.
- A. \$500.00 scholarships will be available annually.
 - B. The candidate must be a son or daughter of a member of the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association. This program is intended to help children of members who are actively supporting the OHSWCA.
 - C. Factors such as scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, self-reliance, and athletic participation shall be considered.
 - D. Scholarships shall be available to graduating students who plan to attend a college, university or other institution of higher learning.
 - E. The scholarship shall be for one (1) year and will be used for direct educational expenses only.
 - F. Winners of the scholarship shall notify the Treasurer of the OHSWCA of the name of the institution in which they are enrolled. The check will be made out to the person receiving the scholarship after the Treasurer has received official notice the winner has enrolled in the school.
 - G. The selection of the recipients will be made by the OHSWCA Scholarship Committee, chaired by the Treasurer.
 - H. Application forms may be received from any district representative or officer of the OHSWCA.
 - I. All sections of the candidate’s application are to be returned to the Treasurer of the OHSWCA.
 - J. Deadline – Must be postmarked by February 15th.
 - K. The applicants should send three (3) photographs along with the application. Press released will be made to each recipients local newspaper, the OHSAA’s “Athlete”, the OHSWCA Newsletter and any other appropriate publication.
26. Included information and forms on the Academic All-Ohio Award.

27. Included information and forms for the Ohio Wrestling Coaches State Poll.
28. Executive board agreed to pay I.R.S. mileage allowance to members of the executive board for the annual executive board winter meeting and any meeting of the OHSAA Board of Control which requires their attendance. The maximum to be paid is \$75.00 per person per trip. (Amended item #10 above, on December 10th, 2000 – Effective in September of 2001).
29. Hall of Fame Selection
60% of votes qualify to Hall of Fame – No limit on number to be admitted. (Amended and passed October 11, 2002)
30. Nomination of officers
 - A. Nomination due to district reps by previous tournament state meeting.
 - B. Floor nominations also be accepted at General Meeting at State Clinic Meeting (write ins)
 - C. Election vote held at General Meeting at State Clinic.
 - D. OHSWCA will provide written ballot.
(Amended and passed October 10, 2003)
31. The Ohio Duals
All dual meet ties shall be broken with the criteria listed in the National Federation Rule Book.
(Amended and passed December 7, 2003)
32. Executive Committee Mileage
Committee members shall be paid current IRS mileage rate with no ceiling for travel to/from December executive committee meeting.
(Amended and passed December 3, 2006)
33. Hall of Fame Selection (nominations per year, per district)
Each district shall have the opportunity to nominate a maximum of two individuals for the OHSWCA Hall of Fame; this total does not include the categories of “wrestler,” “contributer,” or holdovers from the previous year.
(Amended and passed December, 1, 2007)
34. Hall of Fame Selection (nomination protocol)
Nominations for the OHSWCA Hall of Fame may only be brought to the Hall of Fame Committee thru their respective district representative.
(Amended and passed December 1, 2007)

35. Hall of Fame Selection (submission deadline)
Nominations for the OHSWCA Hall of Fame must be submitted to Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson by district representatives on or before September 15 of each calendar year.

36. Membership dues must be paid on/before December 1. *(This applies to Coach of the Year eligibility and OHSWCA State Dual participation as well).*
CHANGE TO ARTICLE IV OF THE OHSWCA CONSTITUTION
(Amended and passed December 7, 2008)