

## Officials:

1. Wrestling clubs will have a mat referee (or referees) who is 18 years old or older at all tournaments according to the participation chart below. Clubs failing to provide referees will be assessed a \$25.00 fine which is to be collected by the head referee of the tournament. (This fine will be collected at the tournament if time allows, or at a later date, and will be sent to the Head State Official and deposited in the state officials account).

<u>Number of Wrestlers</u>	<u>Referee</u> (18 yrs or older)	<u>Referees</u> (14 yrs or older) (State-16 yrs or older)	<u>Total Number Required</u>
10 to 25	1	0	1
26 to 50	1	1	2
51 to 75	1	2	3
76 and over	1	3	4

2. **Officials at all tournament, except state, will be paid by the host club as follows:**

Nationally Licensed Adult: \$30.00

All Other Officials: \$15.00 (Increase by \$5.00 for every five year tournaments worked.

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Maximum - \$25.00)

3. **Officials at State Tournaments will be paid as follows:**

Referees: \$5.00 / hour

Mat Chairman: \$6.00 / hour

Mat Controller: \$7.00 / hour

Head Official and Head Pairer: \$8.00 / hour

4. **Head Officials and Head Pairer:** The head official and head pairer must be licensed nationally and be 18 years old or older. The state official chairperson and state pairings chairperson (or their designee) will be in charge of their respective areas at all state tournaments.
5. **Clinics given at All State Tournaments:** Clinics must be given at all state tournaments by the head official of that tournament as assigned by the state officials chairman. All officials will be evaluated and recommended for the next level of competence. The head official will conduct a clinic with coaches, table workers and referees setting guidelines of conduct and steps that will be taken if there is a conflict.
6. **State Officials Clinic:** The state officials chairman should provide a clinic following the State High School tournament. Divisional officials chairman should also provide a clinic at the beginning of the season so all potential officials are trained and updated on rules and changes.
7. **Head Officials Clinic given:** At all tournaments where head officials give a clinic, they will receive a \$50.00 honorarium. If a clinic is not given, they will receive a \$35.00 honorarium.
8. **Levels of evaluation of Officials:**
  - A. **III** – Registered official of any age who has attended a clinic.
  - B. **II** - Registered official of any age who has demonstrated knowledge and appropriate mat skills for a period of three (3) years.
  - C. **I** - Registered Adult Official who has worked three (3) of five (5) major tournament and two (2) state tournaments.

**D. E –** Registered official over 18 years old who has officiated for five (5) years, worked three (3) state tournament and has attended a state clinic.

**9. Officials Attire:** All officials will be appropriately attired. They must wear Blue/Grey shirt, Grey pants or shorts, red and blue arm bands and carry their own whistle.

**10. License Books:** Officials will receive their license books at the beginning of the season from either the divisional official or the state official chairperson.

**11. Cleaning up Blood on Mat:** Officials will not be responsible for cleaning up blood on the mats. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACH AND/OR THE WRESTLER TO CLEAN UP THE BLOOD ON THE MATS. It is the responsibility of the host club of each tournament to provide the appropriate materials to clean up blood on the mats. (i.e. appropriate receptacles, cleaning fluids, gloves and paper towels at each table for each mat.)

**12. Number of Officials:** There will be two (2) officials on each mat at freestyle tournaments.

**13. State Information Sheets:** The state tournament information sheet shall publish the time of the rules clinic for coaches and officials. All officials must attend a certified clinic to officiate at a state tourney. The state tournament host will pick up ½ the cost of the official shirts.

