

become part of our officiating family. We view the roles of Officials and Pairing Masters at the AAU as our organization's ambassadors.

3. There are five (5) steps leading to varying degrees of involvement as pairing masters and officials. Each Participant should set his own goals and strive to the level that interests them most.

- a. **Criteria for Rating Referee/Judges(RJ)**

- i. **Step 1 – Level III** - To receive or maintain a Level 3 license, an official must register with the Officials' Committee.

- ii. **Step 2 – Level II** - To receive a Level 2 license, an official must:

1. Be registered with the Committee for at least 3 months.
 2. Have worked at least 5 freestyle tournaments and 1 Greco-Roman tournament in the last year.
 3. Complete the clinic and work both styles of wrestling at either a national or regional tournament.
 4. Pass the national exam and be approved for Level 2 by the head official of the tournament.

- iii. **Step 2 – Level II** - To maintain a Level 2 license, an official must:

1. Maintain registration with the Committee.
 2. Work at least 7 freestyle tournaments and 1 Greco tournament each year.
 3. Complete the clinic and work both styles of wrestling at either a national or regional tournament each year, or maintain a FILA license and work a national or regional tournament every other year.

- iv. **Step 3 – Level I** - To receive a Level 1 license, an official must:

1. Maintain registration with the committee, and have a Level 2 license for at least one year.
 2. Work at least 10 freestyle and 2 Greco-Roman tournaments each year.
 3. Complete the clinic, work both styles of wrestling, pass the exam with a grade of 80 or better and receive the approval/recommendation of the tournament head official.

- v. **Step 3 – Level I** - To maintain a Level 1 license, an official must:

1. Maintain registration with the Committee.
 2. Work at least 10 freestyle and 2 Greco-Roman tournaments each year.
 3. Complete the clinic at a National tournament (Grand Nationals or AAU Junior Olympic Games), work both styles of wrestling at either a national or regional tournament once every three years, or maintain a FILA license and work a national or regional tournament every other year.

- b. **Criteria for Rating Pairing Masters**

- i. The certification system currently being used for AAU Pairing Masters includes three levels with control points through the Head Pairing Master.

1. Level III – Pairing Clerk
 2. Level II – Associate Pairing Master
 3. Level I – Senior Pairing Master

ii. Level III

1. Be proficient at all supportive functions in the pairing room such as drawing and setting up pairing sheets for first round, writing bout sheets, recording match results, and posting to wall charts.
2. Work at least one complete AAU sanctioned tournament under the direction of a Level I or Level II Pairing Master.
3. Pass a written test.
4. Register as an AAU Pairing Master.

iii. Level II

1. Be proficient at all duties of a Level III.
2. Be capable of training personnel in the duties of a Level III Pairing Master at training sessions and tournament clinics.
3. Work at least one complete AAU sanctioned Age Group or Regional tournament under the direction of a Level I Pairing Master.
4. While working the same tournament, demonstrate the ability to direct the total pairing process in one age division, including pairing of wrestlers, bout sheet control, and correct placement of all contestants.
5. Show knowledge of the rules and disciplines of proper pairing.
6. Pass a written test.
7. Register as an AAU Pairing Master.

iv. Level I

1. Be proficient at all duties of a Level II.
2. Worked as a Level II Pairing Master at least one or more AAU sanctioned Age Group tournament, including one AAU sanctioned Sectional or District.
3. Be capable of controlling the entire pairing room at an Age Group tournament, including the direction of Level II and Level III Pairing Masters.
4. Be familiar with rules and disciplines necessary to conduct a tournament and serve on the technical committee in case of protest.
5. Demonstrate ability to control the flow of an entire tournament by working in conjunction with staging, floor management, and the Tournament Director.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of rules and methods of pairing by conducting training sessions and pre-tournament clinics.
7. Pass a written test.
8. Register as an AAU Pairing Master.

c. **LEVEL I PAIRING MASTERS** will be appointed by the Head Pairing Master and will be retained in that position by their continued interest in and service to wrestling in the District

d. Upgrades

- i. Upgrades from level to level must be approved by the National Pairing Chairperson with the recommendation of the District Pairing Chairperson. To move to Level 1 Pairer, one must work a National Tournament. To