

VIII. REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING TOURNAMENTS

Suggested Methods of Conducting a Local or District Wrestling Tournament

Quality and safety of the athlete are the two most important elements you will want to build into your preparations. As in all worthwhile and successful programs, you must begin your planning and recruiting of personnel well in advance of your tournament. Maintaining the elements of the tournament are registration, weigh-in, pairing, staging, officiating, awards, clinics, and medical support. Tournament preparation is divided into three stages: before, during, and after. A detailed format for all three stages may be obtained from the National Executive Committee by contacting Tony Staley at the National AAU office at 407-828-2892

AAU National or Regional Championships

Request for bid procedures and bid submissions must be processed through TONY STALEY, Sports Manager for the AAU at 1 (407) 828-2892 OR tony@aausports.org

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT HOSTS INFORMATION (INCLUDING PERMANENT SITES)

1. After a tournament has been granted to a host, a signed contract, with the minimum host fee, is required.
2. Contact the National Wrestling Treasurer who will provide you with the host fee schedule.
3. Sanctioning and athlete registrations are to be coordinated with the AAU District represented by the hosting group.
4. All participating athletes must have a current AAU card for the membership year (September 1 through August 31 annually).
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 - a. Host must submit all fees required by National contract to National AAU Wrestling Committee within thirty (30) days of tournament date.
 - b. The host retains monies received from concessions, product sales, and any other revenue received from the tournament.
6. National - Regional entry forms must be ready for distribution by November 1. **NOTE:** Date, Location and Contact numbers are required by the National AAU Convention the year prior to the event.
7. It will be the National and Regional Host Committees' responsibility for the transportation needs (airline flight and rental vehicle) and housing of the National Pairing Chair and National Officials Chairs.
8. If driving to the event, the Pairing Chair and/or the Officials Chairs will be reimbursed at the rate of \$.40.5/mile up to the cost of a "Y" airline ticket for attendance at National and Regional tournaments.
9. National and Regional hosts are required to comply with the housing arrangements for attending officials and pairing personnel:
 - a. The host group will be responsible for the room and board of the approved licensed mat officials and key staff (pairing, medical, etc.). Room and board includes local double occupancy and food service during the tournament, or a per diem of \$45.00 per day. Room and board, or per diem, is to be guaranteed to pre-registered licensed mat officials and pairers, as approved.
 - b. Officials/Pairers pay shall be negotiated between the respective National Officials/Pairers Chairs and the host group.

- c. In all international styles of wrestling, all officials (including pairing officials), must be registered and licensed with AAU Officials/Pairing Chairpersons. This is mandated at the National and Regional level and strongly recommended at the Local level.
 - d. The mat officials/pairing chairs will be in communication with the host committee, tournament director, hosting Districts mat officials/pairers chair to ensure appropriate assignment. The tournament official and pairing master will request intent to participate from nationally registered officials and pairers for the National, Regional and Multi-sport Events. Currently licensed mat officials/pairers are required to notify their respective Chairpersons for assignment to these events based on National ranking and priority of response. Their response should include their preference for room or per diem.
 - e. For an official (pairer or referee) to be allowed to participate and to receive free lodging at the AAU National Championships, such official must have first participated in at least one AAU event within his or her District during the preceding season.
 - f. The host group will further be responsible for room and board for the National Wrestling Executive Committee at the National and Regional Wrestling Tournaments.
 - g. If the National Official and/or National Pairing Chair(s) are unable to attend, either will appoint an appropriate replacement in their absence.
10. Since 1994, the AAU Wrestling Committee's newly formed Tournament Committee has been in effect. This committee consists of the Tournament Director, Tournament Official (R/J), Tournament Pairing Official, and two members at large. These two members come from the following AAU Wrestling Executive Committee Members. The order of selection is Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary. If either of those two at large positions cannot be filled from the above three executive committee members, then the tournament director will choose the remaining at large position(s) from the advisory board, followed by the District Chairs.

This committee will oversee all national and regional AAU wrestling tournaments and will work closely with the local organizing committee (LOC) on all matters pertaining to the tournament, including protests. Any member of the Committee mentioned in the protest must be replaced on the committee.

11. All weigh-in cards will list the competitors name, birth year, weight class, state he/she is from and the club affiliation (if any). The Master weigh-in card will list the competitors age, also. Weigh-in cards and corresponding bout cards will follow the AAU color code system: Tot - orange, Bantam - green, Midget - pink, Novice - blue, Schoolboy - yellow, Cadet - white, Elite - gray, Senior - goldenrod, Masters - beige.
12. Events hosted at Disney World will be conducted by the AAU Wrestling Committee and will require no bidding.

National Championships

- 1. All national championships will have a warm up mat available for each round of the event.
- 2. Additionally, for tournaments that are being contested in international rules, each mat must have zone lines in place.
- 3. All national wrestling events will be responsible to procure and utilize individual electronic, illuminated scoring devices for each mat in use.
- 4. Each Tournament Director of national events will, within 48 hours of the conclusion of competition, submit full and complete results to the following media outlets or individuals: WIN Newsmagazine, Wrestling USA, Amateur Wrestling News, InterMat (internet provider) and Tony Staley at the National AAU Headquarters.

Regional Championships

- 5. Entry fee for regional qualification tournaments shall be \$15.00 per wrestler for the first style and \$5.00 per wrestler for each additional style wrestled.

6. Regional tournaments have the option of adding an additional \$5.00 to the entry fee, if all spectator admission fees are waived.
7. The regional host will transmit a fee amount set by the National Wrestling Committee, within 10 days after the tournament. All income derived by the host group will remain with the host, except the additional \$5.00 entry fee if spectator admission fees are waived.
8. Regional Championships must include Freestyle if they are to be considered as a qualifier for the Grand Nationals. The age groups to be included in these Regionals are Tots, Bantam, Midget, Novice, Schoolboy, Cadet and Elite. Optional competitions in the Senior and Masters divisions are encouraged.
9. The Regional host will transmit within 10 days the results of their tournament (placement of all wrestlers) as well as a listing of those qualifying for further advancement to other National events where applicable to the National Wrestling Committee.
10. The transmittal of fees and records from regional tournaments must be done within ten (10) days following the conclusion of the tournament. If there are less than ten days remaining prior to the National Championships, this transmittal must be made within five (5) days.
11. Regional tournaments need to be scheduled during April, May, or June to allow the greatest possible attendance. All regional tournaments must be completed at least two (2) weeks prior to the Grand Nationals with event results sent the same day to the big four media sources...AWN, WIN, Wrestling USA and the InterMat.
12. Each region will select a head official and a head pairing official with the approval of the national officials and pairing chairs who will be responsible for providing the appropriate services to the Regional Tournament. If a Region cannot select the appropriate personnel, the tournament chair may request an appointee from the National Officials chair and the National Pairing Chair.

National Individual Event and Entry Fees:

13. **Individual Event fee**...from the entry fee, (individual event fee set below) **per athlete** will be sent to the national headquarters. **The check should be made payable to AAU Wrestling and due at the National Headquarters within thirty (30) days of the completion of competition.**

Event	National Individual Event fee:	Maximum Individual Entry fee:
Grand Nationals	\$12.50 per athlete	\$50.00 / 1, 2 or 3 styles
Folkstyle Worlds	\$12.50 per athlete	\$55.00 / 1 style
Ironman Worlds	\$27.50 per athlete	\$70.00 / 1, 2 or 3 styles
Team Camps	\$12.50 per athlete	Discretion of camp directors
Youth Nationals	\$10.00 per athlete	\$40.00 / 1 style
Scholastic Challenge	\$12.50 per athlete	\$40.00 / 1 style

National Team Event and Entry Fees:

14. Team Event fee....from the entry fee, (team event fee set below) per team will be sent to the national headquarters. The check should be made payable to AAU Wrestling and due at the National Headquarters within thirty (30) days from the completion of competition.

Event	National Team Event fee:	Maximum Team Entry fee:
Scholastic Duals	\$250.00 per team	\$800.00 per team
AAU Junior Olympic Games	\$375.00 per team	\$800.00 per team
Middle School National Duals	\$250.00 per team	\$600.00 per team
Elementary National Duals	\$250.00 per team	\$600.00 per team