

Montana AAU Wrestling Committee Standing Rules

Alignment:

- 1. Changing Divisions and District Lines:** A map dividing the State for districts and divisions will establish district lines. This map may be revised as needed at the annual meeting.
- 2. District and Divisional Tournaments:** Each division will decide if they wish to have district or divisional tournaments.
- 3. Clubs Changing Divisions:** It is a divisional decision if a club wants to move from one district to another district or division.
- 4. Divisions for State:** There are five divisions in the state of Montana. They will be the North, Southwestern, Southeastern, Eastern, and Western.

Examples of areas are below:

North: Augusta, Browning, Cutbank Conrad, Chinook, Great Falls, Ulm, Fairfield, Shelby, and Lewistown.

Southwestern: Anaconda, Butte, Dillon, Belgrade, Bozeman, Gallatin Valley, Livingston, Helena, Townsend, Stillwater, Carbon County, Laurel, Heights, Dark Horse, Stars-n-Stripes, Renegades, and Billings Wrestling.

Southeastern: Shepherd, Huntley Project, Hardin, Fort Smith, Hysham, Forsyth, Miles City, and Powder River.

Eastern: Malta, Glasgow, Wolf Point, Scobey, Plentywood, Poplar, Glendive, Sidney, Williston, Baker, Terry, Circle and Havre.

West: Missoula, Kalispell, Ronan, and Polson.

Tournaments:

- 1. Invitational Entry Fee:** Clubs hosting an invitational tournament may charge a maximum \$7.00 entry fee. (amended 5/2012)
- 2. Assessment Fees:** A \$2.50 assessment fee (\$0.10 pairings, \$0.10 officials, \$0.05 cultural exchange, balance to the general fund)
(Amended 5-2010)
- 3. Fees for All State Tournaments:** All state tournaments (Folkstyle, Greco-Roman, Freestyle) will charge a mandatory \$12.00 per style per wrestler entry fee with a mandatory \$5.00 per style per wrestler assessment fee returned to Montana AAU wrestling committee. The host club will forward the assessment by check to the Montana AAU Wrestling Committee treasurer.
(Amended 5-2012)
- 4. Championship Patches:** Champion patches will be given by the host club or clubs at all state tournaments.
- 5. Birth Certificates:** Copies of birth certificates and AAU cards must be available upon request at all tournaments.
- 6. Certified Scales:** All scales are to be certified and there shall be observed weigh-ins for all state tournaments.
- 7. Medical Personnel at Tournaments:** A certified EMT or medical personnel will be on-site at all tournaments.
- 8. The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco and youth events is prohibited.**
 - a.** Regarding the consumption of alcohol: Coaches, staff members, volunteers will not use alcohol in the presence of minors or be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while performing their duties.
 1. 1st offense will result in a red card, 2nd offense will then go to the disciplinary committee for action.
- 9. Meetings before Tournaments:** There will be a meeting before each tournament with the head pairer, head official, and host club to establish guideline before the tournament start.
- 10. Changing Weigh Class at State Championships:** At a State Championship tournament, a wrestler will be allowed to change weight classes ONLY if he or she is a single participant at that weight. They will be allowed to move one weight class within their age group.
- 11. State Tournament Qualifying:** State tournaments may have qualifying tournaments and will use the single bracket system. (5-2013)

- 12. Tournament Check-In:** For pairing reasons, wrestler check-ins are Mandatory even if the tournament is honorary weigh-in. (5/1/2010)
- 13. Coaches Floor Passes:** Coaches floor passes will be allocated one per seven wrestlers. Two additional passes may be purchased per team.
- 14. Wrestlers:** A 19 year old high school student will be allowed to compete in the Elite age group with proof that they are still in high school. (5/1/2010)
- 15. Conduct warnings for tournaments:** MT AAU will use the yellow/red card system. All tournament personnel are subject o the same disciplinary criteria as coaches.

Yellow Card – 30 minutes off of the floor

Red Card – off of the floor the rest of the tournament

- a. Upon receiving a red card in addition to losing the opportunity to coach he remainder of the tournament, the coach loses the privilege of coaching the next AAU event.
- b. Upon receiving a second red card, the offending coach shall lose the privilege to coach any more AAU tournaments the rest of the season. The coaches AAU card is to be returned to the Coach's Chairman or to the state AAU Registration secretary.
- c. To ensure that the offending coach's AAU card is turned into the Coach's Chairman or the Registration secretary, the offending coach's club shall be fined \$20.00 weekly until the card is turned in.
- d. At the time a Red Card is issued, an immediate appeal is set in motion which requires a meeting between parties, including the tournament director, coach's chairman, and/or the head official.
- e. If a coach receives a red card for flagrant misconduct and is removed from a tournament, that coach will be subject to a disciplinary committee sanction. There will be a suspension of his/her card for a set period of time.
- f. If a coach receives a red card at a Regional or National tournament, he/she will be subject to a disciplinary committee. The committee is to be made up of the coach's chairman, head official, the head pairer, the tournament director, and wrestling committee chairman.
- g. After two yellow cards in a season or a red card, the receiving coach must officiate at a tournament before they can return to coaching mat side. (5-2013)

16. The Protest Committee:

- a. Shall consist of the head official, head pairer, and tournament director. At the state tournament, this shall also include the wrestling committee chairman and coach's chairman. (5-2013)
- b. Has authority to disqualify a coach from the tournament. This decision is final.
- c. Shall send copies of all protest forms and their disposition to the AAU wrestling committee chairman and/or district governor so that they are aware of protests and their outcomes.

17. Number of calls for a wrestler: After a wrestler has been called to the marshalling area or mat by their age division and weight class, if the wrestler does not arrive at the mat or at the marshalling area (which ever is used) he/she will receive two (2) additional calls at ten minute intervals. The third call shall be to inform the wrestler that he/she is out of the tournament. (amended 5-1-04)

18. Mat size requirements for State Tournaments: Mat size requirements for all state tournaments: All mats must have a 28 foot circle. (amended 5/2014)

19. All tournament information: All tournament information will be sent out to all wrestling committee members prior to the tournaments. This is to include the head official, head pairer, chairman, vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Law and Legislation offices. (amended 10/5/01)

- a. Before tournament information is sent to nationals, the board will answer and give approval or direction with-in 5 days. (amended 5/2014)

20. Two Wrestlers in a Weight-Class: At all State tournaments – if there are two wrestlers in a weight class, they will wrestle the best two out of three. (Amended 5/2/2009)

21. Roster : When submitting a team roster, a coach's roster must also be included. This should list the head coach and all other qualified coaches that will be responsible for the team. At the state tournament this list will be the only coaches allowed to have a coaches pass on the floor. (5/1/2010)

22. Tournament Scheduling:

- a. The regular season tournament schedule will be determined at the annual AAU convention for the following year. In order to be considered for hosting a tournament, a club representative must be at the convention to bid a tournament. (amended 5/2012)
- b. Scheduling committee: There will be a joint scheduling committee with appointments from the AAU wrestling chairman and the USAW president. This committee will organize Montana wrestling's schedule for the betterment and in the best interest of Montana wrestling. (amended 5/2012)

23. Age/Weight chart for State Tournaments: All state tournaments will be run using the National Age/Weight chart as per designated sanctioning organization. .(amended 5/2013)

24. State Tournament – There must be on-site registration at State Tournaments. (amended 5/2014)

a. **There will be an additional \$20 registration fee to register on site.**
(amended 5/2014)

25. Time between matches – A minimum 15-minute period will be held between matches. (amended 5/2014)

Officials:

1. Number and Age of Referees Required: Wrestling clubs will have a mat referee (or referees) who are 18 years old or older at all tournaments according to the participation chart below. Clubs failing to provide referees will be assessed a \$50.00 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).

Number of wrestlers	Referee (18 yrs or older)	Referees (14 yrs or older) State (16 yrs or older)	Total number required
10-25	1	0	1
26-50	1	1	2
51-75	1	2	3
76 and over	1	3	4

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

Nationally licensed adult: \$50.00 for all styles (Folkstyle/Freestyle/Greco)
All other officials: \$25.00 (Increase by \$5.00 for every five tournaments worked that year. Max. \$50.00).

***State Folkstyle will follow a modified MHSA MOA fee schedule with per diem negotiated by the head official.** (amended 5/2014)

2-4 hours = \$60

4-8 hours = \$135

>8hours = \$165

a. **MOA Officials are paid at a rate of \$98.75/day at any of the events they attend if over 4 hours. They are paid \$60.00 if under 4 hours.**
(amended 5/2014)

3. Officials at the State Freestyle/Greco Tournament will be paid as follows:

Referees: \$6.00/hour

Mat Chairman: \$7.00/hour

Mat Controller: \$8.00/hour

Head Official and Head Pairer: \$9.00/hour

4. Head Officials and Head Pairer: The head official must be licensed nationally and be 18 years or older. The head pairer must be state licensed and be 18 years 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.

a. All folkstyle officials will be members in good standing with the Montana AAU before they can officiate at the state folkstyle tournament.

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 official's 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.

a. A coach must attend a coaches/officials clinic to coach at the State AAU events.

b. The clinic at the state tournament will have a premium charge of \$10.00 cash per participant (5/1/2010)

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: 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 years.

C. I – Registered adult official who has worked three of five major tournaments and two state tournaments.

D. E – Registered official over 18 years of age who has officiated for five years, worked three state tournaments and has attended a state clinic.

9. Officials Attire: All officials will be appropriately attired as per National rules. Officials must have red and blue arm bands and a whistle. (5/2013)

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 the 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 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 tournament. The state tournament hosts will pick-up half of the cost of the official's shirts.
- 14. Folkstyle Officials:**
- E. All Folkstyle officials will be under the rules of the Montana High School Association (MOA) (amended 5/6/01)
 - F. All Folkstyle officials will be members in good standing of the Montana and National AAU before they can officiate at the state folkstyle tournament.
 - G. All Folkstyle officials at the state folkstyle tournament will be MOA's and we encourage that MOA's be used at as many folkstyle tournament as possible. (5/6/01)
 - H. Montana Officials Association (MOA) sub varsity fee schedule will be adopted for State Folkstyle. Per Diem will be negotiated between the head official and the tournament director. (5/6/01)

Pairings:

- 1. Pairing Fines:** Each wrestling club having fifteen or more wrestlers at a tournament must provide a licensed pairing master for that tournament. If a club fails to provide a licensed pairing master, that club will be required to pay a \$25.00 fine. This fine will be collected by the head pairer of the tournament and sent to the State Pairing Master Chairperson to be deposited in the state pairings account. (amended 5/4/02)

Number of Wrestlers	Total Number Required
10 to 25	1
26 and over	2

- 2. All State Tournaments:** All state tournaments will be worked by licensed pairing masters, as verified by the head state pairing master. (5/2013)
- 3. Head Pairer:** The head pairer at each tournament must be a licensed pairing master.

4. **Tournament brackets:** State tournaments will use single brackets. (5/2013)
5. **Pairing License fees:** All pairing license fees are to be sent to the State Pairing master by March 15th, but license fees will be accepted after that date.
A. **Regarding Payment:** Pairers are to be paid for tournaments at a rate of \$20.00 per pairer per day. Head pairing master will receive \$50.00 per day for State Tournaments. If a tournament has less than 200 participants, pairing fees are optional. (5/1/2010)
6. **Head Pairers Account:** The pairing account will be made available for the State Pairing master or someone designated by him/her to attend a national tournament.
7. **Female Wrestlers:** If there are two or more female wrestlers of the same age division and weight bracket, they may be considered a stand-alone bracket if they so choose. (5-1-04)
8. **Pairing Clinics:** It is recommended that all clubs have at least one pairing clinic per year. (Amended 5/2/2009)
9. **Pairer AAU cards:** All pairers must have a current AAU card. (5/2012)

Wrestling Chairman Responsibilities:

1. **Folkstyle Chairman:** The Folkstyle Chairman will be in charge of the running of the AAU Team Montana qualifiers for all National folkstyle dual team tournaments. Guidelines for the qualifier will be available prior to the qualifying tournaments. The folkstyle chairman will be in charge of/or included in the running of AAU Team Montana for all National team events that include this style.
A preference will be given to Montana district wrestlers. (5/2013)
2. **Freestyle & Greco Chairman :** The Freestyle & Greco chairman will be in charge of the running of the AAU Team Montana qualifiers for all National freestyle & greco dual-team tournaments. Guidelines for the qualifier will be available prior to the qualifying tournament. The Freestyle & Greco chairman will be in charge of/or included in the running of AAU Team Montana for all National Team events included in this style. (amended 5/2012)
3. **Coach's Chairman:** The coach's chairman will be responsible for organizing and maintaining coaching requirements. The coach's chairman will enforce the rules regarding coach's conduct. (5-2013)

Team Scoring:

1. Team Trophy

A. Eligibility: Only clubs who have registered for club membership in AAU are eligible for team trophies.

1. A youth member may elect to participate in his or her district of bona fide residence or a district that is geographically adjoins that district. Exception: In team events the National Sports Committee shall determine the number of youth members permitted to participate on a team from an adjoining district.

2. Club attachment. A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU authorized event (practice not included). A youth member may be attached to only one club with the following exceptions:

I. An athlete may attach to additional clubs (one in each sport) if he/she participates in additional sports.

II. Participation in an AAU authorized league does not create club attachment.

3. Transfers. Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to the National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by the National Sports Committees. After a youth member becomes attached to a club, he/she may only transfer to another club in the same sport as follows:

I. If the youth member has not competed in any AAU authorized events in the Sport for a period of 60 days.

II. If the representative of the club to which the athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. (Athletes who transfer under this section are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by the National Sport Committees. (5-2013)

2. Tallying Team Points: At least two individuals, not from the same club, shall tally the points for team trophies. They shall be provided with the current criteria (i.e. copy of awards rules) and given a designated area to total scoring sheets where they can tally as each age division is completed. The tournament director shall appoint these people.

3. Ten –Man Team: The ten-man team list, three alternates, and a coach's signature are to be turned in 30 minutes after the first marshalling call.

4. Team Size: The team size for all State Tournaments shall be as follows:

State Freestyle Tournament: Small Team: 1-15 wrestlers
Medium Team: 16-30 wrestlers
Large Team: 31 + wrestlers

Greco-Roman Tournaments: Small Team: 1-15 wrestlers
Large Team: 16 + wrestlers

State Folkstyle Tournament: Small Team: 1-20 wrestlers
Medium Team: 21 – 45 wrestlers
Large Team: 46 + wrestlers

Alternates: The three alternates will be used in order ONLY when:

- i. One of the wrestlers on the ten-man team has less than three in their weight class or
- ii. One of the wrestlers on the ten-man team is injured. (5/2013)

5. Points for wrestlers in same division/weight class: If two wrestlers on the same team are listed in the same age division and weight class, the wrestler placing the highest will receive points and the other will receive no points.

6. Team Rosters: Team rosters must be turned in to the announcer with the club's name (not the town), accurate weight classes and accurate age groups.

7. Team Tie-Breaker: Team tie-breaking criteria will be:

1. The number of champions on the original ten-man list.
2. The placing of the alternates.

8. Team Trophy Protest: Team trophy protest shall be handled the same way as match protests – any change is to be handled within thirty minutes – no appeal or protest can be made at a later time.

9. List of Team Scores: The host club will compile a list of team scores for each club at the conclusion of the tournament.

Tournament Awards:

1. **Bobby McKinley Award:** The Bobby McKinley award will be awarded at the Montana State AAU Folkstyle Tournament for the ten-man competition. (Amended 5/2/2009)
2. **AAU State Ironman Trophy:** The AAU State Ironman Trophy will be awarded for the total team points at the State AAU Folkstyle, Freestyle, and Greco-Roman competitions. (Amended 5/2/2009)
3. **David Rivenes Trophy:** The David Rivenes trophy will be awarded at the USAW State Greco Tournament. (Amended 5/2/2009)

Wrestler of the Year:

1. **Outstanding Divisional Wrestler:** The date on the Outstanding Divisional Wrestler of the year plaques will be the date they are chosen, rather than the year they are presented with the award. The divisional chairperson must approve the Division's Outstanding Wrestler nominee. (amended 10/6/01)
 - a. The outstanding wrestler award recipient must be a current AAU card-holder. (5/1/2010)
 - b. Wrestler must be in high school (amended 5/2014)

Cultural Exchange:

1. All cultural exchanges must be presented to the cultural exchange chairman and be presented by him/her to the wrestling executive committee and/or the general wrestling committee, if possible. An estimate of the cost per wrestler will be given at that time.
2. If at all possible, a team leader will be selected who has attended a previous cultural exchange trip to provide knowledge, experience, and flexibility.
3. The wrestlers should be selected according to their placing at the qualifying tournament and their availability to travel.

State Meetings:

1. **Convention Registration:** Convention registration by the host club will continue until the first general session of the convention. The executive officers (or host club) may delegate this responsibility to other individuals when they have to leave for the Executive Board meeting.
2. **Youth Representative:** A youth representative will be selected by each division. Each divisional chairperson shall notify the State AAU Wrestling Secretary prior to the convention. The representative's term will run from state convention to state convention.

3. **Mid-Year Meeting:** Mid-year meetings will be held the day after the State High School wrestling tournament. Important decisions made at the National AAU convention can then be passed on to the wrestling clubs.
4. **Convention rooms:** The motel rooms for the wrestling committee director, vice-director, secretary, and treasurer at both the state mid-year meeting and the annual state convention will be paid out of the state's wrestling committee account.

Finances of the Wrestling Committee:

1. **Minimum Balance:** The minimum balance to be carried over in the wrestling committee account each year will be \$3,000.00.
2. **MAWA Fees (Montana Amateur Wrestling Association):** There will be a \$5.00 fee payable to the Montana Amateur Wrestling Association if a club wishes to use the MAWA state non-profit number for charitable donations.
3. **Reporting of Monies:** It is required that an accounting of monies received from the Montana AAU is presented to the wrestling committee (pertaining to the Middle School Duals, Disney Duals, Grand Nationals funding) after receiving funding from the Montana AAU. (Amended 5/2/2009)
4. **Middle School Nationals Qualifier:** The wrestling committee will request a Mandatory deposit of \$100 for the middle school dual team. If you qualify for the middle school dual team you must make a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at the qualifier to secure your position on the team. (amended 5/2012)
5. **T-Shirts for National Tournaments:** The Montana AAU wrestling committee will support AAU wrestlers attending any National tournament by providing a Team Montana t-shirt. One t-shirt per year will be purchased per wrestler. Clubs must submit a request to the wrestling committee chairman prior to the tournament that they are attending. (amended 5/2012)

Disciplinary Action:

1. Any club who chooses not to follow the AAU by-laws or standing rules of the AAU wrestling committee may be reprimanded at the discretion of the executive board of the wrestling committee. This reprimand may be one of or a combination of the following items:
 - A. **Written warning.**
 - B. **Assessment of \$25.00 fine**
 - C. **Suspension of the privilege of hosting a qualifying tournament.**
 - D. **Suspension of the privilege of voting at wrestling committee meetings. (5-2013)**