

OWOA Constitution Amended and Restated as of November 19, 2010

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Ohio Wrestling Officials Association, and may also be referred to as the O.W.O.A (the "Association").

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be:

- A. To assist all wrestling officials in the State of Ohio in the development and a thorough understanding of the rules and mechanics of good officiating.
- B. To upgrade the officiating in the State of Ohio by standardizing consistency of calls in all areas of the state.
- C. To promote and secure cooperation and understanding among the scholastic and collegiate coaches, athletes, school officials, and the press.
- D. To foster the highest standards of ethics, and to further the interests of all good educational philosophy, aims objectives through a proper spirit of sportsmanship and a spirit of fair play through the medium of wrestling.
- E. To cooperate and assist the Ohio High School Athletic Association and local wrestling officials associations in whatever area they should ask the Association to aid.
- F. To recognize members for outstanding careers and achievements through election into the Ohio Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame.

ARTICLE III: Membership/Board of Governors

- A. Membership will be open to all members of the nineteen (19) local wrestling officials associations, providing the local association joins the Association and pays the membership dues.
- B. The Association shall be governed by a Board of Governors made up of a representative of each of the nineteen (19) local associations. In addition to the representatives of the local associations, the OHSAA State Rule Interpreters and the OHSAA Director of Officiating Development –Wrestling shall each be a voting member of the Board of Governors. The local associations are:

Central District Wrestling Officials

Eastern District Wrestling Officials

Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials

Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials

Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials

Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials

- Mad River Wrestling Officials
- North Central Ohio Wrestling Officials
- Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials
- Northwest Fifth District Wrestling Officials
- Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials
- Ohio-West Virginia Wrestling Officials
- South Shore Wrestling Officials
- Southeastern Ohio Wrestling Officials
- Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials
- Steel Valley Wrestling Officials
- Wayne County Wrestling Officials
- West Central Wrestling Officials
- Western Reserve Wrestling Officials

C. Any member of the local associations is welcome to attend any meeting of the Board of Governors of the Association. However, each local association shall be entitled to only one (1) vote on any given matter before the Board of Governors of the Association. The highest ranking officer of the representatives attending from any local association (the Board of Governors member for that meeting) shall be the person entitled to vote for the local association, with the ranking of such individuals to be in the following order:

(Highest to Lowest)

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Rules Interpreter
4. Vice President
5. Treasurer

Unless specifically otherwise stated in this Constitution, a majority vote of the local associations present shall be needed to approve any matter before the Board of Governors.

D. The Board of Governors shall set dues, elect officers, set policies, and elect members to the Ohio Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame (the "Hall of Fame").

ARTICLE IV: Dues

Dues shall be paid by each local association to the state treasurer by December 1 of each year. Until changed by the Board of Governors, dues shall be Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$2.00) per member of each local association.

ARTICLE V: Officers/Executive Committee

- A. The officers of this Association, who also shall be a member of the Executive Committee, will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. No officer may hold more than one office at any time. Any member of a member local association shall be eligible to be elected as an officer. In addition, there shall be a Communications Director and a Web Master appointed by the President who shall be members of the Executive Committee. Finally, the OHSAA State Rules Interpreters and the OHSAA Director of Officiating Development – Wrestling shall be members of the Executive Committee.
- B. Terms of office for all Officers and the Executive Committee Members shall be two years, elected at the fall meeting.
- C. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors. It is his duty to appoint all committees and be an ex-officio member of same. The President shall perform all the duties as such as would pertain to his office. The President shall have authority to sign, execute, and deliver, in the name of Association any instrument, agreement, or other document evidencing any transaction or agreement authorized by the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee.
- D. The Vice President shall assume duties of the President in the case of absence, inability to serve or resignation of the President. He shall assist the President in whatever manner necessary.
- E. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of all meetings and correspond with the members of the Board of Governors and local associations if necessary.
- F. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the Association and disburse the same as authorized by the President, the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee, as the case may be. He shall make deposits and withdrawals of the funds with a bank in the name of the Association, which bank shall be designated from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- G. The Communications Director shall be responsible to coordinate with the State Rules Interpreters and the OHSAA Director of Officiating Development – Wrestling the official rulings and communicate with the Web Master for inclusion on the Official Web Site. He shall be accountable to the President.
- H. The Web Master shall be responsible for overseeing the Web Site to include information as provided by the Communications Director. He shall be accountable to the President.
- I. If any Officer of the Association is absent, disabled, out of the state, or for any other reason is unable temporarily to carry-out his or her duties as an Officer within the determination of the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee, either the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee may delegate such authority and duties of such Officer to any other Officer of the Association during the period of time that the Officer in question is unable to temporarily carry-out his or her duties. In addition, the Board of Governors, by a majority vote, may elect such other assistant officers as the Board deems necessary or advisable.
- J. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act in the name of the Board of Governors between the two (2) regular meetings when immediate action is necessary or advisable for the benefit of the Association. The Executive Committee shall then report its action to the Board of Governors at the earliest possible date. The Executive Committee shall have the freedom to consult with the OHSAA, the National Federation of State High School Associations and such other outside authorities and individuals in developing recommendations and actions to be acted upon by the Association. The Executive Committee may also identify and nominate individuals deemed qualified to be considered as a nominee to the Hall of Fame.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

- A. The Board of Governors shall meet either the day before or at the State Clinic in the fall and at the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament in the spring. Additional meetings may be called by the President, the Secretary or as requested by the representatives of at least seven (7) of the local associations, provided that at least two weeks prior written notice is given to each local association.
- B. The order of business shall be as follows unless changed by a majority vote of those present for that meeting only.
 - 1. Call to order
 - 2. Attendance
 - 3. Opening remarks of the President
 - 4. Reading of the Minutes
 - 5. Financial Report
 - 6. Old Business
 - 7. New Business
 - 8. Communications
 - 9. Adjournment
- C. Roberts Rules of Order, as Revised from time to time, shall be the authority of all questions as to the conduct of all meetings or procedures not otherwise stated in this Constitution.
- D. The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee as he deems necessary. Minutes of the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VII: Clinic

- A. The purpose of the Clinic is to instruct officials on the interpretations of the rules and mechanics of this Association as they are administered.
- B. The Clinic shall be the responsibility of the President or his designate.
- C. The Clinic shall be held in conjunction with a State Rules Interpretation Meeting in the fall, prior to the opening of the season.

ARTICLE VIII: Hall of Fame

- A. The Board of Governors shall induct members into the Hall of Fame at its fall meeting with the ceremonies to be conducted at the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament.
- B. The President shall appoint a committee to review credentials of all nominees to the Hall of Fame. This committee shall include a representative from:

Central District
Northwest District
East/Southeast District
Southwest District
Northeast District

The committee will forward its recommendations to the Board of Governors for induction.

- C. Inductees shall be recognized for life achievement, and contributions to wrestling officiating in the State of Ohio. Inductees can be officials or contributors.

ARTICLE IX: Conflict of Interest

- A. No member of either the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee may vote on any matter before the Board or such Committee, with respect to any matter with which such member has a substantial relationship or interest in. Whenever a member of the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee has cause to believe that the matter to be voted upon would involve a possible conflict of interest, that member shall announce such possible conflict of interest to the remaining members of the Board or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, and ask whether an actual conflict exists. The issue of whether an actual conflict exists shall be decided by majority vote of the other members present, excluding the member announcing the possible conflict of interest. If a conflict of interest is determined to exist, then the member announcing the conflict of interest shall abstain from voting on such matter.

ARTICLE X: Non-Discrimination

- A. This Association declares and re-affirms its policy of non-discrimination. Decisions in the area of members, Board Membership, and Executive Committee Membership shall be without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, or sex.

ARTICLE XI: Indemnification

- A. The Association shall reimburse and indemnify each member of the Board of Governors Officer, and each Executive Committee Member against expenses actually incurred by any of them in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding to which they have been made a party by reason of being or having been such a Board of Governor, Officer, or Executive Committee Member, but only if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in and not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and except for matters as to which they have been adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable as a result of their willful, intentional or malicious misconduct in the performance of their duties which he or she has or had to the Association or by law. This indemnification requirement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such individual may be entitled to under Ohio law or any other agreement legally binding upon the Association.

ARTICLE XII: Amendments

Amendments, supplements, and suspensions or repeal to this Constitution in part or in whole shall be submitted to the Board of Governors, in writing and voted on at the next meeting, after submission. A 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Governors shall be required for passage.

ARTICLE XIII: Quorum

- A. A quorum for all duly announced meetings of the Association shall be ½ of the voting membership.
- B. A quorum for all committee meetings shall consist of a majority of the members of the committee.

ARTICLE XIV: Authority

- A. No member of the Association may act in behalf of the Association unless he is specifically designated to do so. All officers shall confer with the President and/or the Executive Committee before taking any decisive actions in their duties.

- B. The Rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association shall be part of this Constitution.

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