

BYLAWS OF THE OREGON WRESTLING ASSOCIATION  
KID'S DIVISION

**Article One**

**Name and Purpose**

The name of this organization shall be The Kids Division of the Oregon Wrestling Association. The purpose of the Kids Division shall be to manage, oversee and be responsible for the activities and events of the Kids and Cadet age groups of the Oregon Wrestling Association.

**Article Two**

**Meetings**

Sec. 1 Kids Annual Meeting. The Oregon Wrestling Association, Kids Division, shall meet annually. The meeting shall be at the site and on the day of the Annual Meeting of the OWA Members. Written notice of which shall be sent to each Oregon Club registered with the USAW by the United States mails, postage pre-paid, no less than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 2 Location of the meeting will coincide with the OWA Annual Meeting.

Sec. 3 Voting. At the annual meeting of the Kids Division, each club situated in Oregon and registered with the USAW during the past season, shall be entitled to one vote. Each club may cast its vote through only one of its representatives present at the meeting. The records of the State Chairperson shall conclusively determine questions relating to the eligibility of registered clubs.

Sec. 3 Quorum. Representatives of one-fourth (1/4) of the clubs situated in Oregon and registered with the USAW during the past season shall constitute a quorum to all business duly to come before the members.

**Article Three**

**Kids Council**

Sec. 1 Authority. The affairs and property of the Kids Division shall be managed and controlled by its Kid Council. The council may exercise all such powers and do all such things as may be exercise or done by the Kid Division subject to these by- laws.

Sec. 2 Size. The Kids Council shall consist of nine members. The Kids Director, Assistant Kids Director and Six Council Members.

Sec. 3 Election of Officers. Elections shall take place at the Annual Summer Conference held in September Persons shall be elected, in accordance with these by-laws, to serve on the Oregon Kids Council. Any member of the OWA from the past season, and is affiliated with a chartered Oregon Kids Club shall be eligible to serve on the Oregon Kids Council.

Sec. 4 Terms of Office. All officers of the Kids Division shall serve a term of two years commencing at the close of the annual meeting.

(a) On even number years, The Kids Director and three Council positions shall be elected.

(b) On odd numbered years, Assistant Kids Director and three Council positions shall be elected.

Sec. 5 Kid Council Meetings. The Kid Council shall meet annually in the fall, at a time and place to be determined by the Kids Director. This meeting must be at least two weeks prior to the Oregon Wrestling Associations Annual Meeting of Members. special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Kids Director. For all meetings, 10 days notice must be sent by United States Mail, postage pre-paid to all council members.

Sec. 7 Ratification of the kids Council Plans. At the fall meeting of the Kids Division, the Kids Council shall present to the membership for approval, the plans and budget for the upcoming season, The budget and plans must then be ratified by the voting membership.

Sec. 8 Expenses incurred by State Director to be reimbursed.

Sec. 9 Duties, Assistant Kids Director

(a) Fill in , in the absence of the Kids Council and to perform any and all duties delegated by the Kids

Director.

(b) the individual will sit on Kids Director and also OWA Executive Board.

(c) If for any reason the Kids Director is unable to fulfill his term, the Assistant Kids Director would assume the directors position for the duration of the term.

(d) The Kids Council would then select a new Assistant Kids Director to fulfill the vacated position of

Assistant Kids Director.

**Article Four**

**Chartered Clubs**

Sec. 1 Registration. A club must charter itself with USA Wrestling each season through the designated officer of the Oregon Wrestling Association.

Sec. 2 Membership. A club can be from one member to unlimited numbers in size. But all members must have a valid USAW Card.

Sec. 3 Insurance. As provided by the National Office through the sale of USAW Cards.

Sec. 4 Club Operations. The internal affairs and operations of clubs is to be left to the discretion of the individual club leaders.

#### **Article Five**

##### **Kids Modification**

Sec. 1 Pee Wee's. Anyone that is too young to be a Bantam by the USAW age rule, is a Pee Wee, Pee Wee is an optional age group and may not be available at all tournaments. Pee Wees cannot enter the collegiate or freestyle and greco state tournaments. This age group is limited to the use of four-man brackets in tournament competition.

Sec. 2 Weight Classes for Bantams. 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 80 & Hwt There cannot be a difference of more than 15 lbs for Hwts.

Sec. 3 Length of Match. Folkstyle

Pee Wees, 3 rds of 1 minute each

Bantam, Midget, 3 rounds of 1 minute each, Novice, Schoolboy/girl and Cadet 3 rounds of 1 1/2 min each.

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Sec. 4 Length of Match. International styles

Pee Wees, Bantams, Midgets, Novice, Schoolboy/girl, Cadets, 2 out of 3 periods of 2 minutes.

Sec. 5 Type of Time. To use running time or stop time is up to the local tournament director.

Sec. 6 Illegal holds. Any and all holds listed in the International Wrestling Rule Book for Freestyle, shall also be apply to Folkstyle.

Sec. 7 Collegiate Overtime. One regulation round, first to score, match is over. If still tied, then 30 sec tiebreaker as per the high school rule book. (1994)

#### **Article Six**

##### **Tournaments**

Sec. 1 Sanctions. All tournaments conducted within this organization will be sanctioned through USA Wrestling and the appropriate forms will be processed through the designated OWA officer.

Sec. 2 Profits. Profits from local tournaments will go to the local program with the exception of all OWA sanctioned events that charge an entry fee having a surcharge of \$1 per entry to go to the OWA state office for distribution to OWA divisions. (Kids Meeting, spring 1982) (revision OWA Meeting 2003).

Sec. 3 Entry Fees. There is no maximum entry fee for all USAW Kids/Cadets tournaments. It is suggested that folkstyle tournaments use certified OSAA officials manning all mats and medals are awarded. (2007)

Sec. 4 Age Rule. Must use USA Wrestling Age Rule.

Sec. 5 Age Groups. Must have Bantams through Cadet age groups. Wrestlers cannot be moved in age. They must compete in the age group that their age qualifies them under Sec. 4 of this article.

Sec. 6 Weight Classes. Must use USA Wrestling weight classes.

Sec. 7 Bracketing. Freestyle round robin type brackets, or a deviation of this bracket can be used at kids tournaments. Crab Pools, 4 man bracket, line brackets, etc. are also acceptable.

Sec. 8 To host a kids tournament, you must be a chartered club in good standing with the OWA. Anyone that is not a chartered club would have to work through a club in their community. (1995)

#### **Article Seven**

##### **State Tournaments**

Sec. 1 Pairings. When pairing the Kids State Tournament:

(a) Straight Robin, double elimination brackets will be used.

(b) A modified blind draw will be used. Wrestlers from the same club will be separated so that they do not meet in the first two rounds, if possible.

Sec. 2 Single Entries. The lone entry will be declared the winner of their weight and the pairer will attempt to arrange exhibition matches with those eliminated from the next weight class. (Kids Meeting, spring 1983)

Sec. 3 Cadets. At the discretion of the Pairings Director, The Cadet Director and the Kids Director, pools with or without cross brackets may be used.

Sec. 4 Competitors must compete in the age group that their year of birth qualifies them under the USA Wrestling Age Rule.

Sec. 5 Qualified Weight. Once a wrestler has competed. at a given weight in the state tournament, under no circumstances can they move down in weight, for Regionals. (National Policy)

Sec. 6 Tournament Expenses. The Kids Director shall have the authority to approve or disapprove any expense listed by the tournament host. Any decision may be appealed to the full council, at their next regular meeting.

Sec. 7 Awards. Freestyle and Greco, medals for 1-3 and ribbons for 4-6. Awards will be provided by the Kids Division. The cost will be deducted from tournament expenses, at actual cost of awards used. Left over awards will be returned to the Kids Director.

### **Article Eight Leagues**

Sec. 1 Formation. Leagues may be formed within the Oregon Wrestling Association, and have the authority to create their own by-laws and policies, not to supersede State or National By-Laws or policies.

Sec. 2 Membership. All clubs must be Chartered Clubs. All wrestlers must have a Valid USAW Card.

Sec. 3 Novice. League tournaments are to be conducted on a novice four man bracket format. No entry fees.

### **Article Nine Discipline**

Sec. 1 Penalties. Failure to comply with these By-Laws. Depending on the nature and severity of the offence. The Kids Council shall have the authority to assess one or more of the following penalties.

- (1) Warning
- (2) Probation
- (3) Suspension (Not allowed to host USAW activities)
- (4) Fines (To recover lost revenue)

Sec. 2 Appeals. If a offender wishes to appeal a kids Council decision, they can ask the OWA Board of Directors to review the decision.

### **Article Ten Amendments**

Amendments to the By-Laws must be presented to the Kids Director in writing and signed by two active members no later than 30 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Kids Council. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment and/or a summary of the changes to be effected there by shall be given to each member entitled to vote at the kids meeting no later the 10 days prior to the meeting. Notices can be sent by united state mail, postage pre-paid. An amendment is adopted by a 3/4th's vote of the membership attending the meeting approving the amendment.

### **Kids Division Policies**

The policies listed here in, are rules that must be complied with but do not require a vote of the membership to change. Policies can be changed at any Kids Council meeting by a majority vote of the council members present.

1. Distance. There shall be no two local USAW tournaments on the same day within 50 miles of each other.
2. Weigh-ins. All weigh-ins will be 7-9 with wrestling to start at 10 am. A variance for this may be obtained from the Events Director.
3. Four Man Brackets and Crab Pools. Do not have to follow the actual weight classes but every effort must be made to maintain the normal weight difference. This is to say that if the wrestler is normally in a 5 lb. Class then there should not be more than 5 lbs between the heaviest and the lightest wrestler.
4. It is recommend that the following colors of paper be used for wall brackets and bout sheets at all Kids /Cadet Tournaments.  
Bantam-Pink, Midget-Blue, Novice-White Schoolboy-Green, Cadets-Yellow