

*"K" for Kid's*

**ILLINOIS**

**KIDS**

**WRESTLING**

**FEDERATION**

**2011 – 2012**

**HANDBOOK**

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## **BIRTH OF THE IKWF**

The Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation began when Ken Kraft, Illinois Wrestling Chairman from 1969 to 1971, appointed Ron Silverstein as Illinois Kids Director. Silverstein's task was to put together a statewide program for wrestlers eighth grade and younger.

During the administration of Ron Silverstein and Arch Richoz the concept of a club based structure was formed. It was Illinois right in on the ground floor establishing this organization with Terry Weber of New Lenox being elected the first Secretary/Treasurer.

During the 1976-77 season, USA Wrestling initiated the national card and club registration systems. This was the direct result of a proposal made by IKWF President Larry Stonitsch.

As you can see from this brief summary, Illinois' role has been very important in the formation and continued growth of USA Kids Wrestling Programs.

## **HOW DO YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN THE IKWF?**

As a club, your first step is to become chartered with the IKWF. This will enable your club to have a voice in decisions regarding how the IKWF operates. Member clubs are encouraged to attend the regular meetings, the minutes of which are sent to each club.

For charter or registration information, contact the IKWF at (708) 206-0701, [ikwf@ikwf.org](mailto:ikwf@ikwf.org), or 4932 Wilshire Blvd, Country Club Hills IL 60478.

## **MEDICAL AND LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The IKWF, through USA Wrestling, provides secondary, non-duplicating insurance benefits to all members. There are two kinds of insurance protection: medical accident and liability. The terms of these coverage's are spelled out specifically in the registration packets sent to each club prior to the season.

## **SANCTION OF COMPETITIVE EVENT**

All IKWF events must be sanctioned. The event must be competitive, as defined by the use of referees, scorekeepers, and a recognized pairing/bracketing format. All wrestlers competing in an IKWF sanctioned event must hold valid USA Wrestling membership cards. An application for sanction, signed by the IKWF Secretary/Treasurer, must be on file with our insurance carrier no less than 30 days before the event. Liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 is provided for each sanctioned event.

## **IKWF BY-LAWS**

- 1) **NAME:** Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation.
  - a) The federation fiscal year shall be considered as the period from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Thus, the 2012 year begins in 2011 and ends in 2012.
- 2) **PURPOSE:** The Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (“IKWF”) is dedicated to the physical education of the youth of Illinois. Members of the IKWF provide instruction and participation in the sport of wrestling which improves strength, coordination, and ones general physical abilities. Mastering these physical skills often enhances a persons self esteem and self confidence. All funds obtained through membership registration and from participation fees are used to support competitions, educational activities, and administration of these events. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 3) **INUREMENT OF INCOME:** No part of the net earnings of the IKWF shall inure to the benefit, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.
- 4) **DISSOLUTION:** Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
- 5) **MEMBERSHIP**
  - a) Qualifications:
    - i) Membership in the IKWF shall be accepted on a team basis.
    - ii) An IKWF team must be located within the State of Illinois.
- 6) **DUES**
  - a) Club charter dues shall be \$125.
  - b) Additional insured dues, for club charters only, shall be \$20 per site.
  - c) Event sanction fee shall be \$100 per event.
  - d) Dual Team State Series dues shall be \$100 for the entire series.
  - e) Competitor membership dues shall be \$40.
  - f) Coach membership dues shall be \$40.
  - g) Official’s membership dues shall be \$35.
- 7) **BOARD MEMBERS**
  - a) President
    - i) Term
      - (1) Two year – odd and even consecutive years.
        - (a) *The next election will be at the August, 2012 general board meeting.*

- ii) Duties
  - (1) Chief administrative officer and legal head of this federation.
  - (2) Represents this federation at events requiring this federation's attendance.
  - (3) Presiding officer at regular, executive, and special executive board meetings.
  - (4) Appoints special committees.
  - (5) Fills vacancies by appointment.
- b) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Finance and Operations)
  - i) Term
    - (1) Two-year – even and odd consecutive years.
      - (a)** *The next election will be at the August, 2013 general board meeting.*
  - ii) Duties
    - (1) Assist the Secretary/Treasurer with the following:
      - (a)** Recording minutes of annual, regular, and special executive board meetings and to correspondence of these minutes to every team within 30 days of the event.
      - (b)** Maintaining this federation's financial records and business in an order consistent with standard practice.
    - (2) Presiding officer at Budget Committee meetings.
    - (3) Becomes President upon vacancy of that office.
    - (4) Assumes duties of President during his absence.
    - (5) Votes for first absent director at annual, regular, and executive board meetings.
- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Marketing and Communications)
  - i) Term
    - (1) Two-year – even and odd consecutive years.
      - (a)** *The next election will be at the August, 2013 general board meeting.*
  - ii) Duties
    - (1) Presiding officer at Rules Committee meetings.
    - (2) Historian (or appoints the position).
    - (3) Assumes duties of President during the absence of both President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.
    - (4) Votes for second absent director at annual, regular, and executive board meetings.
- d) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Freestyle/Greco-Roman)
  - i) Term
    - (1) Two-year – odd and even consecutive years.
      - (a)** *The next election will be at the August, 2012 general board meeting.*
- e) Secretary/Treasurer
  - i) Selection
    - (1) Hired by the IKWF Executive Board and Special Executive Board (15 members).
      - (a)** The finance committee and the special executive board will make a recommendation regarding retention of the Secretary/Treasurer and the specifics of his contract.
      - (b)** The Executive Board will make the final decision based on the previous season and the recommendation of the finance committee at the October meeting.
  - ii) Duties
    - (1) Mail a preliminary budget to the directors and officers two (2) weeks prior to the August general meeting.

- (2) Mail a detailed budget to the directors and officers thirty (30) days prior to the October meeting to be finalized and voted on.
  - (3) Responsible for membership processing, correspondence, overseeing sanctioned events and organizing events sponsored by the IKWF.
  - (4) All responsibilities are carried out under the guidance of the Special Executive Board.
- f) Directors
- i) Central, Central Chicago, North, North Chicago, South, South Chicago, West, West Chicago, Freestyle/Greco-Roman Operations, Freestyle, and Greco-Roman.
  - ii) Terms
    - (1) Central, North, South Chicago, and West: two-year – odd and even consecutive years.  
*(a) The next election is at the 2012 sectional meeting.*
    - (2) Central Chicago, North Chicago, South, and West Chicago: two-year – even and odd consecutive years.  
*(a) The next election is at the 2013 sectional meeting.*
  - iii) Duties
    - (1) Responsible to the president and the teams within his/her section.
    - (2) Responsible for the regional and sectional tournaments within his/her section.
    - (3) Responsible for the cooperative organization of the divisional dual meet tournament in which teams of their section take part.
    - (4) Presiding officer at all sectional meetings.
    - (5) Responsible for appointing two Alternate representatives of his/her section and informing the president of the choices. One Alternate director shall have the sole purpose of promoting the freestyle/Greco-roman season.
    - (6) Responsible for appointing an officials chairperson within their sectional.
    - (7) Responsible for accumulating all pertinent financial data concerning his section that is required by the Secretary/Treasurer.
    - (8) Responsible for accumulating all pertinent tournament data from his/her tournament directors as required by the historian.
    - (9) The sectional director or their designated representative shall be the sectional tournament director. The sectional director shall also designate the regional tournament directors within their section.

## 8) EXECUTIVE BOARD

- a) Members Ex Officio
  - i) All fifteen (15) federation officers.
  - ii) A director may be represented by a designated Alternate.
- b) Duties
  - i) Administration of this federation's business and laws.
  - ii) Convene all annual, regular, and special board meetings
- c) Voting Procedure
  - i) Directors entitled to one vote each.
  - ii) The President and three (3) Vice Presidents shall cast tie-breaker votes in the event of a tie.
  - iii) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall cast votes in absence of representation of one director.
  - iv) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall cast votes in absence of representation of a second director.
  - v) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President shall cast votes in absence of representation of a third director.

- d) Meeting Dates
  - i) Second Sunday of October, April, and August.
  - ii) Executive Board Meeting held at the IKWF Kids Open.
- e) Voting
  - i) By Executive Board only.
- f) Site Location
  - i) Determined by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- g) Order of Business
  - i) Presentation of the Executive Board.
  - ii) Presentation of the minutes.
  - iii) Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees.
  - iv) Reports of special committees.
  - v) Unfinished business.
  - vi) Special business.
  - vii) New business.
  - viii) Accepting bids for state tournament sites (April only).
  - ix) Nomination of officers (April only).
  - x) Adjournment.
- h) Special Executive Board Meetings
  - i) Purpose
    - (1) To deal with special matters between regular meetings.
    - (2) Member eligibility and discipline, handled by executive session of president, vice presidents, secretary/treasurer, and any directors or parties requested for matter to be dealt with.
  - ii) Site Location
    - (1) Location determined by president according to urgency of meeting.
    - (2) Notice to executive board members to be reasonable according to the urgency of the meeting. If a phone conference is to be held, a notice of at least one week must be given to the involved parties, except in an extreme emergency.
  - iii) An executive board meeting will be held each year at the Kids Open.
- i) Sectional Meetings
  - i) Purpose
    - (1) Convened for discussion of any issue or elections to be voted on by directors at the next federation meeting.
    - (2) Convened for discussion of sectional related business as called by director or requested by section teams.
  - ii) Site Location
    - (1) Location determined by director that is reasonably convenient to section members.
    - (2) Reasonable notice must be given.
  - iii) Voting
    - (1) Each section team casts one vote.
    - (2) No absentee votes permitted. Teams must send a representative.

## **9) COMMITTEES**

- a) Committees appointed by president, or one of the vice presidents.
- b) Officials Chairmen:

- i) North
  - (1) The North Chairman will oversee the Central Chicago, North, North Chicago, and West Chicago Sections.
- ii) South
  - (1) The South Chairman will oversee the Central, South, South Chicago, and West sections.
- iii) Appointed by president.
- iv) Responsible for securing and overseeing of officials at the Kids Open tournament.
- v) Responsible for compiling ratings of officials in each section and assigning officials to each sectional tournament.
- vi) Responsible for overseeing the officials at the State Tournament.
- vii) Shall make recommendations concerning rules interpretation when necessary.
- viii) Tournament committee will be developed at the State Tournament. The committee shall consist of five of the following seven (7) people:
  - (1) 1 or 3 executive officers.
  - (2) 2 or 3 of the 4 officials on break.
- c) Committee Reports
  - i) Committee reports shall be presented at each regular meeting while that committee is in existence, whether or not there has been any action since the previous report.
  - ii) The committee's presiding officer shall be responsible for presenting the committee report.

## **10) ELECTIONS**

- a) Nominations
  - i) Prior to accepting any position on any wrestling board of directors other than the IKWF, state or national, the officer or director must receive approval from the IKWF Executive Board.
  - ii) Officers
    - (1) Nominations shall be held at the April meeting in the election year. Nominations shall be called from the floor.
    - (2) Nominations shall occur up to two (2) weeks prior to the August meeting.
  - iii) Directors
    - (1) Voting shall be held at the sectional tournament.
    - (2) Nominations shall be called from the floor.
- b) Time and Method of Elections
  - i) Elections shall be held at the August regular meeting.
  - ii) Elections for Vice-Presidents shall be conducted in the following order:
    - (1) Finance and Operations.
    - (2) Marketing and Communications.
  - iii) Only directors or their Alternate shall vote.
  - iv) Absentee ballots shall be acceptable.
- c) Votes Required to Elect
  - i) In all elections only a simple plurality shall elect; in other words, the candidate with the most votes wins.
  - ii) An unopposed nominee shall be declared elected without a vote after close of final nominations.

## 11) QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

- a) For assembled meetings, a simple majority of voting members.
- b) For committees, a two-thirds majority.
- c) For special executive board meeting, three of the four officers.

## 12) ORGANIZATIONAL DISCIPLINE

- a) Suspension from the federation or removal from office may be the penalty for the following:
  - i) Serious misconduct at a federation function.
  - ii) Serious misconduct of official duties.
- b) Expulsion from office or from the federation may be the penalty for the following:
  - i) Flagrant misconduct at a federation function.
  - ii) Flagrant misconduct of official duties.
  - iii) Repeated serious misconduct occurrences.
  - iv) Non-payment or attempted late payment of registration dues.
  - v) Eligibility violations.
  - vi) Event sanctions violations.
- c) Disciplinary Procedures
  - i) Incidents which may require disciplinary action must be presented to the president by mail or fax. The initiation of the procedures for disciplinary action must be initiated as expeditiously as possible.
  - ii) Inform officers and sectional directors of circumstances which have required the initiation of disciplinary action.
  - iii) Present alleged offender with a written copy of the charge against him/her.
  - iv) Allow a reasonable time for alleged offender to prepare his/her defense.
  - v) Give alleged offender a fair hearing with an opportunity to refute the charges and to question witnesses.
  - vi) Expulsion requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of executive board or  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the special executive board.
    - (1) *Note: disciplines which may be imposed in addition to expulsion are: Suspension from participation, denial of sanctions, revocation of team or individual awards, and ineligibility for future team recognition.*
- d) Reinstatement Procedures
  - i) Offender must make application to the secretary/treasurer thirty (30) days prior to a regular meeting to get his/her request on the agenda.
  - ii) Reinstatement requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of executive board or  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of a special executive board.
- e) Conduct at Sanctioned Events
  - i) Any coach or wrestler ejected from an IKWF sanctioned event will be ineligible to coach or compete for ten (10) days from the date of the ejection.
  - ii) Any coach or wrestler ejected from an IKWF sanctioned event twice in the same season will be ineligible to coach or compete for the remainder of the season.
  - iii) Tournament managers, officials, and sectional directors are responsible for documenting the ejection of a coach or wrestler.
  - iv) The ejection can not be appealed to the IKWF executive board.
  - v) A coach or wrestler who fails to comply with the suspension will face disciplinary action imposed by the executive board.

- f) Special Circumstances
  - i) A quorum of the IKWF board has the authority to reprimand coaches or teams at any time with board approval.
- g) Coaches ejected for the second time within the same season will be immediately suspended and must surrender their coaching card to an IKWF officer. The coach will then be required to appear before the disciplinary committee. Meeting can be held at: Kids Open meeting or the April meeting. The action determined by the board may limit, restrict, or terminate a coach for the rest of the current season or the following season.
- h) Coaches, officials, and wrestlers who continue to have issues following the by-laws of the IKWF, may be brought to the IKWF board to show just cause for continuing as a member of the organization.
- i) ***Any disciplinary actions handed out to any official in writing must also be sent to the officials co-chairman, the officials chairman of each sectional, the sectional director where the infraction occurred. Information sent must be kept confidential.***

### 13) PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING BY-LAWS

- a) The executive board may improve the language of the proposed amendment in keeping with the language generally used in the by-laws.
- b) Any by-law may be changed, if deemed necessary, by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the entire board.
- c) All proposals for rule changes must be received in writing 15 days prior to the start of the April meeting.
- d) Voting for all by-law or rule changes shall take place at the August meeting. These rules can be altered thereafter by significant changes made by either the National Federation (NFSHS) or the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

### 14) IKWF RULES OF ORDER

- a) The objectives of this federation are to follow the guidelines set forth by the Wrestling Terms and Conditions.
- b) The location of a team's practice and competition facility, not its participants' residency, shall determine the team's sectional eligibility.
- c) Club assignments to a section shall be by geographic location of their team facility.
- d) Sectional Boundaries
  - i) Central:
    - includes the Counties of Clark, Cumberland, Shelby, Christian, Sangamon, Menard, Logan, McLean, DeWitt, Macon, Moultrie, Coles, Edgar, Douglas, Vermilion, Champaign, Piatt, Ford, Iroquois, and Livingston. The eastern portions of Woodford County from the Route 39 and McLean County line intersection north to the Marshall County line.
  - ii) North:
    - includes the Counties of JoDavies, Carroll, Stephenson, Ogle, Winnebago, Boone, and McHenry. The northern portion of Dekalb County north of I-88. Kane County excluding all portions south of I-88, east of Route 47 from I-88 north to Route 20, south of Route 20 from Route 47 to Randall Road, east of Randall Road from Route 20 to I-90, and south of I-90 from Randall Road to the Cook County line.
  - iii) South:
    - includes the Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Fayette,

Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Madison, Bond, Marion, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, St. Clair, Clinton, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Monroe, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, Pike, Scott, and Morgan.

iv) West

includes the Counties of Henderson, Cass, Brown, Adams, Mason, Schuyler, Tazewell, Fulton, McDonough, Hancock, Woodford excluding the eastern side of Route 39, Stark, Putnam, Mercer, Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, Whiteside, Lee, LaSalle, Dekalb south of I-88, Kane south of I-88 and west of Route 47, Grundy west of Route 47, and Kendall west of Route 47.

v) Central Chicago

East Border: Lake Michigan from Route 64 south to Illinois state line, continue south along state line to I-80.

South Border: I-80 from Illinois state line west to Route 43. Route 43 north to 123rd Street. 123<sup>rd</sup>

West Border: Will County/Cook County line from Will County/Cook County line and 123<sup>rd</sup> Street intersection north to I-55. I-55 north to I-294. I-294 north to Route 64.

North Border:

Route 64 from the Route 64 and I-294 intersection east to Lake Michigan.

vi) North Chicago

East Border: Lake Michigan from the Wisconsin state line to Route 64.

South Border: Route 64 from Lake Michigan west to the intersection of the Kane/DuPage county lines.

West Border: Kane/DuPage county lines from the intersection with Route 64 north to the intersection of the McHenry/Lake County line. McHenry/Lake County line north to the state line.

North Border: Illinois state line from the McHenry/Lake County line border east to Lake Michigan.

vii) South Chicago

East Border: Illinois state line from I-80 south to the Kankakee/Iroquois County lines.

South Border: Kankakee/Iroquois County lines and Illinois state line intersection west to the Livingston County line. Livingston County line north to Grundy County line. Grundy County line west to Route 47.

West Border: Route 47 from the Route 47 and Grundy/Livingston County line intersection north to Route 71.

North Border: Route 71 from the Route 71 and Route 47 intersection east to the Oswego town line. Oswego town line following the southern and eastern border of Oswego to Wolfs Crossing Road. Wolfs Crossing Road east to the Kendall County/Will County Line. Kendall County/Will County line north to Kendall, Kane, DuPage, and Will County lines intersection. Kendall, Kane, Dupage, and Will County intersection east to I-355. I-355 south to I-55. I-55, continue south along the Will County/Cook County line to 123<sup>rd</sup> Street. 123<sup>rd</sup> Street east to Route 43. Route 43 south to I-80. I-80 east to the Illinois state line.

viii) West Chicago

East Border: I-294 from the I-294 and Route 64 intersection south to I-55.

South Border: I-55 from the I-55 and I-294 intersection south to I-355. I-355 north to the DuPage County/Will County line. DuPage County/Will County line west to the Kendall, Kane, DuPage, and Will County lines intersection. Kendall County/Will County line south to Wolfs Crossing Road. Wolfs Crossing Road west to the Oswego town line. Follow the eastern and southern border Oswego around to Route 71. Route 71 west to route 47.

West Border: Route 47 from the intersection of Route 71 north the intersection of I-90.

North Border: I-90 east to the Kane/Cook County border. Kane/Cook County border south to the intersection of Route 64. Route 64 east to the intersection of I-294.

- e) A team may petition the board of directors for a ruling regarding their proper sectional eligibility if current sectional boundaries cause any unreasonable hardship.
- f) November 1<sup>st</sup> shall be the deadline for petitioning.
- g) A single entity, whether a club, school, park district, or any other society shall not split ranks and enter this federation as more than one team unless by justifiable cause.
- h) A member need not be an active coach to qualify for office.
- i) Flagrant misconduct shall be defined as criminal offenses or actions detrimental to this federation's name.
- j) An officer elected at the August meeting shall assume his/her duties immediately after the August meeting.
- k) Sectional directors will take office beginning with the April meeting following the election.
- l) Any rule adopted may not be changed for at least one year.
- m) Any officer shall, upon termination of their duties, deliver to the federation or his replacement all materials of importance to the federation and/or his replacement.
- n) An officer, tournament director, committee chairman, fund raising chairman, etc. shall be responsible for the accounting of any pertinent financial data involved in his duties, and forwarding of such financial data to the secretary/treasurer.
- o) An officer, tournament director, committee chairman, fund raising chairman, etc. shall be responsible for accumulating any promotional or historical data regarding his section, and also the forwarding of such data to the vice president (marketing and communications).
- p) Procedures for amending these Rules of Order shall be the same as those for amending this federation's by-laws.

#### **15) IKWF STANDING RULES**

- a) Each federation team shall receive a current season handbook containing current rules by which this federation functions.
- b) Each club must list a head coach on their club charter application.
- c) Included in the registration packet should be a list of the most probable federation teams with the team representatives' name, address, and telephone number. Additional up-to-date lists may be supplied upon request.
- d) The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for filing an annual financial report as required by the State and federal laws.
- e) The IKWF does not condone excessive weight loss.
- f) Any club who sponsors a non-sanctioned IKWF tournament will not be allowed to host a tournament the following season and must petition the board to host any future events.
- g) All coaches must display their coach's card on the upper part of their body between the neck and belt at all IKWF sanctioned events or they are not allowed to coach. Failure to follow this procedure will involve disciplinary action. A coach who gives their coach's card to

another individual, both individuals lose their coaching privileges for a period of one year from the date of the incident.

- h) Any individual who coaches at an IKWF sanctioned event without a current USA Wrestling coach's membership card shall be suspended from coaching for a period of one (1) year from the date of the incident. The club will be assessed a fine and also be placed on probation for the remainder of the current season, the next season, and not allowed to score team points in any IKWF sanctioned event during that period. If there are any repeat infractions, a lifetime coaching ban will be imposed on the individual and the club will not be allowed to score team points for a period of no less than five (5) years. If the club disbands and the IKWF executive board determines the same individuals have created a new club, the above penalty will be enforced on the new club.
- i) All coach's card applications must be submitted by the main contact of the club in which the coach wishes to be a club member.
- j) Sectional directors are encouraged to organize USA Wrestling sponsored coaches clinics (copper, bronze, silver) in their sectional at a minimum of every two (2) years. All coaches participating in the IKWF State Series (Dual Meet, Regional, Sectional, and State Final) are required to be a minimum of NCEP copper certified or ASEP certified.
- k) All coaches membership cards and ASEP/NCEP must be submitted to the IKWF no later than three (3) weeks prior to the regional competition.
- l) The head coach from each club must have either Copper Certification or ACEP Certification to receive a coach's card. One coach from each club should attend a rules interpretation meeting each season.
- m) All wrestlers competing on Illinois Regional or National teams must compete in current uniforms provided by the IKWF and be responsible for fees prior to commencement of said tournament.
- n) If a coach or competitor membership card is lost a replacement fee equal to the current cost of the membership card shall be assessed.
- o) Each tournament manager must submit a list of officials that worked their event no later than the Friday following the day of their tournament. The head official of the tournament is also requested to provide a list. Failure to comply will incur a fine of up to \$250.
- p) Tournaments which use non-registered USWOA officials will be fined \$100 per unregistered official up to a maximum of \$500. The team responsible for the tournament will be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year from the date of the incident. A second offense in this time frame will prevent the tournament from being sanctioned and/or penalties against the team. This will be determined by executive board action.
- q) Winter Nationals registration
  - i) All Illinois residents and/or previous IKWF members must submit their membership applications to the IKWF office postmarked the second Wednesday prior to the event or pay a late fee of \$35 per card. The late fee is in addition to the cost of the card. This applies to wrestlers and coaches.
- r) At the IKWF Individual State Championships in Session IV, coaches and/or sponsors are required to wear proper attire for the finals.
- s) Video taping at at IKWF sanctioned event is only permitted from the stands, balconies, or area(s) designated by the tournament host. Video taping from the wrestling area and coach's area is prohibited.

- t) *The IKWF by-laws shall be posted at [www.ikwf.org](http://www.ikwf.org) prior to the start of the competition season.*
- u) The IKWF shall generally follow the rules of competition as adopted by the IHSA with the following exceptions:

#### **COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Terms and Conditions governing the Kids Open, the State Championship Dual and Individual Wrestling Tournament Series (hereafter referred to as the “IKWF State Series”).

#### **16) CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

- a) Age limit:
  - i) Any person who is in eighth grade or below and not fifteen prior to September 1 of the current wrestling season. Age verification must be provided with initial registration. Wrestlers with age verification on file from previous year’s membership will not be obligated to provide age verification again unless records have been lost. Upon request of a sectional director or IKWF officer, an individual or club will be obligated to provide grade school attendance verification.
  - ii) A wrestler who does not meet the age requirements for the IKWF State Series will not be eligible for any IKWF sanctioned event.
  - iii) A wrestler’s legal age for IKWF competition shall be determined by the wrestler’s age on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each season.
- b) Eligibility
  - i) To be eligible to participate on any team, a wrestler cannot have wrestled for another team in the same season (September 1 to August 31). The intent of this rule is to put the young wrestlers into a structured team program of practice, dual meets, and tournaments. Combined teams are not allowed.
  - ii) A team is any number of wrestlers who practice together. Wrestlers are deemed to be on a team once a wrestler’s card has been applied for and issued by the IKWF office by an IKWF team, that wrestler is a member of the team which applied for the card, whether or not he/she competes in a competition.
  - iii) A wrestler who purchase their USAW competitor membership card for preseason training purposes must declare the IKWF club affiliation by November 14<sup>th</sup> of the current season.
  - iv) A wrestler may only wrestle for one IKWF team.
  - v) No wrestler may become a member of an IKWF chartered club that is more than 50 miles for travel away from their home address. No wrestler can transfer to another team outside their sectional during the season unless they physically move.
  - vi) If a team is registered with the federation and disbands before the State Series, such as a school team ending their season, those same persons can practice together and represent that team.
  - vii) A team can be a junior high, grade school, YMCA, park district, wrestling club, boys club, youth sports club, etc.
  - viii) A wrestler may petition to leave a chartered club and join a different chartered club during the current season. He must get a release from his coach and acquire approval from the sectional director and the executive board. If the petition is approved the wrestler is ineligible to score team points for the current season. A wrestler requesting a transfer from a club in which the club and/or its head coach are under IKWF executive board disciplinary actions may make their request directly to the IKWF executive board.

The IKWF board may approve the transfer by 3/4 majority vote of the entire executive board." Transfer requests must be submitted by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current wrestling season. A \$25 fee for each request must be included at the time the transfer request is made.

- ix) ***During the IKWF season, any wrestler holding a USAW card with an out-of-state address and moves into Illinois will be governed by the same rules as an in-state transfer. Wrestler will NOT be able to score team points in any State Series event or compete in the Dual Meet State Series without board approval. Other restrictions may apply and will be governed by the decisions of the IKWF board.***
- x) A wrestler must be a legal resident of the State of Illinois.
- xi) All rostered members of an IKWF sanctioned team must be an Illinois resident and may be required to show proof thereof. All wrestlers must reside within the Illinois State boundaries. Proof of residency may consist of, but not limited to, school enrollment records, custodial residency documents or any other form of residency proof that may be necessary or requested. If a wrestler no longer is a resident of Illinois at any time during the course of the IKWF season then they are no longer eligible to be rostered on an IKWF sanctioned team.
- xii) Once a wrestler completes 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is eligible to enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they are no longer eligible to be rostered on an IKWF team regardless of age.
- xiii) A team can allow wrestlers from other teams to compete with them at out-of-state "all-star" tournaments.
- xiv) Match Limitation: each wrestler shall not be limited to a certain number of matches during the IKWF season which begins with the first legal day of competition and end with the beginning of the State Series.
- xv) A wrestler may wrestle a maximum of six (6) bouts per day except during the IKWF State Series.
- xvi) No competition will be allowed before the first weekend in December with the exception of a national sanctioned event in November. The tournament director shall be the Vice President-Finance and Operations.
- xvii) A wrestler who purchased a USAW membership card as an unattached wrestler must declare his/her team affiliation within fourteen (14) days of the purchase. If the membership card is purchased with fourteen days of the deadline for entry into the IKWF State Series (three weeks prior to regional competition) the declaration must be made by the deadline. If a declaration is not made by the above described procedures, the wrestler will be ineligible for the IKWF State Series.
- xviii) A wrestler may compete in the IKWF Series only one (1) time while he/she is enrolled in the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade.
- xix) Kids Open
  - (1) Entry fee shall be \$15 per wrestler.
  - (2) Registration and entry fee payment will be handled online via the IKWF website.
  - (3) Divisions:
    - (a) Girls
    - (b) 7 & 8
    - (c) 9 & 10
    - (d) 11 & 12

- (e) 13 & 14
- (f) Novice Elite (10, 11, and 12)
- (g) Senior Elite (12, 13, and 14)
- (4) State qualifiers must wrestle in either the Novice Elite or the Senior Elite division.
- (5) Non-returning state qualifiers ten years of age or older may also compete in the Elite divisions.
- (6) Weight classes for the Novice Elite division will correspond with the Novice Division and weight classes for the Senior Elite division will correspond with the Senior Division listed under Section XX, C, and weight classifications.
- (7) In the event there are more than sixteen (16) participants in the Novice Elite and Senior Elite brackets, the participants may be split into two (2) or more brackets based upon record and criteria.

xx) Disciplinary Action

- (1) If conditions of competition are violated, the wrestler is eliminated from competition for the remainder of the season. The team can score no points in any sanctioned tournament.
- (2) In addition to the above, any team (participants, coaches, officers, and affiliates) found to be in violation of the competition terms and conditions will be subject to the disciplines as listed in the IKWF by-laws. After the disciplinary measures are imposed by the special executive board the offender is responsible to:
  - (a) The team must provide verification of age through their schools on school stationary for each competitor.
  - (b) Make available the phone numbers of the principals of all schools attended by the participating wrestlers at the time of registration. This will be in addition to the normal requirements for proof of age.

**17) TOURNAMENT DATES AND QUALIFYING**

- a) The Kids Open Tournament will be held in January when facilities are available. No other tournament will be sanctioned the weekend of the Kids Open tournament.
- b) The IKWF Individual State Tournament series shall be held in three consecutive weeks. The actual dates of competition will depend on facility availability for the State Finals and must be approved by the executive board.
- c) The Dual Meet State Finals will be held at a time determined by the executive board.
- d) The Individual State Series will include four divisions:
  - i) Senior: Wrestlers no younger than twelve years of age [as defined under Conditions of Competitions] may compete in individual and team competition at the regional, sectional, and state levels.
  - ii) Novice: Wrestlers no older than twelve and no younger than ten years of age [as defined under Conditions of Competitions] may compete in individual and team competition at the regional, sectional, and state levels.
  - iii) Intermediate: Wrestlers no older than ten and no younger than eight years of age [as defined under Conditions of Competitions] may compete in individual and team competition at the regional and sectional levels only.
  - iv) Bantam: Wrestlers eight years old and younger [as defined under Conditions of Competitions] may compete in individual competition at the regional level only.

- e) The Individual State Series shall be conducted on the regional level the first week, with twelve wrestlers per weight class qualifying for sectional competition. Regional tournaments may be conducted on a Saturday or Sunday.
- f) Each sectional tournament must be run on the weekend following the regional, with 24 wrestlers qualifying for the State Championships (three (3) per section). A one or two day tournament may be run depending upon facility availability. No Sunday tournaments may be held for the Sectionals.
- g) The Individual State Championships Tournament shall be a two day competition held on the Friday and Saturday following the sectional tournaments. A wild card rotation system will be used to enable the Alternates from different regional and sectional wrestlers to advance. This system will only be used in the case of byes being present in a bracket due to lack of entries from any given qualifying tournament. The rotation is predetermined and notification of the Alternates shall be made on the Sunday following the qualifying tournaments.
- h) Every attempt should be made to notify Alternate individuals and teams when the slightest possibility exists that they may be called upon to compete in the state tournament.
- i) Dual Meet State Series
  - i) Eligibility
    - (1) Any member team that has met all registration requirements and deadlines.
    - (2) Age restrictions are the same as those set for the Senior and Novice divisions.
    - (3) Weight Classes: 66, 70, 74, 79, 84, 89, 95, 101, 108, 115, 122, 130, 138, 147, 156, 166, 177, 189, and 275.
    - (4) The minimum weight for competitors in the 275 lbs. weight class is 188 lbs.
  - ii) Entry Fees
    - (1) \$100 per team due by December 15<sup>th</sup> (postmark). This fee covers the entire Dual Meet State Series.
  - iii) Format
    - (1) All Dual Meet Divisional competition must be scheduled to be wrestled and completed one week prior to the Dual Meet State Tournament unless inclement weather prohibits travel from participating teams. If a team enters the Dual Meet State Series and does not wrestle in any of the competitions, they forfeit any subsequent participation in the Dual Meet State Series.
    - (2) Two sections make up a division. The southern divisional is comprised of the South and Central Sections; the northwestern divisional is comprised of the North and West Sections; the eastern divisional is comprised of the South Chicago and Central Chicago Sections; and the central divisional is comprised of the North Chicago and West Chicago Sections. A team may petition into a different divisional for geographic reasons. The petition must be made a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the dual meet entry deadline. The petition must be approved by the four officers and four sectional directors involved.
    - (3) Three (3) teams from each divisional will advance to the Dual Meet State Championships. Wrestle backs in a divisional are from the semifinals. The fourth place team is the first Alternate to the State Tournament. The fifth place team is the second Alternate to the State Tournament.

- (4) Divisional and State Championship brackets are listed on pages 19 and 20.  
Assignment letters will be drawn *during the Kids Open executive board meeting* for State Tournament rotation and will not be revealed until *all state tournament rosters have been submitted to the IKWF office.*
- (5) *Satellite weigh-ins will be held only if setup by the Sectional Director.*
- (6) The beginning weight class for Divisional and State Championship Dual Meet competition will be drawn prior to the start of the tournament.
- (7) In the event there are lack of entries from the divisional competitions to the state tournament, the following wild card rotation will be used to fill dual meet state championship bracket:
- (a) Central Divisional
  - (b) Northwestern Divisional
  - (c) Southern Divisional
  - (d) Eastern Divisional
- (8) If the first wild card does not have a fourth place finisher, the second wild card will be used, and so on. The above rotation will be used until the state championship bracket is full.
- (9) Participants
- (a) Rosters of Divisional tournament participants must be turned in at the seeding meeting. Rosters may include up to thirty (30) wrestlers. At this time the two (2) coaches who are to be placed on the pass list, and recognized during the competition, must submit their names.
  - (b) Teams qualifying for the State Championships must submit their final roster (revised if needed) to the IKWF office or State tournament host no later than *the Tuesday prior to the* first day of State Championship competition. No changes may be made to this roster after being submitted. Divisional tournament roster and state championship roster need not be the same.
- (10) Divisional Seeding Criteria
- (a) Consensus of the coaches.
  - (b) Head to head and common opponent in dual meet competition.
  - (c) Highest finish in last years dual meet state series.
  - (d) Higher finish in tournament competition.
  - (e) Highest point total taken from returning state qualifiers now on your team using the formula below.
  - (f) Draw.

Formula for (e)

STATE PLACE (Last year)	POINTS	STATE PLACE (Previous year)	POINTS
Champion	13	Champion	7
Runner up	11	Runner up	6
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	10	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	5.5
4 <sup>th</sup> place	8	4 <sup>th</sup> place	5
5 <sup>th</sup> place	7	5 <sup>th</sup> place	4
6 <sup>th</sup> place	5	6 <sup>th</sup> place	3

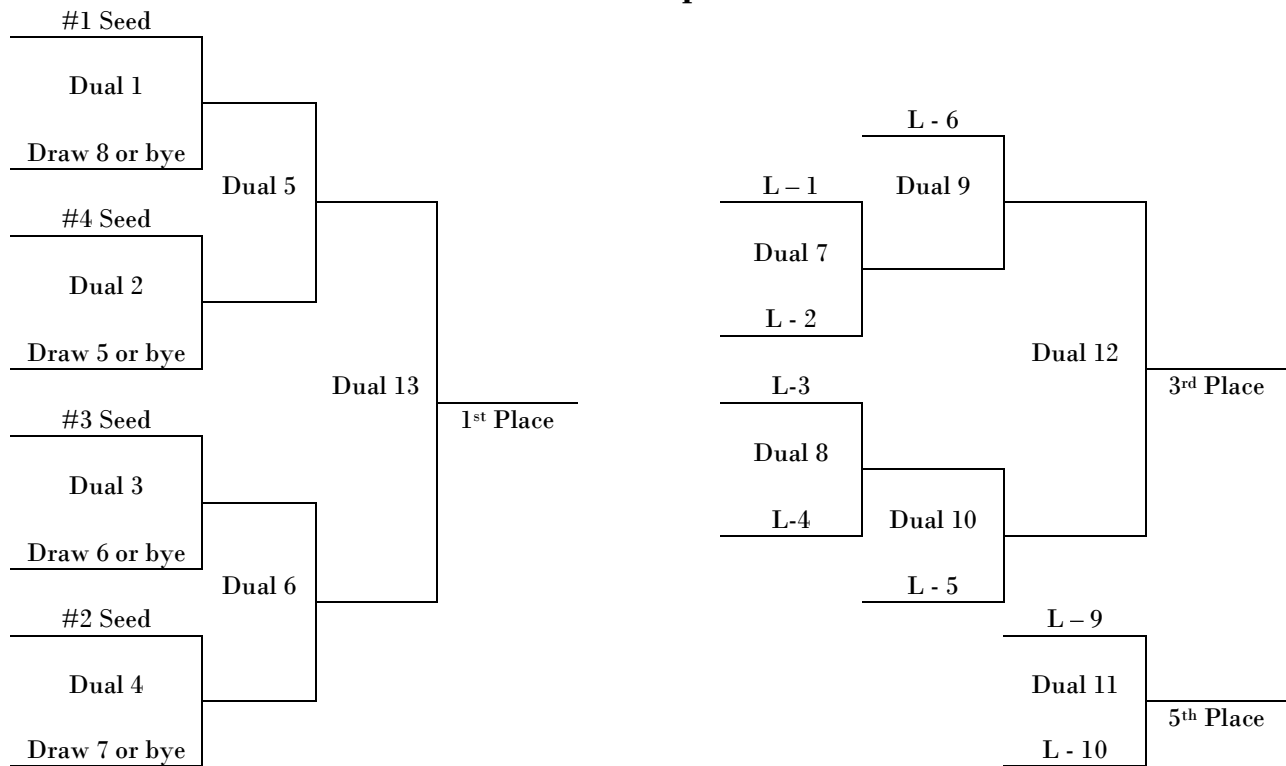
7 <sup>th</sup> place	4	7 <sup>th</sup> place	2
8 <sup>th</sup> place	2	8 <sup>th</sup> place	1.5
Qualifier	1	Qualifier	0.5

\*\*Multiple-year qualifier will use year with the highest point score.

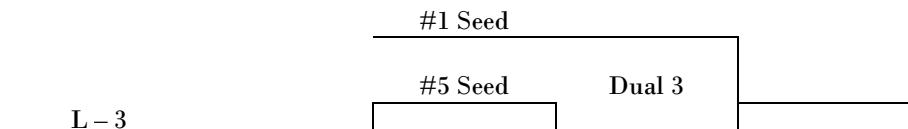
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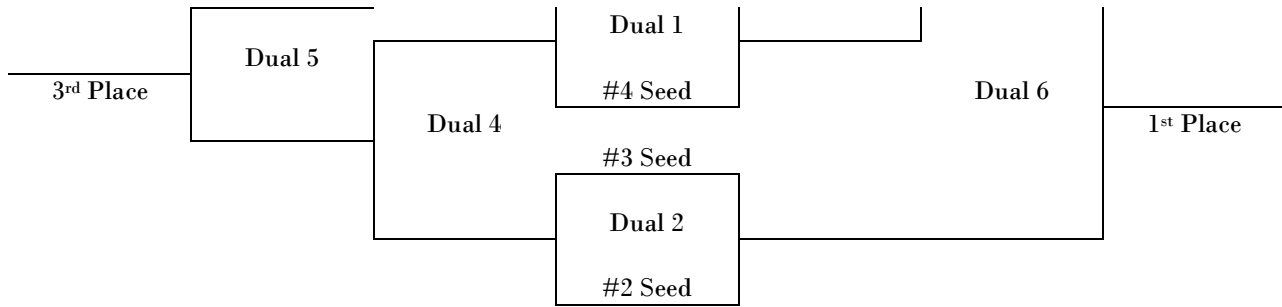
- a) Team awards will be given to the top four teams in each division if more than 30 teams enter the dual meet competition. If less than 30 teams enter the competition, the divisional champion will receive a team award.
- b) Team and individual awards will be given to the top eight teams (8) teams in the State Championship competition.

### Divisional Competition Brackets

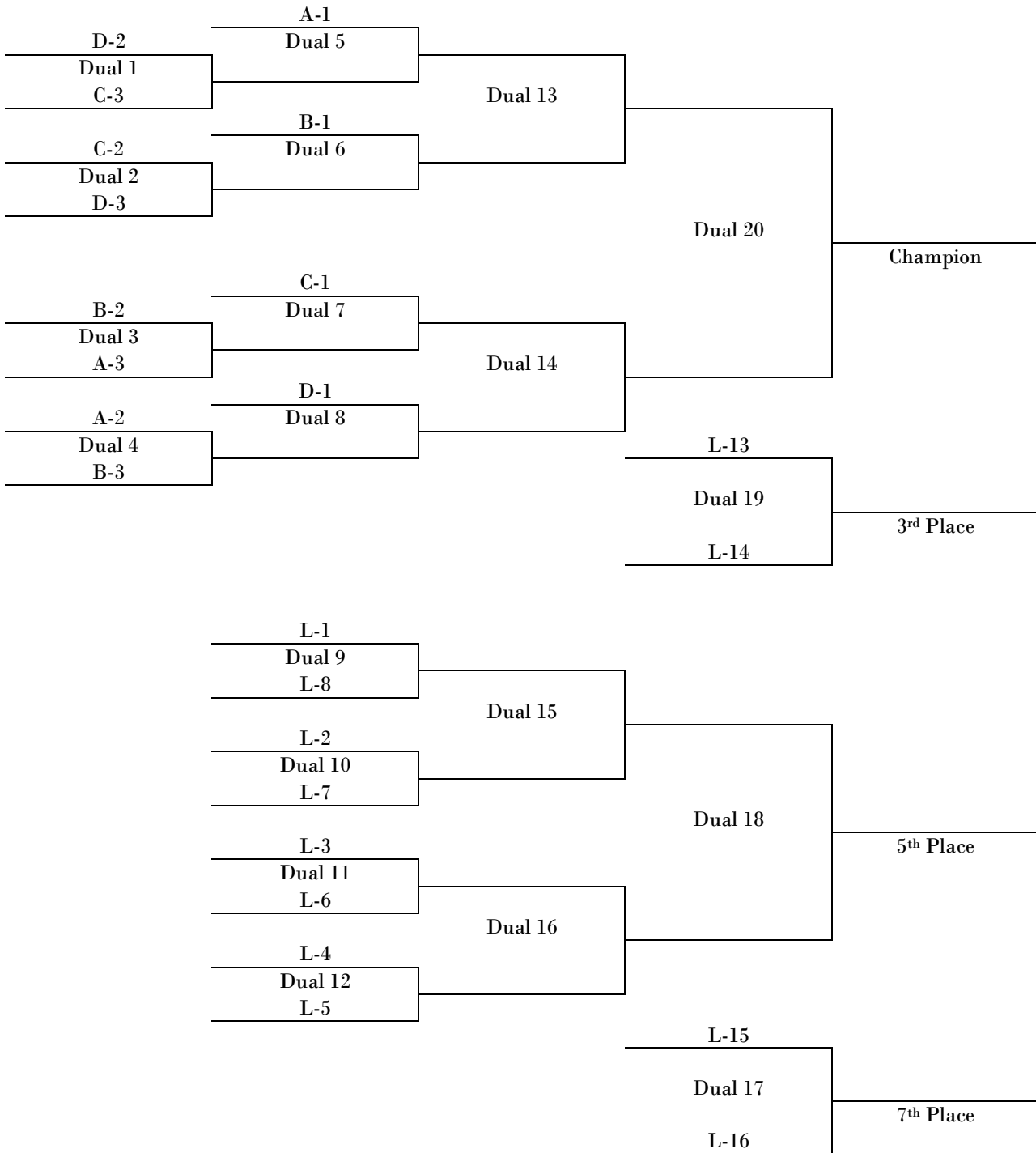


### Divisional Competition Bracket (For 5 team entries)





## Dual Meet State Championship Bracket



## 18) TOURNAMENT CENTERS

- a) Each member team shall be notified as to which section it will be competing in by the IKWF secretary/treasurer.
- b) Each member team shall be notified as to which regional it will be competing in by its sectional director.
- c) Regional and sectional sites will be submitted to sectional directors. They will then be discussed. All regional and sectional tournament sites must be secured and sanctioned by the Kids Open.
- d) Selection of a site for the State Tournament shall, after screening by a selected committee chaired by the Vice President-Finance and Operations, be voted on by the executive board and the sectional representatives. Selection shall be made no later than six (6) months prior to the tournament date.
- e) Host sites shall be submitted for consideration at the annual April meeting.
- f) The IKWF will pay for and require all IKWF regional and sectional hosts use trackwrestling.com to run their regional and sectional tournaments and training will be provided at the Kids Open.
- g) ***The minimum mat size for all divisions during the IKWF State Series shall be a 22-foot circle. It is recommended a 28-foot circle be used for the Intermediate, Novice, and Senior.***
- h) ***No tournament shall be allowed to advertise themselves as a STATE tournament at the intermediate, bantam, tot, or midget level.***

## 19) ENTRIES AND FEES

- a) In order to be admitted to the State Tournament Series, a team must register by paying the annual registration fee by February 1 each season. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE TEAM REGISTRATION!** Any club, coach, or individual that submits a bad check to the IKWF will be subject to a \$25 service charge and be required to make good payment within 10 days of IKWF notification or lose eligibility until paid.
- b) All Illinois residents must purchase their USA Wrestling membership card through the IKWF office. If the card is purchased outside Illinois, they must pay a \$10 per day fee to wrestle in sanctioned events or pay \$20 to have their USA Wrestling card placed on a certified roster and be eligible for the IKWF State Series or any other sanctioned event. Each registration must be accompanied by proof of age. Competitors' age verification is recorded by the IKWF. Unverified wrestlers will not be listed on an official IKWF roster. A separate unverified roster will be created with the wrestler's name. Subsequent registration need not be accompanied by further verification unless records are lost or damaged. Registration for USA Wrestling cards must be postmarked two (2) weeks in advance to be eligible to compete. Cards are \$40 per wrestler. Competitor cards may be purchased at IKWF events for \$50. The wrestler must have a copy of their birth certificate to purchase the card at events. Head coaches and tournament directors are responsible to make sure every wrestler has obtained a USA Wrestling membership card before competing in any sanctioned event. In order for a wrestler to be eligible for the IKWF State Series, his card must be purchased no later than 21 days prior to regional competition, no exceptions.
- c) Coach's Membership
  - i) Coach's membership fee is \$40. Registration for USA Wrestling cards must be postmarked two (2) weeks in advance to be eligible to compete.

- ii) Coach's are subject to a background screening check as described in USA Wrestling's background screening policy.
- d) Regional entries
  - i) A wrestler may enter only one division and one weight classes.
  - ii) Entry fee at regional tournaments shall be **\$15** per wrestler with **\$10** going to the IKWF and **\$5** remaining with the host. Regional entry fees must be paid prior to the regional seed meeting. No refunds will be made. Once a wrestler is entered on the bracket at the seeding meeting, he must wrestle the weight he has entered at or pay an additional \$10 fee to the regional tournament host. This does not assess an additional fee on scratches.
  - iii) Regional gate fees: Adults \$3 for a one session tournament, \$5 for a two session tournament, students w/ID \$2 for a one session tournament, \$3 for a two session tournament, and children \$1 per session (no three session tournaments).
- e) Sectional entries
  - i) Entry fee at sectional tournament shall be **\$15** per wrestler ***with \$10 going to the IKWF and \$5 remaining with the host.*** A team must pay the sectional entry fee for all their sectional qualifiers unless a qualifier is withdrawn by the Tuesday following the regional tournament. All entry fees must be paid prior to the beginning of sectional competition. All fees must be paid for a given team before anyone from that team will be allowed to compete. Once a team agrees to enter a wrestler as a wild card entry, his fee must also be paid prior to the beginning of sectional competition.
  - ii) If a team has a sectional qualifier who does not show up for sectional competition and has not notified the Sectional Director prior to weigh-ins, the team will be assessed a \$10 per no show fee. This is in addition to the sectional entry fee. This penalty fee will be added to the team's sectional fee on the day of the sectional tournament. This no show fee is paid to the sectional tournament host.
  - iii) ***If a wrestler is scratched, does not weigh-in, or does not make weight then each placer from his regional rotates up to the next highest position. If a wrestler does not show up for any match or does not make the weight requirements for a second day of competition, his/her participation in the IKWF Series Series is over and his opponent shall be awarded both forfeit and advancement points when applicable.***
  - iv) Sectional gate fees: Adults \$3 for a one session tournament, \$5 for a two session tournament, students w/ID \$2 for a one session tournament, \$3 for a two session tournament, children \$1 per session (no three session tournaments).
- f) State Championship entries
  - i) Qualifying wrestlers will be admitted without fee to the State Championship Tournament. If a team has a state championship qualifier who does not show up for state championship competition and has not notified the IKWF office by the Monday following sectional competition, the team will be assessed a \$10 per no show fee. This fee will be added to the club charter fee for the following season.  
*Note: The purpose of the above fee structure is to encourage members to notify those involved with changes in their lineup in a timely manner to allow others to compete in the vacated positions.*
  - ii) Teams will be charged for no shows at the following rates:
    - (1) \$10, if notified 48 hours before the start of weigh-ins.

(2) \$20, if notified 24 hours before the start of weigh-ins.

(3) \$30, if not notified before the start of weigh-ins.

- g) Each team shall be allowed to enter an unlimited number of wrestlers in each weight class for regional competition.
- h) Only two (2) wrestlers from each team shall be allowed to score team points in each senior, novice, and Intermediate division weight class.
  - i) In the regional tournaments, if a team enters more than two wrestlers at a weight class, the head coach must declare which two wrestlers will score team points at the seeding meeting. If one of the two wrestlers selected for scoring points does not make weight on the first day of competition, the head coach can declare another wrestler to score team points, but it must be done by the conclusion of the weigh-ins.
  - ii) In the sectional tournaments, if a team has advanced more than two wrestlers per weight class, the head coach must declare by the conclusion of weigh-ins who the two point scorers shall be. These wrestlers do not have to be the same wrestlers who were the designated point scorers in the regional tournament.
  - iii) Rule (ii) above also applies to the State Championship.
- i) Any regional or sectional host exceeds the gate or entry fee set by the IKWF will be suspended from holding a regional or sectional tournament for one year.

## 20) **ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS**

### a) Regional tournaments

- i) Twelve (12) wrestlers from each weight class will qualify from the regional tournaments for sectional competition. If two regionals are held, six (6) per weight class will qualify from each tournament. If three regionals are held, four (4) per weight class will qualify from each tournament.

*Note: A three regional structure may be used within a section if a 2/3 majority of all teams chartered in that section approve and the executive board approves the three regional structure upon petition by the sectional director.*

### b) Sectional Tournaments

- i) Twenty-four (24) wrestlers from each weight class will qualify from the sectional tournaments for the State Championship competition. Three (3) per weight class will qualify from each of the eight (8) tournaments.
- ii) Alternates: if any qualifiers from the regional tournaments should be unable to participate in the sectional tournaments, or any of the qualifiers from the sectional tournaments should be unable to participate in the State Championship Tournament, Alternates shall be selected.

#### (1) Sectional Alternates

##### (a) Two region sectional

- (i) Alternates shall be determined by the wrestler who won the most matches in the championship bracket competition but failed to qualify as a sixth place winner. Should more than one (1) wrestler meet the Alternate criteria, then the one winning the most matches in both the championship and consolation brackets shall be the Alternate. However, if two (2) wrestlers remain tied for the Alternate position, the one defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance.

##### (b) Three region sectional

- (i) The first Alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the championship bracket competition but failed to qualify as a fourth place winner. Should more than one (1) wrestler meet Alternate criteria, then the one winning the most matches in both the championship and consolation brackets shall be the Alternate. However, if two (2) wrestlers remain tied for the Alternate position, the one defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance.
- (2) State Championship Alternates
  - (a) The first Alternate shall be the wrestler defeated in the third place match. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the championship bracket competition but failed to qualify as a third place winner or as a first alternate. Should more than one (1) wrestler meet the second Alternate criteria, then the one winning the most matches in both the championship and consolation brackets shall be the second Alternate. However, if two (2) wrestlers remain tied for the second Alternate position, the one defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance.
- (3) If the wrestler to be replaced is not the lowest place qualifier, move all qualifiers up and place the Alternate in the lowest place positions. Openings in a bracket in the first contested round of competition at a given weight will be scored as a bye at the sectional and state championships.
- (4) Withdrawing: If a wrestler qualifies for advancement and is unable to compete for any reason, the Alternates should be notified as soon as possible
 

*Note: Alternates substituting for any sectional or state tournament qualifiers may be entered up to the weigh-in deadline. It shall be the responsibility of the coaches to notify the proper tournament manager at the earliest possible time that an Alternate may be necessary. The tournament manager is responsible for informing the Alternate's coach that he may replace the regular qualifier.*

*Note: In all regional and sectional tournaments, the Alternate shall always be considered as being the lowest place wrestler. If an Alternate is required for a champion, the second place wrestler shall be considered as the champion for the purposes of pairing, etc.*

*Special Situation: In all State Series competitions, a wrestler defeated in the quarter-final round will advance to the consolation bracket if his quarter-final opponent fails to make the second day weight requirements.*

## 21) AWARDS

- a) Regional Tournaments
  - i) Senior, Novice, and Intermediate Division
    - (1) With two regional qualifying tournaments
      - (a) Medals for the first six place winners.
      - (b) Team plaques will be awarded to the first three teams. Regular team scoring will be used.
    - (2) With three regional qualifying tournaments
      - (a) Medals for the first four place winners.
      - (b) Team plaques will be awarded to the first two teams. Regular team scoring will be used.
  - ii) Bantam Division

- (1) Medals for all participants.
- b) Sectional Tournaments
  - i) Senior, Novice, and Intermediate Division
    - (1) Medals will be awarded to the first four place winners.
    - (2) Team plaques will be awarded to the first three place winners.
- c) State Championship Tournament
  - i) In the State Championship Tournament, individual medals shall be awarded to the first eight (8) place winners at each weight class. Team trophies shall be awarded to the top eight (8) teams.
 

*Note: A proposal has been sent to committee and will be voted on at the Kids Open Executive Board Meeting. Team trophies may be divided among large clubs and small clubs.*
  - ii) In the event of a tie for team standings, duplicate awards will be presented, i.e. two teams tie for first place at a sectional, two first place trophies and one third place trophy shall be awarded.
- d) For all divisional and state dual meet awards, see section of Dual Meet State Series.

## 22) SUMMARY OF RULES

The official National High School Federation Interscholastic Wrestling Rules shall be in effect for all tournaments with the exceptions listed below.

- a) Wrestlers shall not be required to wear a mouth guard.
- b) International singlets will be allowed at IKWF competitions. Wrestlers will be required to cover their shoelaces only at the Kids Open and IKWF State Series.
- c) Weight Classifications: The weight classifications listed in the National Federation rule book are amended as follows:
  - i) Senior Division: There are eighteen (18) weight classifications: 74,79,84,89,95,101,108,115,122,130,138,147,156,166,177,189,215,275.
  - ii) Novice Division: There are seventeen (17) weight classifications: 62,66,70,74,79,84,89,95,101,108,115,122,130,138, 156, 177, 215.
  - iii) Intermediate Division: There are eighteen (18) weight classifications: 49,52,55,58,62,66,70,74,79,84,89,95,101,108,122,138,156,177.
  - iv) Bantam Division: Four (4) man blocked weights.
  - v) A wrestler's weight may not exceed 275 pounds at any sanctioned event.
- d) Weigh-ins
  - i) All contestants, including those in the 275 lbs. weight class, are required to weigh-in wearing a singlet. Each wrestler must make scratch weight. No weight allowance will be given for the first day of competition.
  - ii) In regional tournaments, each participant shall be name to their respective weight class at the time of their weigh-in.
  - iii) If all teams are in agreement, a region may require regional tournament weigh-ins the day before the regional tournament. This will be determined by a vote of all participating teams. The purpose of this procedure is to eliminate repairing the brackets when seeding is held before weigh-ins. With the above procedure the seed meeting would be held after the weigh-ins.
  - iv) *A wrestler is considered a participant in the IKWF regionals once he/she has both been entered at the seeding meeting and made the weight requirements. If a wrestler does not show up for any match, it is considered a forfeit. A wrestler is*

***considered a participant in the IKWF sectional and state tournaments once they have met the weight requirements.***

v) Sectional weigh-ins shall be held in accordance with the official National High School Federation Interscholastic Wrestling rules with one exception. Night before competition weigh-ins may be used if  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the sectional teams agree. If night before weigh-ins are agreed upon, Alternate sights may be used and wrestlers will still have the option of weighing in at the site on the day of competition. Weigh-in supervision and scales must be approved by the sectional directors and tournament director.

vi) A wrestler may not compete in more than one weight class above his current weight. Example: A wrestler who weighs 69 lbs. may wrestle in the 70 lbs. or 74 lbs. weight classes, but not the 79 lbs. weight class.

*Note: Senior Division 74 lbs. wrestlers may not weigh less than 64 lbs.. Novice Division 62 lbs. wrestlers may not weigh less than 53 lbs., 66 lbs. wrestlers may not weigh less than 57 lbs., and 215 lbs. wrestlers may not weigh less than 165 lbs.. Intermediate Division 55 lbs. wrestlers may not weigh less than 47 lbs., 58 lbs. wrestlers may not weigh less than 50 lbs., and 177 lbs. wrestlers may not weigh less than 137 lbs.*

vii) Weigh-ins for regional and sectionals shall be on the first day of competition, and the second day as well if it is a two day tournament, no sooner than four hours before and no later than one hour before competition begins. Weigh-ins may be held the day before competition if approved as stated above in item (iii). If competition is held in two days, wrestlers may weigh-in for the second day of competition following the first day of competition.

viii) Weigh-ins for the State Championships shall be conducted using the following procedures:

- (1) Participants at IKWF State will have the choice to weigh-in Thursday night or Friday morning for the first day of competition. If a participant makes it to the second day of competition they will be required to weigh-in again and they will have the option to weigh-in either Friday night or Saturday morning for the second day of competition. They will be given a one (1) pound growth allowance for the second day.
- (2) Wrestlers are required to wear a competition singlet upon entering the weigh-in area.
- (3) Wrestlers are not allowed to leave the weigh-in area until weight has been made or not made.
- (4) Wrestlers are allowed two consecutive attempts to make their designated weight.
- (5) If a wrestler does not make weight the first time, they will be brought to a designated second scale immediately for their second attempt.
- (6) If a wrestler does not make weight, they will be removed from the tournament.

ix) Dual Meet Series weigh-in times shall be announced.

e) Length of Bouts

Division	Regional	Sectional	State
Senior	All bouts 4.5 min.	All bouts 4.5 min.	All bouts 4.5 min.
Novice	All bouts 4.5 min.	All bouts 4.5 min.	All bouts 4.5 min.
Intermediate	All bouts 3 min.	All bouts 3 min.	All bouts 3 min.
Bantam	All bouts 3 min.		

4.5 minute bouts are divided into three periods. All periods shall be one and one-half (1.5) minutes in duration. There shall be no rest between periods.

3 minute bouts are divided into three periods. Each period shall be one minute in duration. There shall be no

rest between periods.

- i) A one minute overtime period will follow a match tied after regulation, with no rest between the regular match and overtime. The overtime period will begin with both wrestlers in the neutral position and the wrestler who scores the first points shall be declared the winner of the bout. If no winner is determined in the one minute overtime, a 30-second tiebreaker will follow. The choice for position in the tiebreaker period will be granted to the wrestler who scores the first point(s) in the regulation match. If no points were scored in the regulation match, the choice will be granted to the winner of a toss of a colored disk. The wrestler winning the toss may select the top or bottom position, or he/she may elect to defer his choice. The wrestler who scores the first point(s) will be declared the winner. If no scoring occurs in the 30-seconds, the offensive wrestler will be awarded one point and declared the winner of the bout.

*Note: If both wrestlers are called for stalling and awarded 1 point during the first overtime period; the first overtime period will be ended and the 30 second tiebreaker will be wrestled.*

- f) Senior, Novice, and Intermediate division team scoring
  - i) Regional tournament-two region sectional: 16 points for first place, 12 points, for second place, 9 points for third place, 7 points for fourth place, 2 points for fifth place, and 1 point for sixth place.
  - ii) Regional tournament-three region sectional: 14 points for first place, 10 points for second place, 7 points for third place, and 4 points for fourth place.
  - iii) Sectional tournaments: 14 points for first place, 10 points for second place, 7 points for third place, and 4 points for fourth place.
  - iv) State tournament: 16 points for first place, 12 points, for second place, 9 points for third place, 7 points for fourth place, 5 points for fifth place, and 3 points for sixth place, 2 points for seventh place, and 1 point for eighth place.
  - v) In all regional, sectional, and state tournament: two advancement points will be credited to a team's total for each match won in the championship bracket and 1 advancement point in the consolation bracket, except the first, third, fifth, and seventh place matches. Two additional points will be awarded for win by fall, default, disqualification, or forfeit. One and one-half additional point shall be awarded for each technical fall. One additional point shall be awarded for each major decision.

*Note: Technical fall=match stopped for or ending with a 15 point advantage by one of the wrestlers. Major decision=won by an 8 to 14 point advantage.*
  - vi) In all regional, sectional and state tournament competition, if a wrestler receives a bye in the preliminary round of competition (if one match is wrestled in a round, all other wrestlers in that bracket shall receive byes for that round) he/she shall be awarded two advance points for that round if he/she wins his/her next match. Bonus points shall be duplicated as well. In consolation brackets, the same rule applies. In both cases, no points shall be awarded for the bye if the wrestler loses his next match after the bye.
  - vii) In regional, sectional, and state tournament competition, any infraction which occurs in one division which would be cause for a deduction of team points shall be assessed against that team's other division team scores as well.

*(Example: infraction against a senior division wrestler at a sectional competition, deduct team point(s) from the senior, novice, and Intermediate division.)*
  - viii) To coach a wrestler during competition a person must hold a current USA Wrestling coach's card.

*Note: Flagrant misconduct is now a three (3) point deduction and elimination from the tournament on the first offense. All team points already awarded shall be deducted. There shall be no shifting of wrestlers to fill the vacated place.*

g) Seeding

i) In order for a coach to be able to seed any wrestler, he must have the following information:

- (1) Wrestler's name.
- (2) Won/loss percentage (ties count as .5 win and .5 loss).
- (3) Each match record.
  - (a) Opponents name and club.
  - (b) Weight class of match.
  - (c) Match results.
  - (d) Level (intermediate, novice, or senior) on which the match was wrestled.
  - (e) Failure to have this complete information may result in not seeding the wrestler.

ii) Criteria for seeding

(1) Intermediate Division

- (a) Consensus of the coaches (a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority must agree for any seed).\*
- (b) Overall winning percentage vs. all competition (wrestler must have a minimum of ten matches in order to be considered by this criteria).

(2) Novice and Senior Division

- (a) Consensus of the coaches (a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority).
- (b) Head-to-head and common opponents.
- (c) Winning percentage (quality of competition must be considered and a minimum of ten matches).
- (d) Higher place finish in last year's state tournament, use higher weight if tied.
- (e) Draw by seed meeting director.

iii) \*Procedures for conducting the seed meeting.

- (1) Allow each contesting wrestler's coach to briefly talk.
- (2) Close discussion.
- (3) Take a vote (this is done for each seed).
- (4) Two to four wrestlers may be seeded. All others must be drawn. All wrestlers may be drawn if no seeding criteria are met.
- (5) Care should be taken to separate teammates. Wrestlers from the same team should be seeded and drawn into opposite half brackets when possible. If three or four wrestlers from the same team appear on the same bracket, these wrestlers should be seeded and drawn into opposite quarter brackets when possible.

h) Sectional Pairings

i) All wrestlers will be paired by the following predetermined rotations.

ii) Sectional pairings for a two region sectional:

Bout 1	B3 vs. A5	Bout 5	WN bout 1 vs. A1
Bout 2	A4 vs. B6	Bout 6	WN bout 2 vs. B2
Bout 3	B4 vs. A6	Bout 7	WN bout 3 vs. A2
Bout 4	A3 vs. B5	Bout 8	WN bout 4 vs. B1

(1) Special situation: In the event regional A has 3 wrestlers and Regional B has 5 wrestlers, place the 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher from Regional B in the 6<sup>th</sup> place spot for

- Regional B. In the event Regional A has 1 wrestler and Regional B has 3 wrestlers, place the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher from Regional B in the 4<sup>th</sup> place spot for Regional B.
- (2) Special situation No wild cards shall be put on a bracket farther than the wrestlers that beat them in a qualifier. Example: tournament A has 8 wrestlers and tournament B has only 2. Instead of making A 7 & 8 B 3 & 4, A4 should become B3, A5 becomes A4, A6 becomes B4, A7 becomes A5, and A8 becomes B5. By rotating the qualifiers this way no wild cards pass up the true qualifiers and there is no need to use the next weights rotation.

Sectional pairings for a three region sectional

Intermediate	49-70-101	52-74-108	55-79-122	58-84-138	62-89-156	66-95-177
Novice	62-89-130	66-95-138	70-101-156	74-108-177	79-115-215	84-122
Senior	74-108-156	79-115-166	84-122-177	89-130-189	95-138-215	101-147-275
Bout 1	B4 vs. C2	A2 vs. C3	A3 vs. C4	B4 vs. C3	C2 vs. A3	A2 vs. C4
Bout 2	A4 vs. C3	A3 vs. B4	A2 vs. B4	A4 vs. C2	C3 vs. B4	A3 vs. B4
Bout 3	A2 vs. B3	C4 vs. B2	B2 vs. C3	A3 vs. B2	C4 vs. B3	C2 vs. B3
Bout 4	C4 vs. A3	A4 vs. B3	A4 vs. B3	C4 vs. B3	A4 vs. B2	A4 vs. C3
Bout 5	A1 vs. wn bout 1	B1 vs. wn bout 1	B1 vs. wn bout 1	A1 vs. wn bout 1	B1 vs. wn bout 1	B1 vs. wn bout 1
Bout 6	B1 vs. wn bout 2	C2 vs. wn bout 2	C1 vs. wn bout 2	B1 vs. wn bout 2	A2 vs. wn bout 2	C1 vs. wn bout 2
Bout 7	C1 vs. wn bout 3	A1 vs. wn bout 3	A1 vs. wn bout 3	C1 vs. wn bout 3	A1 vs. wn bout 3	A1 vs. wn bout 3
Bout 8	B2 vs. wn bout 4	C1 vs. wn bout 4	C2 vs. wn bout 4	A2 vs. wn bout 4	C1 vs. wn bout 4	B2 vs. wn bout 4
	Pairing #1	Pairing #2	Pairing #3	Pairing #4	Pairing #5	Pairing #6

- (3) If a sectional with three regional tournaments has wrestlers from only two regional tournaments competing in the sectional, then use the sectional pairing for a “Two region sectional” (ii above) to assemble the sectional bracket. Assign the letters as follows:
- If A, B, and no C, then A is A and B is B.
  - If A, C, and no B, then A is A and C is B.
  - If B, C and no A, then B is B and C is A.
- (4) If four wrestlers advance from two of the regionals and no wrestlers advance from the other regional, none of the above pairings will eliminate the first round bout. If this situation arises, the following pairing will be used:

Entries	Bout 1	Bout 2	Bout 3	Bout 4
4 A's & 4 B's	A1 vs. B4	B2 vs. A3	A2 vs. B3	B1 vs. A4
4 A's & 4 C's	A1 vs. C4	C2 vs. A3	A2 vs. C3	C1 vs. A4
4 B's & 4 C's	B1 vs. C4	C2 vs. B3	B2 vs. C3	C1 vs. B4

- (5) If three wrestlers advance from one regional tournament, one advances from the second regional tournament, and no wrestlers advance from the third regional tournament, the following pairing shall be used:

Entries	1 <sup>st</sup> Semifinal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semifinal
3 A's & 1 ?	A1 vs. A3	?1 vs. A2
3 B's & 1 ?	B1 vs. B3	?1 vs. B2
3 C's & 1 ?	C1 vs. C3	?1 vs. C2

i) Individual State Tournament Pairings

Senior Division Pairings

2016	101	Alt	108	115	122	130	138	147	Alt	156	166	177	189	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	89	95
2015	108	115	122	130	138	147	Alt	156	166	177	189	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	89	95	101	Alt
2014	122	130	138	147	Alt	156	166	177	189	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	89	95	101	Alt	108	115
2013	138	147	Alt	156	166	177	189	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	89	95	101	Alt	108	115	122	130
2012	Alt	156	166	177	189	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	89	95	101	Alt	108	115	122	130	138	147
Bout #																					
9	H1	F1	D1	G1	H1	F1	E1	G1	H1	C1	E1	G1	B1	C1	E1	D1	B1	C1	F1	D1	B1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
1	A2	A2	A2	A2	E2	A2	A2	C2	A2	A2	A2	A2	H2	A2	A2	G2	A2	A2	A2	H2	A2
	B3	B3	B3	D3	D3	H3	H3	F3	F3	H3	H3	H3	G3	B3	C3	E3	E3	E3	C3	C3	C3
10	G1	E1	C1	E1	C1	B1	C1	B1	D1	B1	D1	F1	D1	F1	H1	F1	H1	G1	H1	G1	E1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
2	C2	G2	E2	B2	A2	C2	D2	A2	B2	F2	B2	D2	A2	D2	F2	A2	F2	H2	E2	A2	G2
	D3	H3	F3	F3	G3	D3	F3	E3	G3	G3	C3	E3	E3	G3	G3	C3	D3	B3	B3	F3	D3
11	F1	D1	H1	H1	F1	G1	G1	H1	E1	E1	G1	C1	C1	E1	B1	B1	C1	D1	D1	B1	F1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
3	D2	B2	F2	D2	D2	D2	F2	F2	G2	H2	H2	E2	G2	G2	G2	E2	D2	E2	B2	C2	D2
	A3	G3	A3	B3	A3	A3	A3	A3	A3	F3	B3	A3	A3	A3	A3	A3	A3	H3	A3	A3	A3
12	E1	C1	G1	C1	B1	E1	B1	D1	C1	D1	F1	B1	F1	H1	D1	H1	G1	F1	G1	E1	H1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
4	B2	H2	B2	F2	G2	H2	H2	E2	F2	G2	C2	H2	E2	B2	C2	C2	E2	B2	C2	F2	C2
	C3	A3	E3	A3	E3	C3	D3	C3	B3	A3	A3	D3	H3	D3	F3	G3	F3	A3	E3	H3	G3
13	D1	H1	F1	F1	G1	H1	H1	E1	G1	G1	C1	E1	E1	B1	C1	C1	D1	B1	B1	F1	D1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
5	E2	C2	G2	C2	B2	B2	C2	D2	C2	D2	F2	B2	F2	F2	H2	H2	G2	F2	G2	E2	H2
	F3	D3	H3	H3	H3	G3	G3	G3	E3	E3	G3	C3	B3	E3	B3	D3	C3	D3	D3	D3	F3
14	C1	G1	E1	B1	E1	C1	D1	C1	B1	F1	B1	D1	H1	D1	F1	G1	F1	H1	E1	H1	G1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
6	G2	E2	C2	E2	C2	E2	B2	B2	D2	B2	D2	F2	D2	H2	D2	F2	H2	G2	H2	G2	E2
	H3	F3	D3	G3	F3	F3	E3	H3	H3	C3	E3	G3	C3	C3	E3	B3	B3	C3	F3	B3	B3
15	B1	B1	B1	D1	D1	D1	F1	F1	F1	H1	H1	H1	G1	G1	G1	E1	E1	E1	C1	C1	C1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
7	H2	D2	H2	G2	F2	G2	G2	H2	E2	C2	E2	C2	C2	E2	B2	B2	C2	C2	D2	B2	F2
	E3	E3	C3	C3	B3	E3	B3	D3	D3	D3	F3	F3	F3	H3	D3	H3	H3	F3	H3	E3	E3
16	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye	Bye
8	F2	F2	D2	H2	H2	F2	E2	G2	H2	E2	G2	G2	B2	C2	E2	D2	B2	D2	F2	D2	B2
	G3	C3	G3	E3	C3	B3	C3	B3	C3	B3	D3	B3	D3	F3	H3	F3	G3	G3	G3	G3	H3
2012	122	Alt	130	138	156	177	215	Alt	62	66	70	74	Alt	79	84	89	95	Alt	101	108	115
2013	108	115	122	Alt	138	138	156	177	215	Alt	62	66	70	74	Alt	79	84	89	95	Alt	108
2014	95	Alt	101	108	115	122	Alt	130	138	156	177	215	Alt	62	66	70	74	Alt	79	84	89
2015	84	89	95	Alt	101	108	115	122	Alt	130	138	156	177	215	Alt	62	66	70	74	Alt	79
2016	Alt	79	84	89	95	Alt	101	108	115	122	Alt	130	138	156	177	215	Alt	62	66	70	74

Novice Division Pairings

- i) Parings will be drawn at a specific time before the start of the Individual State Series. Individual state pairings will be opened on the Sunday following the sectional tournaments at the IKWF office and posted on the IKWF website immediately.
- ii) Brackets will be posted on the IKWF website no later than Monday night following the sectional tournaments. The brackets will be available to the public.

- iii) A low number of entries may result in a first round bout even though 16 or fewer wrestlers are on the bracket. If this situation arises with the designated pairing, pair the weight class using the next weight class that solves the problem. Continue using the rotation until a pairing fixes the problem. If this does not work then go to the National Federation rulebook to determine a solution.
- iv) Uneven brackets:
  - (1) Because of the lack of wrestlers at certain weight classes, the predetermined pairings may result in extremely uneven bracketing at sectional competition. The following bracket arrangements will not be acceptable:
 

11-man bracket – 3 on one side	7-man bracket – 2 or less on one side
10-man bracket – 3 or less on one side	6-man bracket – 2 or less on one side
9-man bracket – 3 or less on one side	5-man bracket – 1 on one side
8-man bracket – 2 or less on one side	4-man bracket – 1 on one side
  - (2) If the above arrangements occur, the pairing for the next weight class shall be used. If this pairing does not solve the problem, the next pairing shall be used. If necessary, go to the next pairing until an acceptable bracket is formed. If an acceptable bracket can not be found, the president shall form a committee to find a bracket that complies with the IKWF by-laws and the National Federation rulebook.
- j) Consolation matches
  - i) In regional tournaments, all Intermediate, novice, and senior division brackets shall be double elimination. Walkover will be used in all cases in the consolation bracket (i.e. two wrestlers will only wrestle once during the entire regional tournament). The score from the first bout will carry forward to any subsequent bouts.
  - ii) In sectional tournaments, the Bengal-Wild system shall be applied. This system provides that all wrestlers defeated by each of the championship finalists shall compete in the consolation bracket.
  - iii) In all regional and sectional tournaments, championship and third place matches shall be conducted simultaneously, or third place matches may be wrestled immediately preceding the championship matches. Officials assigned to the tournament may elect to work a system with an assistant referee for first and/or third place matches. With two divisions wrestling in regional and sectional tournaments, it is recommended that at least two mats be used for the final rounds.
  - iv) In the state tournament, the third through eighth place winners shall be determined by “wrestling back”. All wrestlers defeated by winners of the championship quarterfinal matches are eligible to compete in the consolation bracket. The consolation quarterfinal losers will wrestle for seventh place. In the consolation semifinals, when two wrestlers who have already met are paired again, the match shall not be repeated and the results of their previous meeting shall hold. The winner shall wrestle for third place and the loser for fifth place. Winners of said rematches shall score automatic advancement points with duplication of bonus points.
- k) All IKWF State Series events (Dual Meet, Regional, Sectional, and State Tournament) are required to have at least one (1) certified athletic trainer.
- l) The IKWF hires a dermatologist for the weigh-in at the IKWF Kids Open and the IKWF State Finals, which will override any skin condition form. The designated doctor will have

the ultimate and final say if an individual can wrestle with regards to skin conditions and/or ailments.

## 23) OFFICIALS

- a) All officials working IKWF sanctioned events must be registered with the United States Wrestling Officials Association (USWOA).
- b) At IKWF sanctioned events, if an official does not have a current USWOA card, the tournament director is responsible for acquiring a card for the official.
- c) Officials will be recognized by a number worn on their arm. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of liability insurance and mailings.
- d) Each official is encouraged to participate in the IHSA official's improvement.
  - i) Rules interpretations.
  - ii) Official's clinics provided by the IHSA and the IKWF.
  - iii) Official's advancement levels by IHSA (registered, recognized, and certified).
- e) Sectional official's chairperson
  - i) Appointed by each sectional director.
  - ii) Will be the official's spokesperson for their sectional.
  - iii) Duties include:
    - (1) Assist the sectional director in securing official's for the State Series.
    - (2) Assist teams with securing officials for tournaments held within the section.
    - (3) Be the contact for the tournament hosts to report the officials used throughout the season to the state official's chairperson.
    - (4) Actively recruit new officials and assist in any contacts that might need to be made regarding any officials.
    - (5) Work with the state official's chairmen to evaluate and select the officials being rotated in for the individual state championships.
- f) All officials used in regional, sectional, and state tournament competition must be currently registered with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and United States Wrestling Officials Association (USWOA).
- g) Officials will be selected for sectional and state competition with the following procedures:
  - i) Official's ratings sheets will go out each year upon receipt of a club charter. The rating sheet will be similar to the IHSA rating sheet.
  - ii) 1 to 20 officials may be rated.
  - iii) No explanation is required for your ratings, officials are simply listed in the order you think they should be selected.
  - iv) All rating sheets will be mailed to the president who will compile the results.
  - v) The official's co-chairmen will assign two officials to each of the eight sectional tournaments. Each sectional assignment will be taken from the rating sheets received from that section.
  - vi) It is expected some officials will be rated high in more than one sectional.

*For example: Central Chicago and South Chicago may rate the same officials 1 & 2. In this case, the number 1 official would work one sectional and the number 2 official would work the other sectional. After the assignment of two officials, the section has the option of using more officials from the ratings sheet or selecting their own officials to fill their needs for the sectional tournament.*

- vii) To work an IKWF regional and sectional, officials must work a minimum of five (5) IKWF sanctioned events during the season. Three dual meets may be substituted for one tournament.
  - viii) Officials must work an IKWF regional and sectional in the current season to be eligible for the Individual State Tournament. Exception: Official's who work the IHSA Dual Meet State Championships are excused from the regional requirement.
  - ix) Each tournament director is required to send a list of the officials who worked their tournament to the southern official co-chairperson.
  - x) Officials are required to be evaluated once each month during the season (December, January, and February). It is the responsibility of the official to request an evaluation. The evaluation will be returned to the official at the end of the tournament. This is a self-improvement evaluation. It is recommended that you get the best evaluator possible. The official is then required to send a post card after each evaluation to the IKWF office. Tournament managers should put an asterisk behind the name of each official evaluated at their tournament.
  - xi) Dual Meet State Championship Tournament
    - (1) Ten (10) officials will be selected to officiate.
    - (2) One (1) official's co-chairman and rules director will also attend the event.
  - xii) Individual State Championships
    - (1) Thirty (30) officials will be selected to officiate.
    - (2) Two (2) side-line officials will be selected to secure the wrestling area.
    - (3) Two (2) official's co-chairman and rules director will also attend the event.
    - (4) Officials selected are required to attend a pre-tournament meeting Thursday night prior to the event.
  - xiii) Selected officials who must be replaced because of unexpected commitments or illness will also be selected by the above committee.
  - h) Officials compensation
    - i) Regional and sectional hosts will receive \$500 from the IKWF to cover the cost of *expenses*.
    - ii) Officials pay for regional tournaments shall be a minimum of \$100 and \$10 per hour after an eight (8) hours. The scheduled start time of the tournament shall determine when the eight hour day begins.
    - iii) Officials pay for sectional tournaments shall be a minimum of \$140 and \$10 per hour after eight (8) hours. The scheduled start time of the tournament shall determine when the eight hour day begins.
  - i) The eight officials for the Dual Meet State Championships competition will be selected with the following procedure:
    - i) Two officials will be selected from each divisional.
- 24) **STATE SERIES WILD CARD ROTATION**
- a) The wild card rotation is used to fill brackets which have openings due to lack of entries at qualifying tournaments:

**Sectional to State Tournament**

Sectional	Weight Class Senior/Novice	Weight Class Senior/Novice	Weight Class Senior/Novice
South	--/62	108/101	177/215
South Chicago	--/66	115/108	189/--
West	74/70	122/115	215/--
West Chicago	79/74	130/122	275/--
Central	84/79	138/130	--/--
Central Chicago	89/84	147/138	--/--
North	95/89	156/156	--/--
North Chicago	101/95	166/177	--/--

- c) When an opening occurs at a given weight, the sectional corresponding to that weight will be called to fill the opening with their 4<sup>th</sup> place wrestler. If that sectional does not have a 4<sup>th</sup> place wrestler at the weight, the sectional below it on the rotation will be called.

*Example of use:*

*There are three byes at 62 lbs.*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from the South sectional will fill the first opening.*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from the South Chicago Sectional will fill the second opening.*

*West through North do not have a 4<sup>th</sup> place wrestler.*

*The second Alternate from the North Chicago sectional will fill the third opening.*

- d) Notes for application of the wild card rotation:

- i) Placing wild cards on a bracket

- (1) Replace all number ones which will balance the bracket. Next replace number one in the other half bracket. Replace all number ones.
- (2) Repeat the process by replacing number twos while balancing the bracket.
- (3) Go on to replacing number threes using the same process.

- e) Wild Cards

- i) In regional and sectional tournaments, wild cards will be inserted on the day of bracket construction, normally Sunday or Monday; after that time the no entry is a bye.
- ii) In the individual state championships, wild cards will be filled until the conclusion of weigh-ins.
- iii) Once a 4<sup>th</sup> place wrestler is inserted in a tournament as a wild card he will no longer be used as an Alternate. If an Alternate is needed at that weight, the 5<sup>th</sup> place wrestler will be used. If there is no 5<sup>th</sup> place wrestler a bye will be awarded.

Regional A	Senior	74	89	108	130	156	189
	Novice	62	74	89	108	130	177
	Intermediate	49	58	70	84	101	138
Regional B	Senior	79	95	115	138	166	215
	Novice	66	79	95	115	138	215
	Intermediate	52	62	74	89	108	156
Regional C	Senior	84	101	122	147	177	275
	Novice	70	84	101	122	156	--
	Intermediate	55	66	79	95	122	177

- iv) If only three wrestlers qualify for the sectional at senior 74 lbs., the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from regional A will be inserted as a wild card. If there is no 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher at regional A, the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from regional B will be inserted. If there is no 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from regional B, the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from regional C will be inserted. If there is no 4<sup>th</sup> place at regional C, a bye is inserted.
- v) If two regional tournaments are held in a sectional, wilds cards will be taken from the opposite regional in the order of their finish. *Example: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, then 9<sup>th</sup> place.* If one regional has no wrestlers at a given weight, the 7<sup>th</sup> place finisher will be inserted in the 1<sup>st</sup> place spot normally filled by the other regional. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place spot shall be filled by the 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher and so on.
- f) Wild card procedure for the State Tournament
  - i) When applicable, the wild card will no longer be placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.
  - ii) Step 1 – Place wild card as 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher from his sectional, place 3<sup>rd</sup> place as 2<sup>nd</sup> place (preliminary round bout) and 2<sup>nd</sup> into the open spot in round 1 (first round bout).
  - iii) Step 2 – Make sure the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher from that sectional is not on the same side of the bracket as the #2 who was moved into the first round bout.
  - iv) Step 3 – If the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers from the same sectional are on the same side of the bracket, start over with step 1 placing the wild card in the spot of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher from the next sectional in the wild card rotation.
  - v) Step 4 – repeat steps 1, 2, and 3 until an acceptable bracket is created.