



**ILLINOIS
KIDS
WRESTLING
FEDERATION
2022-23
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, or 4932 Wilshire Blvd, Country Club Hills IL 60478.

MEDICAL AND LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

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 available on the IKWF website (www.ikwf.org).

SANTION OF COMPETITIVE EVENTS

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 a valid USA Wrestling membership card. An application for sanction, signed by the IKWF Secretary/Treasurer, must be filed with our insurance carrier no less than 30 days before the event. Liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 is provided for each sanctioned event.

IKWF BY-LAWS

1. **NAME:** Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation.
 - 1.1. The federation fiscal year shall be considered as the period from September 1st to August 31st. The 2023 year begins in 2022 and ends in 2023.
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 one’s general physical abilities. Mastering these physical skills often enhances a person’s self-esteem and self-confidence. All funds obtained through membership registration and from participation fees are used to support competition, 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 a 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:**
 - 5.1. Qualifications:
 - 5.1.1. Membership in the IKWF shall be accepted on a team basis.
 - 5.1.2. An IKWF team must be located within the state of Illinois.
6. **DUES:**
 - 6.1. Club charter dues shall be \$190.
 - 6.2. Additional insured dues, for club charters and event sanctions, shall be \$50 per site.
 - 6.3. Event sanction fee shall be \$160 per event.
 - 6.4. Dual team state series dues shall be \$300 for the entire series.
 - 6.5. Athlete membership dues shall be \$50.
 - 6.6. Wrestling Leader membership dues shall be \$45.75.
 - 6.6.1. Starting with the 2018-19 season, the USAW coach and official membership has been combined into this membership.
7. **BOARD MEMBERS:**
 - 7.1. President
 - 7.1.1. Term

- 7.1.1.1. Two-year – odd and even consecutive years.
- 7.1.1.2. The next election will be at the August 2024 general board meeting.
- 7.1.2. Duties
 - 7.1.2.1. Chief administrative officer and legal head of this federation.
 - 7.1.2.2. Represents this federation at events requiring this federation's attendance.
 - 7.1.2.3. Presiding officer at regular, executive, and special executive board meetings.
 - 7.1.2.4. Appoints special committees.
 - 7.1.2.5. Fill vacancies by appointment.
- 7.2. 1st Vice President – Finance and Operations
 - 7.2.1. Term
 - 7.2.1.1. Two year – even and odd consecutive years.
 - 7.2.1.2. The next election will be at the August 2023 general board meeting.
 - 7.2.2. Duties
 - 7.2.2.1. Assists the secretary-treasurer with the following:
 - 7.2.2.1.1. 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.
 - 7.2.2.1.2. Maintaining this federation's financial records and business in an order consistent with standard practices.
 - 7.2.2.2. Presiding officer budget committee meetings.
 - 7.2.2.3. Becomes president upon vacancy of that office.
 - 7.2.2.4. Assumes duties of president during his absence.
 - 7.2.2.5. Votes for first absent director at annual, regular, and executive board meetings.
- 7.3. 2nd Vice President – Marketing and Communications
 - 7.3.1. Term
 - 7.3.1.1. Two year – even and odd consecutive years.
 - 7.3.1.2. The next election will be at the August 2023 general board meeting.
 - 7.3.2. Duties
 - 7.3.2.1. Presiding officer at rules committee meetings.
 - 7.3.2.2. Historian (or appoints the position).
 - 7.3.2.3. Assumes duties of president during the absence of both president and first vice president.
 - 7.3.2.4. Votes for second absent director at annual, regular, and executive board meetings.
- 7.4. 3rd Vice President – Freestyle/Greco-Roman
 - 7.4.1. Term
 - 7.4.1.1. Two year – odd and even consecutive years.
 - 7.4.1.2. The next election will be at the August 2024 general board meeting.
 - 7.4.2. Duties
 - 7.4.2.1. Responsible for the development and implementation of Freestyle and Greco-Roman events and activities.
 - 7.4.2.2. Assumes duties of president during the absence of the president, the first president, and the second vice president.

7.4.2.3. Votes for third absent director at annual, regular, and executive board meetings.

7.5. Secretary/Treasurer

7.5.1. Selection

7.5.1.1. Hired by the IKWF Executive Board and Special Executive Board (16 members).

7.5.1.1.1. The finance committee and the special executive board will make a recommendation regarding retention of the secretary/treasurer and the specifics of his contract.

7.5.1.1.2. The executive board will make the final decision based upon the previous season and the recommendation of the finance committee at the October meeting.

7.5.2. Duties

7.5.2.1. ***Email a detailed budget to the directors and officers thirty (30) days prior to the October meeting to be finalized and voted on.***

7.5.2.2. Responsible for membership processing, correspondence, overseeing sanction events, and organizing events sponsored by the IKWF.

7.5.2.3. All responsibilities are carried out under the guidance of the Special Executive Board.

7.6. Directors

7.6.1. Central, Central Chicago, North, North Chicago, South, South Chicago, West, West Chicago, Freestyle/Greco-Roman Operations, Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and Folkstyle.

7.6.2. Terms

7.6.2.1. Central, North, South Chicago, and West: Two year – odd and even consecutive years. The next election is at the 2024 sectional meeting.

7.6.2.2. Central Chicago, North Chicago, South, and West Chicago: two year – even and odd consecutive years. The next election is at the 2023 sectional meetings.

7.6.3. Duties

7.6.3.1. Responsible to the President and the teams within their sectional.

7.6.3.2. Responsible for the regional and sectional tournaments within their sectional.

7.6.3.3. Responsible for the cooperative organization of the divisional dual meet tournament in which teams of their sectional take part.

7.6.3.4. Presiding officer at all sectional meetings

7.6.3.5. ***Responsible for appointing an alternate representative of their sectional informing the president of the choice.***

7.6.3.6. Responsible for appointing an official's director within their sectional.

7.6.3.7. Responsible for accumulating all pertinent financial data concerning their sectional that is required by the secretary-treasurer.

7.6.3.8. Responsible for accumulating all pertinent tournament data from their term directors as required by the historian.

7.6.3.9. 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 sectional.

8. EXECUTIVE BOARD:

8.1. Members Ex Officio

8.1.1. All sixteen (16) federation officers and directors.

8.1.2. A director may be represented by a designated alternate.

8.2. Duties

8.2.1. Administration of this federation's business and laws.

8.2.2. Convene all annual, regular, and special board meetings.

8.3. Voting Procedure

8.3.1. Directors entitled to one vote each.

8.3.2. The president and three (3) vice presidents shall cast tie-breaker votes in the event of a tie.

8.4. Meeting Dates

8.4.1. Second Sunday of October, April, and August.

8.4.2. Executive Board Meeting held at the Dual Meet State Championships.

8.5. Voting

8.5.1. By Executive Board only.

8.6. Site Location

8.6.1. Determined by the secretary/treasurer.

8.7. Order of Business

8.7.1. Presentation of the executive board.

8.7.2. Presentation of the minutes from the previous board meeting.

8.7.3. Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees.

8.7.4. Reports of special committees.

8.7.5. Unfinished business.

8.7.6. Special business.

8.7.7. New business.

8.7.8. Accepting bids for state tournament site (April only).

8.7.9. Nominations of officers (April only).

8.7.10. Adjournment.

8.8. Special Executive Board Meetings

8.8.1. Purpose

8.8.1.1. To deal with special matters between regular meetings.

8.8.1.2. Member eligibility and discipline, handled by executive session of the president, vice presidents, secretary treasurer, and any directors or parties requested for matter to be dealt with.

8.8.2. Site Location

8.8.2.1. Location determined by president according to urgency of meeting.

8.8.2.2. 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.

8.9. Sectional Meetings

8.9.1. Purpose

8.9.1.1. Convened for discussion of any issue or election to be voted on by directors at the next federation meeting.

8.9.1.2. Convened for discussion of sectional related business as called by the director or requested by sectional teams.

8.9.2. Site Location

8.9.2.1. Location determined by the director that is reasonably convenient to sectional members.

8.9.2.2. Reasonable notice must be given.

8.9.3. Voting

8.9.3.1. Each sectional team casts one vote.

8.9.3.2. No absentee votes permitted. Teams must send a representative.

9. COMMITTEES:

9.1. Committees appointed by president, or one of the vice presidents.

9.2. Officials Chairmen:

9.2.1. North

9.2.1.1. ***The North Chairman will oversee the Central Chicago, North, North Chicago, and West Chicago sectionals.***

9.2.2. South

9.2.2.1. The South Chairman will oversee the Central, South, South Chicago, and West sectionals.

9.2.3. Appointed by president.

9.2.4. Responsible for securing and overseeing of officials at the Jon Davis Kids Open tournament.

9.2.5. Responsible for overseeing officials at the IKWF State Championships.

9.2.6. Shall make recommendations concerning rules interpretation when necessary.

9.2.7. Tournament committee will be developed at the State Championships. The committee shall consist of five of the following seven (7) people:

9.2.7.1. 1 or 3 executive officers.

9.3. Committee Reports

9.3.1. 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.

9.3.2. The committee's presiding officer shall be responsible for presenting the committee report.

10. ELECTIONS:

10.1. Nominations

10.1.1. 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.

10.1.2. Officers

10.1.2.1. Nominations shall be held at the April meeting in the election year. Nominations shall be called from the floor.

10.1.2.2. Nominations shall occur up to two (2) weeks prior to the August general meeting.

10.1.3. Directors

10.1.3.1. The designated Sectional Official's Director in each sectional shall run the sectional director election.

10.1.3.2. Nominations shall be taken during the regional tournaments.

10.1.3.3. Voting shall be held at the sectional tournament. Only one (1) vote per team and will be conducted by a show of hands. Each team in the sectional must have a representative present at the meeting to vote. No proxy votes are allowed.

10.1.3.4. Additional nominations shall be called from the floor during the sectional tournament meeting.

10.2. Time and Method of Elections

10.2.1. Elections shall be held at the August meeting.

10.2.2. Elections for Vice President shall be conducted in the following order:

10.2.2.1. Finance and Operations.

10.2.2.2. Marketing and Communications

10.2.2.3. Freestyle and Greco-Roman

10.2.3. **Only directors or their alternate shall vote.**

10.2.4. Absentee ballots shall be accepted.

10.3. Votes Required to Elect

10.3.1. In all elections, only a simple plurality shall elect; in other words, the candidate with the most votes wins.

10.3.1.1. In the event of a tie, the IKWF officers will vote to determine the winner of the election.

10.3.2. An unopposed nominee shall be declared elected without a vote after close of final nominations.

11. QUORUM REQUIREMENTS:

11.1. For assembled meetings, a simple majority of voting members.

11.2. For committees, a two-thirds majority.

11.3. For special executive board meetings, three of the four officers.

12. ORGANIZATIONAL DISCIPLINE:

12.1. Suspension from the federation or removal from office may be the penalty for the following

12.1.1. Serious misconduct at a federation function.

12.1.2. Serious misconduct of official duties.

12.2. Expulsion from office or from the federation may be the penalty for the following:

12.2.1. Flagrant misconduct at a federation function.

12.2.2. Flagrant misconduct of official duties.

12.2.3. Repeated serious misconduct occurrences.

12.2.4. Non-payment or attempted late payment of registration dues.

12.2.5. Eligibility violations.

12.2.6. Event sanction violations.

12.3. Disciplinary Procedures

12.3.1. 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.

- 12.3.2. Inform officers and sectional directors of circumstances which have required the initiation of disciplinary action.
- 12.3.3. Present alleged offender with a written copy of the charge against him/her.
- 12.3.4. Allow a reasonable time for alleged offender to prepare his/her defense.
- 12.3.5. Give alleged offender a fair hearing with an opportunity to refute the charges and to question witness.
- 12.3.6. Expulsion requires three-quarters majority of executive board or two-thirds majority of the special executive board.
 - 12.3.6.1. Note: disciplines which may be imposed in addition to expulsion are:
 - 12.3.6.1.1. Suspension of participation.
 - 12.3.6.1.2. Denial of sanctions.
 - 12.3.6.1.3. Revocation of team or individual awards.
 - 12.3.6.1.4. Ineligibility for future team recognition.
- 12.4. Reinstatement Procedures
 - 12.4.1. Offender must make application to the secretary/treasurer thirty days prior to a regular meeting to get his/her request on the agenda.
 - 12.4.2. Reinstatement requires a three-quarter majority of executive board or two-thirds majority of a special executive board.
- 12.5. Conduct at Sanctioned Events
 - 12.5.1. *All IKWF events shall have a designated Head Official assigned by the tournament manager or the IKWF Official Co-Chairmen.*
 - 12.5.2. Ejection for misconduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, or flagrant misconduct of a coach, wrestler, or official:
 - 12.5.2.1. First offense will be a 10-day suspension and also placed on probation for the remainder of the current membership year.
 - 12.5.2.2. Second offense in the same season will cause the coach, wrestler, or official to be ineligible to coach, compete, or officiate for the remainder of the season and will require an appearance by the coach, wrestler, or official in front of the IKWF Executive Board for disciplinary action.
 - 12.5.2.3. Upon receiving the ejection report, the IKWF President, Co-Head Officials, and the Sectional Director shall confer and thereafter a disciplinary committee comprised of the Sectional Director and 2 of the 3 Vice Presidents may impose an attendance restriction during the 10-day suspension.
 - 12.5.2.4. Exception: Misconduct during the Dual Team or Individual State Tournament Series shall follow N.F.S.H.S. guidelines.
 - 12.5.2.5. ***Any official administering an ejection of a coach or wrestler is required to notify the IKWF office and both co-officials chairman in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence. Any official that needs to submit a special report and does not do so in the 24 hours shall be suspended for 10 days and not eligible for the State Series.***

- 12.5.3. *Any flagrant misconduct or ejection issued during the season:*
 - 12.5.3.1. *1st – written warning to the club.*
 - 12.5.3.2. *2nd - \$25 club fine.*
 - 12.5.3.3. *3rd - \$50 club fine.*
 - 12.5.3.4. *4th - \$75 club fine.*
 - 12.5.3.5. *5th – 100 club fine.*
 - 12.5.3.6. *6th – \$250 club fine.*
 - 12.5.3.7. *7th - \$500 club fine and the head coach and 75% of coaching staff to appear in front of the IKWF Board of Directors. Entire club in jeopardy of being disqualified from the State Series and losing their club charter for the next season.*
- 12.5.4. *End of season unsportsmanlike conduct/flagrant misconduct (USC/FM):*
 - 12.5.4.1. *Bantam wrestlers who compete in their respective regional and are removed for USC/FM shall not be able to attend practice for 10 days and will not be allowed to compete at the Bantam Championships.*
 - 12.5.4.2. *Intermediate wrestlers who compete in their respective sectional and are removed for USC/FM shall not be able to attend practice for the next 10 days and will not be allowed to compete at the Midget Championships.*
- 12.5.5. ***Tournament managers and officials are responsible for documenting the ejection of a coach or wrestler.***
- 12.5.6. The ejection cannot be appealed to the IKWF executive board.
- 12.5.7. A coach or wrestler who fails to comply with the suspension will face additional disciplinary actions imposed by the IKWF executive board.
- 12.6. Special Circumstances
 - 12.6.1. A quorum of the IKWF Executive Board has the authority to reprimand coaches or teams at any time with IKWF Executive Board approval.
- 12.7. ***Coaches ejected for the second time within the same season will be immediately suspended.*** The coach will then be required to appear before the disciplinary committee. Meeting can be held at: Jon Davis Kids Open meeting or the April meeting. The action determined by the board may limit, restrict, or terminate a coach for the remainder of the current season or the following season.
- 12.8. 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.
- 12.9. ***Any disciplinary actions handed out to any official in writing must also be sent to the official's co-chairman, the official's director of each sectional, and the sectional director where the infraction occurred. Information sent must be kept confidential.***

13. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING BY-LAWS:

- 13.1. The executive board may improve the language of the proposed amendment in keeping with the language generally used in the by-laws.
- 13.2. Any by-law may be changed, if deemed necessary, by three-quarters majority of the entire executive board.
- 13.3. All proposals for rule changes must be received, in writing, 15 days prior to the April meeting.

- 13.4. Voting for all by-law or rule changes shall take place at the August meeting. These rules can be altered thereafter by significant changes be either the national federation (NFSHS) or the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

14. IKWF RULES OF ORDER:

- 14.1. The objectives of this federation are to follow the guidelines set forth by the Wrestling Terms and Conditions.
- 14.2. The location of a team's practice and competition facility, not its participant's residency, shall determine the team's sectional alignment.
- 14.3. Club assignments to a sectional shall be by geographic location of the team facility.

14.4. Sectional Boundaries

14.4.1. 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.

14.4.2. 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 Rd, east of Randall Rd. from Route 20 to I-90, and south of I-90 from Randall Rd. to the Cook County line.

14.4.3. 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.

14.4.4. 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.

14.4.5. Central Chicago

Eastern Border: Lake Michigan from Route 64 south to Illinois state line, continuing 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. 123rd St. west to Will County/Cook County Line.

West Border: Will County/Cook County line from Will County/Cook County line and 123rd St. 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.

14.4.6. North Chicago

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

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

West Border: Kane County/DuPage County line 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.

14.4.7. South Chicago

East Border: Starting at Lake Michigan, the 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 Rd. 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 continuing south along the Will County/Cook County line to 123rd Street. 123rd St east to Route 43. Route 43 south to I-80. I-80 east to the Illinois state line.

14.4.8. 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 Rd. west to the Oswego town line. Follow the eastern and southern border around to Route 71. Route 71 west to Route 47.

West Border: Route 47 from the intersection of Route 71 north to 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.

14.5. A team may petition the executive board of directors for a ruling regarding their proper sectional alignment if current sectional boundaries cause any unreasonable hardship.

14.6. November 1st shall be the deadline for petitioning.

14.7. 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.

14.8. A member need not be an active coach to qualify for office.

- 14.9. Flagrant misconduct shall be defined as criminal offenses or actions detrimental to this federation's name.
- 14.10. An officer elected at the August meeting shall assume his/her duties immediately after the August meeting.
- 14.11. Sectional Directors will take office beginning with the April general meeting following their election.
- 14.12. Any rule adopted may not be changed for at least one year.
- 14.13. Any officer shall, upon termination of their duties, deliver to the federation or his/her replacement all materials of importance to the federation and/or his/her replacement.
- 14.14. An officer, tournament director, committee chairman, fund raising chairman, etc. shall be responsible for accumulating any promotional or historical data regarding his sectional, and also the forwarding of such data to the vice president (marketing and communications).
- 14.15. Procedures for amending these Rules of Order shall be the same as those for amending this federation's by-laws.

15. IKWF STANDING RULES

- 15.1. Individuals must hold a current/active USAW Wrestling Leader membership to be the primary contact of a club.
- 15.2. Each club must list a head coach on their club charter application.
- 15.3. The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for filing an annual financial report as required by state and federal laws.
- 15.4. The IKWF does not condone excessive weight loss.
- 15.5. ***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. This excludes school events and offseason events.***
- 15.6. All coaches must display their Wrestling Leader membership 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 Wrestling Leader membership card to another individual, both individuals lose their coaching privileges for a period of one year from the date of the incident.
- 15.7. Any individual who coaches at an IKWF sanctioned event without a current USA Wrestling Wrestling Leader membership card shall be suspended from coaching for a period of one year from the date of the incident. The club will be assessed a \$1,000 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 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.
- 15.8. Sectional Directors are encouraged to organize USA Wrestling sponsored coach's clinics (copper, bronze, silver, and gold) in their sectional at a minimum of every two years.

- 15.9. ***The head coach from each club must have at a minimum NCEP copper certification to receive a Wrestling Leader Membership.***
- 15.10. ***All wrestlers competing on Illinois National Teams must compete in current uniforms provided by the IKWF and be responsible for fees prior to commencement of said tournament.***
- 15.11. All IKWF sanctioned events must have at least one health care professional assigned for the duration of the event.
- 15.12. Each tournament manager must submit a list of officials and health care professional(s) that worked their event no later than the Friday following the day of their tournament. The head official of the tournament is also required to provide a list to their sectional official's chairman. Failure to comply will incur a fine of up to \$250.
- 15.13. ***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 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. Exception: Per USA Wrestling policy, a high school student who is 17 years old or younger and has a current USA Wrestling athlete membership is allowed to officiate at local USA Wrestling sanctioned events.***
- 15.14. All USA Wrestling events sanctioned in Illinois during the IKWF competition season shall be required to submit to the IKWF office via facsimile, email, or the United State Postal Service or similar service a copy of the following by the Friday following said event:
- 15.14.1. All brackets containing all wrestlers competing in the event.
- 15.14.2. A list of coaches acting as coaches during the event.
- 15.14.3. Failure to comply with the above information will result in a \$100 fine and the loss of sanctioning privileges for two (2) IKWF competition seasons to the host club, the individual, or the entity hosting the event.
- 15.15. At the Individual State Championships in Session IV, coaches and/or sponsors are required to wear proper attire for the finals.
- 15.16. At the IKWF Individual State Championships and the IKWF Dual Meet State Championships tournaments, no hats may be worn by coaches and wrestlers on the arena floor.
- 15.17. At the IKWF State Championships, any wrestler who does not participate in the Parade of Finalists will forfeit their finals bout.
- 15.18. At the IKWF State Championships, any wrestler who does not participate in the awards presentation and has not been red carded by the Head Trainer:
- 15.18.1. Will not be awarded a medal.
- 15.18.2. All team points earned during the tournament will be deducted from the team's Senior and Novice division team scores.
- 15.18.3. The wrestler will lose one year of IKWF State Series eligibility.
- 15.18.4. The team cannot score team points in the following year's IKWF State Series, the head coach will have the opportunity to petition the IKWF executive board and appeal the ruling to not score team points during the following year's IKWF State Series.

- 15.19. Videotaping at an IKWF sanctioned event is only permitted from the stands, balconies, or area(s) designated by the tournament host. Videotaping from the wrestling area and coach's area is prohibited.
- 15.19.1. Team Photographers are allowed to take still pictures only if they:
- 15.19.1.1. Are a certified coach (Wrestling Leader) on a club's roster.
 - 15.19.1.2. Request a media pass from the tournament director in advance.
 - 15.19.1.3. Sit away from the coaches.
 - 15.19.1.4. Has no communication with anyone mat-side.
 - 15.19.1.5. Use NO flash photos or lights of any kind.
 - 15.19.1.6. Must stop at the request of wrestler being photographed, his/her coach, or the official on the mat.
- 15.20. The by-laws shall be posted at www.ikwf.org prior to the start of the competition season.
- 15.21. Any event which people believe to be a Bantam or Midget "State" Championship, said event shall be required to advertise themselves as an open event and also not part of the IKWF State Series. Said event shall also not be allowed to use "IKWF" or "Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation" as part of its name in any sanctioning, advertising, or emailing materials.
- 15.22. A wrestler may enter and compete in only one (1) age group at any IKWF sanctioned event.
- 15.23. Any tournament/event that is labeled as a "championship" or intended to be a championship for a specific age division(s) cannot be held prior to the completion of all IKWF regional tournaments. This is subject to the interpretation of the IKWF Board of Directors.
- 15.24. All Illinois residents that are fifteen (15) years old or younger and not in high school must be attached to an IKWF club to wrestle in IKWF sanctioned events during the IKWF competitive season.
- 15.25. ***For IKWF events only, wrestlers will weigh-in wearing a legal competition uniform. This could be a traditional singlet or a legal two-piece uniform as described in National Federation (NFHS) rule 4-1-1.***
- 15.26. All sponsors at the IKWF State Championships parade of finalist must have a current USA Wrestling Wrestling Leader membership.
- 15.27. The IKWF shall generally follow the rules of competition as adopted by the IHSA with the following exceptions:
- 15.28. ***IKWF clubs have the right to say when and where and by whom their club is represented.***
- 15.29. ***The opportunity to run a tournament during the IKWF competition season (first weekend of December through the conclusion of the IKWF State Series) is strictly reserved for IKWF clubs who participate in the IKWF State Series.***

COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

16. CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

16.1. Age limit:

- 16.1.1. Any person who is in eighth grade or below and prior to September 1st of the current wrestling season. Age verification must be provided with the initial registration. Wrestlers with age verification on file from previous years' membership will not be obligated to provide age verification 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.
- 16.1.2. A wrestler's legal age for IKWF competition shall be determined by the wrestler's age on December 31st of the current season.
- 16.1.3. A wrestler who does not meet the age requirements for the IKWF State Series will not be eligible for any IKWF sanctioned event.

16.2. Eligibility

- 16.2.1. The IKWF season shall be defined as November 1st through the conclusion of the IKWF State Championships. During this period, no IKWF wrestler shall be allowed to compete in any non-USA Wrestling sanctioned event within the borders of the State of Illinois with the exception of events sponsored by the wrestler's school such as junior high, middle school, and/or school district associations or league events and dual meets. Violation of this by-law will result in disciplinary action as administered by the IKWF executive board which may include the loss of IKWF State Series eligibility.
- 16.2.2. To be eligible to participate on any team, a wrestler cannot have wrestled for another IKWF team in the same season. The intent of this rule is to put young wrestlers into a structured team program of practice, dual meets, and tournaments. Combined teams are not allowed.
- 16.2.3. 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 club, that wrestler is a member of the club which applied for the card, whether or not he/she competes in a competition.
- 16.2.4. A wrestler may only wrestle for one IKWF team.
- 16.2.5. No wrestler may become a member of an IKWF chartered club that is more than 50.0 miles driving distance from their home address.
 - 16.2.5.1. The 50.0-mile distance shall be measured by calculating the driving distance, by automobile, from the wrestler's home address to a club's primary practice site address.
 - 16.2.5.2. No wrestler may transfer to another team outside their current sectional during the IKWF season unless they physically move.
 - 16.2.5.3. A club found in violation shall forfeit all team placements won and will be placed on probation for one season and not allowed to score team points while on probation. The designated head coach of the club shall be placed on probation for two seasons.

- 16.2.6. If a team is registered with the federation and disbands before the IKWF State Series, such as a school team ending their season, those same persons can practice together and represent that team.
- 16.2.7. A team can be a junior high, grade school, YMCA, park district, wrestling club, boys club, youth sports club, etc.
- 16.2.8. A wrestler may petition to leave a chartered club and join a different chartered club during the current season. He/She must get a release from his/her current head 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 remainder of 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 executive board may approve the transfer by three-quarters majority vote of the entire executive board. Transfer requests must be submitted by January 1st of the current wrestling season. A \$200 non-refundable fee for each request must be included at the time the transfer request is made.
- 16.2.9. During the IKWF season, any wrestler holding a USA Wrestling Athlete membership with an out-of-state address and moves into Illinois will be governed by the same rules as an in-state transfer request. The wrestler will not be allowed to score team points in any IKWF 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 executive board.
- 16.2.10. A wrestler must be a legal resident of the State of Illinois.
- 16.2.11. All rostered members of an IKWF club must be an Illinois resident and may be required to show proof thereof. 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 club.
- 16.2.12. Once a wrestler completes 8th grade and is eligible for 9th grade, they are no longer eligible to be rostered on an IKWF team regardless of age.
- 16.2.13. A wrestler may compete in the IKWF State Series only one time while he/she is enrolled in the eighth grade.
- 16.2.14. State Series Eligibility:
- 16.2.14.1. Once a wrestler enters 4th grade for the first time, the wrestler shall have five consecutive years of IKWF State Series eligibility.
 - 16.2.14.2. Once a wrestler enters 5th grade for the first time, the wrestler shall have four consecutive years of IKWF State Series eligibility.
 - 16.2.14.3. Once a wrestler enters 6th grade for the first time, the wrestler shall have three consecutive years of IKWF State Series eligibility.
 - 16.2.14.4. Once a wrestler enters 7th grade for the first time, the wrestler shall have two consecutive years of IKWF State Series eligibility.
 - 16.2.14.5. Once a wrestler enters 8th grade for the first time, the wrestler shall have one year of IKWF State Series eligibility.

- 16.2.15. A team can allow wrestlers from other teams to compete with them at out-of-state all-star tournaments.
- 16.2.16. Match Limitation: each wrestler shall not be limited to a certain number of matches during the IKWF season.
- 16.2.17. A wrestler may wrestle a maximum of six bouts per day.
- 16.2.17.1. Exemptions of six match daily limit:
- 16.2.17.1.1. Regional tournament competition.
- 16.2.17.1.2. Must be a tournament with pre-defined weight classes.
- 16.2.17.1.3. Brackets of 32-man and 64-man straight line bracketing (No round robin or scramble format brackets).
- 16.2.17.1.4. Applies to only to the following bouts:
- 16.2.17.1.4.1. Consolation bouts.
- 16.2.17.1.4.2. Bouts determining a place bout.
- 16.2.17.1.4.3. Medal bout for 5th place or higher.
- 16.2.18. Removable tattoos shall not be allowed at any IKWF sanctioned event.
- 16.2.19. ***No competition will be allowed before the first weekend in December with the exception of a national sanctioned event in November or without board approval.***
- 16.2.20. If a wrestler has purchased a USA Wrestling athlete membership prior to the IKWF competition season and a) is not attached to an IKWF club or b) purchased their card for preseason training purposes, they have until the last Saturday in November to declare the IKWF club affiliation. If they do not declare an IKWF club prior to this date, they will be listed as unattached for the remainder of the IKWF competition season and will not be able to compete in any IKWF sanctioned event. The IKWF will notify all unattached wrestlers prior to the November date to remind them to attach themselves to an IKWF club.
- 16.2.21. If a USAW athlete membership is purchased after the last Saturday in November, the athlete has ten (10) days from the date of purchase to declare their IKWF club affiliation or they be will ineligible to participate in any IKWF event.
- 16.2.22. Jon Davis Kids Open
- 16.2.22.1. Pre-registration entry fee shall be **\$25** per wrestler, on-site registration fee shall be **\$50** per wrestler.
- 16.2.22.2. Registration and entry fee payment will be handled online via the IKWF website.
- 16.2.22.3. Divisions
- 16.2.22.3.1. Girls
- 16.2.22.3.2. 6, 7 & 8
- 16.2.22.3.3. 8, 9 & 10
- 16.2.22.3.4. 10, 11 & 12
- 16.2.22.3.5. 12, 13 & 14
- 16.2.22.3.6. Intermediate Elite (IKWF 8, 9, & 10 year old's)
- 16.2.22.3.7. Novice Elite (IKWF 10, 11, & 12 year old's)
- 16.2.22.3.8. Senior Elite (IKWF 12, 13, & 14 year old's)
- 16.2.22.4. Returning Novice and Senior division state qualifiers must wrestle in either the Novice Elite or Senior Elite divisions.

- 16.2.22.5. Non-returning state qualifiers ten years old and older may also compete in the elite divisions.
- 16.2.22.6. Weight classes for the Intermediate, Novice, and Senior Elite divisions will correspond with the same weight classes designated for each division in the IKWF State Series.
- 16.2.22.7. Wrestlers shall be allowed to wrestle more than six matches in one day at the Jon Davis Kids Open.
- 16.2.22.8. At the Jon Davis Kids Open, all girls must register for the girl's division unless they are a returning IKWF Novice or Senior division state qualifier. They will be moved to the open division only if there are no other girls to wrestle.
- 16.2.23. Disciplinary Action
 - 16.2.23.1. If conditions of competition are violated, the wrestler is eliminated from competition for the remainder of the season. The team can score no team points in any IKWF sanctioned event.
 - 16.2.23.2. 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 or the executive board, the offender is responsible to:
 - 16.2.23.2.1. The team must provide verification of age through their schools on school stationary for each competitor.
 - 16.2.23.2.2. 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

- 17.1. The Jon Davis Kids Open tournament will be held in January when facilities are available. No other tournament will be sanctioned the weekend of the Jon Davis Kids Open tournament.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. The Dual Meet State Finals will be held at a time determined by the executive board.
- 17.4. The Individual State Series will include five divisions:
 - 17.4.1. Senior: Wrestlers no older than fifteen years old and no younger than twelve years old [as defined under Conditions of Competition] may compete in individual and team competition at the regional, sectional, and state levels.
 - 17.4.2. Novice: Wrestlers no older than twelve years old and no younger than ten years old [as defined under Conditions of Competition] may compete in individual and team competition at the regional, sectional, and state levels.
 - 17.4.3. Intermediate: Wrestlers no older than ten years old and no younger than eight years old [as defined under Conditions of Competition] may compete in individual and team competition at the regional and sectional levels.

- 17.4.4. Bantam: Wrestlers no older than eight years old and no younger than six years old [as defined under Conditions of Competition] may compete in individual competition at the regional level only.
- 17.4.5. Tot: Wrestlers six years old and younger [as defined under Conditions of Competition] may compete in the individual competition at the regional level only.
- 17.5. 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.
- 17.6. Each sectional tournament must be run on the weekend following the regional, with twenty-four wrestlers qualifying for the State Championships (three per sectional). A one or two-day tournament may be run depending upon facility availability. No Sunday tournaments may be held for the sectional competition.
- 17.7. 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.
- 17.8. 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.
- 17.9. Dual Meet State Series
- 17.9.1. Eligibility
- 17.9.1.1. Any member team that has met all registration requirements and deadlines.
- 17.9.1.2. Age restrictions are the same as those set for the Senior and Novice divisions [as defined under Conditions of Competition].
- 17.9.1.3. Weight classes:
74,79,84,90,96,103,110,118,126,135,144,154,164,176,188,215,275.
- 17.9.2. Entry Fees
- 17.9.2.1. \$300 per club due by December 15th (postmark). This fee covers the entire Dual Meet State Series or the late fee period of \$600 per club due from December 16th through December 31st (postmark).
- 17.9.3. Format
- 17.9.3.1. Dual Meet State Divisional hosts shall receive \$50 per team entered in their respective divisional competition from the IKWF.
- 17.9.3.2. All dual meet divisional competitions 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.
- 17.9.3.3. Two sectionals make up a divisional.
- 17.9.3.3.1. The southern divisional is comprised of the Central and South sectionals.

- 17.9.3.3.2. The northwestern divisional is comprised of the North and West sectionals.
- 17.9.3.3.3. The eastern divisional is comprised of the Central Chicago and South Chicago sectionals.
- 17.9.3.3.4. The central divisional is comprised of the North Chicago and West Chicago sectionals.
- 17.9.3.4. Three clubs from each divisional will advance to the dual meet state championships. Wrestler backs in a divisional are from the semifinals. The fourth-place club in the first alternate to the state tournament. The fifth-place club is the second alternate to the state tournament.
- 17.9.3.5. Divisional and State Championship brackets are listed on pages 25 and 26. Assignment letters will be drawn during the Jon Davis Kids Open for state tournament rotation and will not be revealed until all state tournament rosters have been submitted to the IKWF office.
- 17.9.3.6. Satellite weigh-ins will be held only if setup by the sectional directors.
- 17.9.3.7. The beginning weight class for the Divisional and State Championship Dual Meet competition will be drawn prior to the start of the tournament.
- 17.9.3.8. 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 the dual meet state championship bracket.
 - 17.9.3.8.1. Eastern Divisional
 - 17.9.3.8.2. Central Divisional
 - 17.9.3.8.3. Northwestern Divisional
 - 17.9.3.8.4. Southern Divisional
- 17.9.3.9. 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 or there are no more wild cards available.
- 17.9.3.10. Participants
 - 17.9.3.10.1. Rosters of divisional tournament participants must be turned in at the seeding meeting. Rosters may include up to thirty wrestlers. At this time the four coaches who are to be placed on the pass list and recognized during the competition must submit their names.
 - 17.9.3.10.2. Teams qualifying for the Dual Meet State Championships must submit their final roster, revised if needed, to the IKWF office no later than 3 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the first day of state championships competition. Failure to submit the dual meet state tournament roster by the above stated deadline will result in participation forfeiture or pay a \$500 penalty to remain a participating team in the dual meet state championships. No changes may be made to this roster after being submitted. Divisional tournament roster and state championship roster need not be the same.
 - 17.9.3.10.3. If a team skips or does not attend the mandatory coaches meeting at the dual meet state championships, the team shall be fined \$500 and forfeit their first dual meet.
- 17.9.3.11. Divisional Seeding Criteria

- 17.9.3.11.1. Consensus of the coaches.
- 17.9.3.11.2. Head to head and common opponent in dual meet competition.
- 17.9.3.11.3. Highest finish in last years' dual meet state series.
- 17.9.3.11.4. Higher finish in tournament competition.
- 17.9.3.11.5. Highest point total taken from returning state qualifiers now on your club using the formula below.
- 17.9.3.11.6. Draw.

FORMULA FOR 17.9.3.11.5

State Place (2022)	Points	State Place (2019)	Points
Champion	13	Champion	7
Runner up	11	Runner Up	6
3 rd Place	10	3 rd Place	5.5
4 th Place	8	4 th Place	5
5 th Place	7	5 th Place	4
6 th Place	5	6 th Place	3
7 th Place	4	7 th Place	2
8 th Place	2	8 th Place	1.5
Qualifier	1	Qualifier	0.5

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

17.9.3.12.Awards

- 17.9.3.12.1. Team awards will be given to the top four teams in each divisional 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.
- 17.9.3.12.2. Team and individual awards will be given to the top eight teams in the state championship competition.

DIVISIONAL COMPETITION BRACKETS

#1 Seed								
Dual 1								
Draw 8 or bye					L-6			
Dual 5				L-1	Dual 9			
Draw 5 or bye				Dual 7				
Dual 2				L-2				
#4 Seed								
		Dual 13		L-3				3rd
#3 Seed			1st					
Dual 3				Dual 8				
Draw 6 or bye				L-4	Dual 10			
Dual 6					L-5			
Draw 7 or bye							L-9	
Dual 4							Dual 11	
								5th
#2 Seed							L-10	

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

			#1 Seed		
			#5 Seed	Dual 3	
	L-3		Dual 1		
Dual 5			#4 Seed		Dual 6
		Dual 4	#3 Seed		
			Dual 2		
			#2 Seed		

Dual Meet State Championship Bracket

	A-1			
D-2	Dual 5			
Dual 1				
C-3		Dual 13		
	B-1			
C-2	Dual 6			
Dual 2				
D-3			Dual 20	
	C-1			1st
B-2	Dual 7			
Dual 3				
A-3		Dual 14		
	D-1			
A-2	Dual 8			
Dual 4			L-13	
B-3			Dual 19	
			L-14	3rd
	L-1			
	Dual 9			
	L-8			
		Dual 15		
	L-2			
	Dual 10			
	L-7			
			Dual 18	
	L-3			5th
	Dual 11			
	L-6			
		Dual 16		
	L-4			
	Dual 12			
	L-5		L-15	
			Dual 17	
			L-16	7th

18. TOURNAMENT CENTERS

- 18.1. Each member club shall be notified as to which sectional it will be competing in by the IKWF secretary/Treasurer.
- 18.2. Each member club shall be notified as to which regional it will be competing in by its sectional director.
- 18.3. 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 Jon Davis Kids Open.
- 18.4. ***A sectional director requesting to hold their sectional tournament outside their sectional must receive written approval from the sectional director in which the site is located.***
- 18.5. Selection of a site for the state championships 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 directors. Selection shall be made no later than six months prior to the tournament date.

- 18.6. Host sites shall be submitted for consideration at the annual April meeting.
- 18.7. The IKWF will pay for and require all IKWF regional and sectional hosts use of trackwrestling.com to run their regional and sectional tournaments and training will be provided upon request.
- 18.8. 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 divisions.
- 18.9. No tournament shall be allowed to advertise themselves as a "State" tournament at the intermediate, bantam, tot, or midget level.

19. ENTRIES AND FEES

- 19.1. In order to be admitted to the IKWF State Series, a club must register by paying the annual registration fee by February 1st of 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.
- 19.2. USA Wrestling Athlete Memberships
 - 19.2.1. Illinois residents must purchase their membership card through the IKWF office or through USAW's online membership system.
 - 19.2.2. All wrestlers must be age verified by the IKWF office.
 - 19.2.3. Unverified wrestlers will not be listed on an IKWF club's active roster.
 - 19.2.4. Registration forms and online purchases must be postmarked two weeks in advance of competition to be eligible to compete in any IKWF/USAW sanctioned event.
 - 19.2.5. The head coach of each IKWF club and the tournament director of each IKWF sanctioned event are required to make sure every wrestler has obtained a USA Wrestling athlete membership card and is on an IKWF roster before competing in any IKWF sanctioned event during the IKWF competition season.
 - 19.2.6. ***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 registrations need not be accompanied by further age verification unless records are lost or damaged. Registration for USA Wrestling cards must be postmarked two weeks in advance to be eligible to compete. Cards are \$50 per wrestler. USAW Athlete memberships may be purchased at IKWF events for \$60, purchased from sectional director and/or assistant sectional director. 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/her card must***

be purchased no later than twenty-one days prior to the regional competition, no exceptions.

19.2.7. Membership (Coach's and Official's)

19.2.7.1. Wrestling Leader membership fee is \$45.75. Registration for USA Wrestling Wrestling Leader memberships must be purchased two weeks in advance to be eligible to coach in any IKWF sanctioned event.

19.2.7.2. Coaches are subject to a background screening as described in USA Wrestling's background screening policy.

19.2.7.3. An individual must be, at a minimum, fifteen years old or a high school freshman to coach at any IKWF sanctioned event.

19.2.7.4. All Illinois residents who wish to coach at any IKWF sanctioned event must be a member of an active IKWF chartered club.

19.2.7.5. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters must meet the criteria for USA Wrestling Wrestling Leader membership and must be in the designated coaching area with a coach who has an active USA Wrestling Wrestling Leader membership.

19.3. ***State Series Eligibility requirements for wrestlers and wrestling leaders (coaches):***

19.3.1. ***The requirements below must be completed by 21 days prior to the start of IKWF regional competition.***

19.3.2. ***Wrestlers***

19.3.2.1. ***Purchase a current year USA Wrestling athlete membership.***

19.3.2.2. ***Age verified by the IKWF office.***

19.3.2.3. ***Listed on an active IKWF club roster.***

19.3.3. ***Wrestling Leaders (Coaches)***

19.3.3.1. ***Complete Safe Sport Training from USA Wrestling's provider.***

19.3.3.2. ***Complete and receive an approved background screening from USA Wrestling's provider.***

19.3.3.3. ***Purchase a current membership year USA Wrestling wrestling leader membership.***

19.3.3.4. ***Complete National Coaches Education Program (NCEP) certification, any level.***

19.3.3.5. ***Listed on an active IKWF club roster.***

19.4. Regional Entries

19.4.1. A wrestler may enter only one division and one weight class.

19.4.2. In regional competition, allow Tot and Bantam wrestlers to bump up an age group only if there is no one available for them to wrestle.

19.4.3. Entry fee at regional tournaments shall be **\$25** per wrestler with \$12 going to the IKWF and **\$13** remaining with the regional tournament host. Regional entry fees must be paid prior to the regional seeding meeting. No refunds will be made. This does not assess an additional fee on scratches.

19.4.4. Regional Gate Fees: Adults - \$5, Students w/ID - \$3, Children - \$1.

19.5. Sectional Entries

19.5.1. Entry fee at sectional tournaments shall be **\$25** per wrestler with \$12 going to the IKWF and **\$13** 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 the 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.

19.5.2. If a team has a sectional qualifier who does not show up for sectional competition and has not notified the Sectional Director prior to Thursday before the sectional tournament, 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.

19.5.3. 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 State Series is over and his opponent shall be awarded both forfeit and advancement points when applicable.

19.5.4. Sectional Gate Fees: Adults - \$5, Students w/ID - \$3, Children - \$1.

19.6. State Championship Entries

19.6.1. 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 the 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.

19.6.2. Clubs will be charged for no shows at the following rate:

19.6.2.1. \$10, if notified 48 hours before the start of weigh-ins.

19.6.2.2. \$20, if notified 24 hours before the start of weigh-ins.

19.6.2.3. \$30, if not notified before the start of weigh-ins.

19.7. Each team shall be allowed to enter an unlimited number of wrestlers in each weight class for regional competition.

19.8. Only two wrestlers from each team shall be allowed to score team points in each senior, novice, and intermediate division weight class.

19.8.1. In the regional competition, 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 team 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.

19.8.2. In the sectional competition, 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 competition.

19.8.3. In the state championships competition, 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 sectional competition.

19.9. Any regional or sectional host who exceeds the gate or entry fee set by the IKWF will be suspended from hosting a regional or sectional tournament for one year.

20. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS

20.1. Regional tournaments

20.1.1. Twelve wrestlers from each weight class will qualify from the regional tournaments for sectional competition. If two regionals are held within a sectional, six per weight class will qualify from each regional tournament. If three regionals are held within a sectional, 4 per weight class will qualify from each regional tournament.

Note: A three regional structure may be used within a sectional if a two-thirds majority of all teams chartered in that sectional approve and the executive board approves the three regional structure upon petition by the sectional director.

20.2. Sectional tournaments

20.2.1. Twenty-four wrestlers from each weight class will qualify from the sectional tournaments for the State Championship competition. Three per weight class will qualify from each of the eight sectional tournaments.

20.2.2. 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.

20.2.2.1. Sectional Alternates

20.2.2.1.1. Two regionals in a sectional

20.2.2.1.1.1. Alternates shall be determined by the wrestler who won the most matches in the championship bracket but failed to qualify as a sixth-place finisher. Should more than one wrestler meet the alternate criteria, then the wrestler winning the most matches in both the championship and consolation brackets shall be the alternate. If two wrestlers remain tied for the alternate position, the wrestler defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance.

20.2.2.1.2. Three regionals in a sectional

20.2.2.1.2.1. 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 finisher. Should more than one wrestler meet alternate criteria, then the wrestler winning the most matches in the championship and consolation brackets shall be the alternate. If two wrestlers remain tied for the alternate position, the one defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance.

20.2.2.2. State Championship Alternates

- 20.2.2.2.1. 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 finisher or as a first alternate. Should more than one wrestler meet the second alternate criteria, then the wrestler winning the most matches in both the championship and consolation brackets shall be the second alternate. If two wrestlers remain tied for the second alternate position, the wrestler defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance.
- 20.2.2.3. If the wrestler to be replaced is not the lowest place qualifier, move all qualifiers up and place the alternate in the lowest place position. 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.
- 20.2.2.4. 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 quarterfinal round will advance to the consolation bracket if his quarterfinal opponent fails to make the second day weight requirements.*

21. AWARDS

- 21.1. Regional Tournaments
- 21.1.1. Senior, Novice, and Intermediate Divisions
- 21.1.1.1. With two regional qualifying tournaments
- 21.1.1.1.1. Medals for the top six place winners.
- 21.1.1.1.2. Team plaques will be awarded to the top three teams. Regular team scoring will be used.
- 21.1.1.2. With three regional qualifying tournaments
- 21.1.1.2.1. Medals for the top four place winners.
- 21.1.1.2.2. Team plaques will be awarded to the top two teams. Regular team scoring will be used.
- 21.1.2. Bantam & Tot Division
- 21.1.2.1. Medals for all participants.
- 21.1.3. Sectional Tournaments
- 21.1.3.1. Senior, Novice, and Intermediate Divisions
- 21.1.3.1.1. Medals will be awarded to the top four place winners.
- 21.1.3.1.2. Team plaques will be awarded to the top three teams.

21.1.4. State Championship Tournament

21.1.4.1. In the State Championship Tournament, individual medals shall be awarded to the top eight place winners at each weight class.

21.1.4.2. Team trophies shall be awarded to the top eight teams.

21.1.4.3. In the event of a tie in the team standings, duplicate awards will be presented, i.e. two teams tie for first place at a sectional, two first place plaques and one third place plaque shall be awarded.

21.1.5. For all divisional and state dual meet awards, see Dual Meet State Series section.

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:

22.1. ***Weigh ins for any IKWF sanctioned event shall not be allowed more than one calendar date, i.e. one day prior to the event date. If said weigh in is conducted by someone other than the tournament host OR his/her designee those weights from that weigh in must be within 3% pounds the next day at any time if challenged by a team's head coach or his/her designee. A club may challenge up to 3 wrestlers in an event. If said club loses a challenge, then that club loses the remaining challenges for the rest of the event. If a wrestler is in violation of this rule that wrestler will be removed from the event and that wrestler's club is NOT allowed to participate in "self" or "phone in" weigh ins for a period of 30 days.***

22.2. Wrestlers shall not be required to wear a mouth guard.

22.3. No water bottles or clip boards may be placed mat side during IKWF competition. Clip boards must be held at all time by coaches. Water bottles, if used, must be placed on the scorer's table or beyond the mat area.

22.4. International style singlets will be allowed at IKWF competitions. Wrestlers will be required to cover their shoelaces only at the Jon Davis Kids Open and the IKWF State Series.

22.5. Weigh Classifications: The weight classifications listed in the National Federation rulebook are amended as follows:

22.5.1. Senior Division: There are seventeen weight classifications:
74,79,84,90,96,103,110,118,126,135,144,154,164,176,188,215,275.

22.5.2. Novice Division: There are fifteen weight classifications:
60,64,69,74,80,86,93,100,108,116,125,134,154,178,215.

22.5.3. Intermediate Division: There are fifteen weight classifications:
50,54,59,64,70,76,83,90,98,106,115,125,134,156,177.

22.5.4. Bantam & Tot Division: Four-man blocked weights.

22.5.5. A wrestler's weight may not exceed 275 pounds at any sanctioned event.

22.6. Weigh-ins

22.6.1. ***All contestants, including those in the 275 lbs. weight class, are required to weigh-in wearing a competition uniform. Each wrestler must make scratch weight. No weight allowance will be given for the first day of competition.***

- 22.6.2. ***In regional tournaments, wrestlers will be named to their respective weight class at the seeding meeting after weigh-ins. They will not be able to change weight class or division on the day of the tournament. All no-shows on the day of the tournament will be treated as forfeits.***
- 22.6.3. All regional tournaments shall be required to have weigh-ins the day before the scheduled competition date. With this procedure, the seeding meeting will be held after the weigh-ins. The purpose of this procedure is to eliminate repairing the brackets when the seeding meeting is held before weigh-ins.
- 22.6.4. A wrestler is considered a participant in the 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 sectional tournament and state tournaments once they have met the weight requirements.
- 22.6.5. 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 three-quarters of the sectional teams agree. If night before weigh-ins are agreed upon, alternates sites will 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 director and the tournament director.
- 22.6.6. A wrestler may not compete in more than one weight class above his/her current weight. Example: A wrestler who weighs 69 lbs. may wrestle in the 70 lbs. or 74 lbs. weight class 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.
- 22.6.7. 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 22.7.3. If competition is held in two days, wrestlers may weigh-in for the second day of competition following the first day of competition.
- 22.6.8. Weigh-ins for the State Championships shall be conducted using the following procedures:
- 22.6.8.1. Participants 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 will have the option to weigh-in Friday night or Saturday morning for the second day of competition. They will be given a one-pound allowance for the second day.
- 22.6.8.2. ***Wrestlers are required to wear a competition uniform upon entering the weigh-in area.***

22.6.8.3. Wrestlers are not allowed to leave the weigh-in area until weight has been made or not made.

22.6.8.4. Wrestlers are allowed two consecutive attempts to make their designated weight.

22.6.8.5. If a wrestler does not make weight the first time, they will be brought to a designated second scale immediately for their second attempt.

22.6.8.6. If a wrestler does not make weight, they will be removed from the tournament

22.6.9. Dual Meet State Series weigh-in times shall be announced.

22.7. 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	None
Bantam & Tot	All bouts 3 min.	None	None

- 4.5-minute bouts are divided into three periods. All periods shall be one minute and thirty seconds in duration. There shall be no rest between periods.
- 3-minute bouts are divided into three periods. All periods shall be one minute in duration. There shall be no rest between periods.

22.8. ***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 point(s) shall be declared the winner of the bout. If no winner is determined in the one-minute overtime, a thirty second tiebreaker will follow. The choice for position in the tiebreaker period shall be granted to the wrestler who scored the first point(s) in the regulation match, the wrestler whose opponent has received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at any time during the match will have the choice of position. The unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will supersede the first points scored 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.***

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

22.9. Senior, Novice, and Intermediate Placement Points for Team Scoring

22.9.1. Regional tournaments:

22.9.1.1. Two regionals in a sectional: 16 points for 1st place, 12 points for 2nd place, 9 points for 3rd place, 7 points for 4th place, 2 points for 5th place, and 1 point for 6th place.

22.9.1.2. Three regionals in a sectional: 14 points for 1st place, 10 points for 2nd place, 7 points for 3rd place, and 4 points for 4th place.

22.9.2. Sectional Tournaments:

22.9.2.1. 14 points for 1st place, 10 points for 2nd place, 7 points for 3rd place, and 4 points for 4th place.

22.9.3. State Championships

- 22.9.3.1. 16 points for 1st place, 12 points for 2nd place, 9 points for 3rd place, 7 points for 4th place, 5 points for 5th place, 3 points for 6th place, 2 points for 7th place, and 1 point for 8th place.
- 22.9.4. In all regional, sectional, and state championship tournaments:
- 22.9.4.1. 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 bouts.
- 22.9.4.2. Two additional points will be awarded for a win by fall, default, disqualification, or forfeit.
- 22.9.4.3. One and one-half additional points shall be awarded for each win by technical fall. **Note:** *Technical fall = match stopped for or ending with a 15-point advantage by one of the wrestlers.*
- 22.9.4.4. One additional point shall be awarded for each win by major decision. **Note:** *Major decision = match won by an 8 to 14-point advantage.*
- 22.9.4.5. In all regional, sectional, and state tournament competition, if a wrestler receives a bye in the preliminary round of competition, 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. If one match is wrestled in a round, all other wrestlers in that bracket shall receive byes for that round. 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.
- 22.9.4.6. 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 divisions.*
Note: *Flagrant misconduct is now a three-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.*
- 22.10. Seeding
- 22.10.1. Teams who do not have a representative at the regional seeding meeting shall be fined \$100.
- 22.10.2. Criteria for seeding
- 22.10.2.1. Intermediate Division
- 22.10.2.1.1. Consensus of the coaches (a three-quarter majority must agree for any seed).
- 22.10.2.2. Novice and Senior Division
- 22.10.2.2.1. Consensus of the coaches (a three-quarter majority) *.
- 22.10.2.2.2. Head to head and common opponents.
- 22.10.2.2.3. Higher place finish in last year's state tournament, use higher weight if tied.
- 22.10.2.2.4. Draw by seeding meeting director.
- 22.10.3. * Procedures for conducting the seeding meeting.
- 22.10.3.1. Allow each contesting wrestler's coach to briefly talk.

22.10.3.2. Close discussion.

22.10.3.3. Take a vote (this is done for each seed).

22.10.3.4. Two to four wrestlers may be seeded. All others must be drawn. All wrestlers may be drawn if no seeding criteria are met.

22.10.3.5. 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.

22.11. Sectional Pairings

22.11.1. All wrestlers will be paired by the following predetermined rotations

22.11.2. Sectional pairings for a two-regional 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

Special Situations:

22.11.2.1.1. In the event regional A has 3 wrestlers and regional B has 5 wrestlers, place the 5th place wrestler from Regional B in the 6th place spot for Regional B. In

22.11.2.1.2. In the event Regional A has 1 wrestler and Regional B has 3 wrestlers, place the 3rd place finisher from Regional B in the 4th place spot for Regional B.

22.11.2.1.3. No wild cards shall be put on a bracket farther than the wrestlers that beat them in a qualifier. Example Only: Tournament A has 8 wrestlers and tournament B only has 2. Instead of putting A7 in the B3 spot and A8 in the B4 spot, 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 weight class rotation.

22.11.3. Sectional Pairing for three regional sectional:

Intermediate	50-83-134	54-90-156	59-98-177	64-106	70-115	76-125
Novice	60-93-154	64-100-178	69-108-215	74-116	80-125	86-134
Senior	74-110-164	79-118-176	84-126-188	90-135-215	96-144-275	103-154
	Pairing #1	Pairing #2	Pairing #3	Pairing #4	Pairing #5	Pairing #6
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 bt 1	B1 vs. wn bt 1	B1 vs. wn bt 1	A1 vs. wn bt 1	B1 vs. wn bt 1	B1 vs. wn bt 1
Bout 6	B1 vs. wn bt 2	C2 vs. wn bt 2	C1 vs. wn bt 2	B1 vs. wn bt 2	A2 vs. wn bt 2	C1 vs. wn bt 2
Bout 7	C1 vs. wn bt 3	A1 vs. wn bt 3	A1 vs. wn bt 3	C1 vs. wn bt 3	A1 vs. wn bt 3	A1 vs. wn bt 3
Bout 8	B2 vs. wn bt 4	C1 vs wn bt 4	C2 vs. wn bt 4	A2 vs. wn bt 4	C1 vs. wn bt 4	B2 vs. wn bt 4

22.11.4. If a sectional with three regional tournaments has wrestlers from only two regional tournaments competing in the sectional, then use the sectional for a “Two regional sectional” (22.12.2 above) to assemble the sectional bracket. Assignment letters are as follows:

22.11.4.1. If A, B, and no C then A is A and B is B.

22.11.4.2. If A, C, and no B then A is A and C is B.

22.11.4.3. If B, C and no A then B is B and C is A.

22.11.5. 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:

22.11.6.

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

22.11.7. Individual State Championships Pairings

Senior Division Pairings

2026	118	Alt	126	135	144	154	Alt	164	176	188	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	90	Alt	96	103	110		
2025	126	135	144	154	Alt	164	176	188	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	90	Alt	96	103	110	118	Alt		
2024	144	154	Alt	164	176	188	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	90	Alt	96	103	110	118	Alt	126	135		
2023	164	176	188	215	275	Alt	74	79	84	90	Alt	96	103	110	118	Alt	126	135	144	154	Alt		
Pairing	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	#16	#17	#18	#19	#20	#21		
Bout	#	H1	F1	D1	G1	H1	F1	E1	G1	H1	C1	E1	G1	B1	C1	E1	D1	B1	C1	F1	D1	B1	
	9	Bye	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	A2
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	10	G1	E1	C1	E1	C1	B1	C1	B1	D1	B1	D1	F1	D1	F1	H1	F1	H1	G1	H1	G1	E1	E1
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Novice Division Pairings

22.11.7.1. Pairings 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.

22.11.7.2. 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.

22.11.7.3. A low number of entries may result in a first-round bye even though sixteen 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.

22.11.7.4. Uneven brackets

22.11.7.4.1. Because of the lack of entries at a certain weight class, the predetermined pairing may result in extremely uneven bracket at sectional and state tournament 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

22.11.7.4.2. 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 cannot be found, the president shall form a committee to find a bracket that complies with the IKWF by-laws and the national federation rulebook.

22.11.7.4.3. ***Filling state brackets when not enough qualifiers from a Sectional:***

22.11.7.4.3.1. ***No wild card can be placed on the bracket further than anyone who qualified from a sectional.***

22.11.7.4.3.1.1. ***First, all openings for missing sectional champions will come from a qualifier that finished second in their sectional.***

22.11.7.4.3.1.1.1. ***This will be determined by using the wild card rotation to pick which second place sectional qualifier is moved.***

22.11.7.4.3.1.1.2. ***The second place sectional qualifier cannot move to the same half of the bracket as the champion from their sectional.***

22.11.7.4.3.1.1.3. ***Once the second place finisher is moved, the 3rd place finisher in the same sectional will move to the second place spot, unless that puts them in the same quarter of the bracket as the second place finisher from the sectional.***

22.11.7.4.3.1.2. ***Second, all openings for missing second place finishers should be filled with wild card wrestlers, based on evening out the bracket, starting with the second quarter bracket, then the third quarter bracket, then the fourth quarter bracket and then the first quarter bracket. Continue until all second place spots have been filled.***

22.11.7.4.3.1.2.1. ***If a quarter bracket is full, move to the next quarter bracket.***

22.11.7.4.3.1.3. **Third, all openings for missing third place finishers should be filled with wild card wrestlers, based on evening out the bracket, starting with the second quarter bracket, then the third quarter bracket, then the 4th quarter bracket and then the first quarter bracket. Continue until all second place spots have been filled.**

22.11.7.4.3.1.3.1. **If a quarter bracket is full, move to the next quarter bracket.**

22.11.7.4.3.1.4. **Rotating lines will be used if a bracket is uneven and there are no more wild card wrestlers to enter into the tournament.**

22.11.8. Consolation matches

22.11.8.1. In regional tournaments, all senior, novice and intermediate division brackets shall be double elimination. All bouts will be wrestled. There are no walkovers in regional tournaments.

22.11.8.2. In sectional tournaments, all senior, novice and intermediate division brackets shall be double elimination. All bouts will be wrestled. There are no walkovers in sectional tournaments.

22.11.8.3. In all regional and sectional tournament, championship and third place bouts shall be conducted in the same round, or third place bouts may be wrestled immediately preceding the championship bouts. Officials assigned to the tournament may elect to work a system with an assistant referee for the first and/or third place bouts. With two divisions wrestling in regional and sectional tournaments, it is recommended that at least two mats be used for the final rounds.

22.11.8.4. In the state tournament, all senior and novice division brackets shall be double elimination. There are no walkovers in the state tournament.

22.11.9. The IKWF hires a dermatologist for the weigh-ins at the Jon Davis Kids Open and the State Championships, 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

23.1. Official's must purchase a USA Wrestling Leader membership.

23.2. All officials working IKWF sanctioned events must be registered with the United States Wrestling Official's Association (USWOA).

23.3. At IKWF sanctioned events, if an official does not have a current Wrestling Leader membership, the tournament director is responsible for acquiring a Wrestling Leader membership for the official.

23.4. Each official is encouraged to participate in the IHSA/IWCOA official's improvement.

23.4.1. Rules interpretations.

23.4.2. Official's clinics provided by the IHSA, IWCOA and the IKWF.

23.4.3. Official's advancement levels by IHSA (registered, recognized, and certified).

23.5. Sectional official's director.

- 23.5.1. Appointed by each sectional director.
- 23.5.2. Will be the official's spokesperson for their sectional.
- 23.5.3. Duties include:
 - 23.5.3.1. **Responsible for compiling ratings of officials in each sectional.**
 - 23.5.3.2. Assist teams with securing officials for tournaments held within the sectional.
 - 23.5.3.3. Be the contact for the tournament hosts to report the officials used throughout the season to the state official's chairmen.
 - 23.5.3.4. Actively recruit new officials and assist in any contacts that might need to be made regarding any officials.
 - 23.5.3.5. **Work with the sectional director to assign officials to work the state series.**
 - 23.5.3.6. Work with the sectional director and the official's chairmen to evaluate and select one official each year for a 2-year rotation at the individual state championships.
- 23.6. 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 Official's Association (USWOA).
- 23.7. Officials will be selected for sectional and state competition with the following procedures:
 - 23.7.1. All officials may be rated.
 - 23.7.2. No explanation is required for your ratings, officials are simply ranked by a ranking system.
 - 23.7.3. All ratings sheets will be mailed or emailed to the president who will compile the results.
 - 23.7.4. **To work an IKWF regional and sectional, officials must work a minimum of three IKWF sanctioned events during the season. Three dual meets may be substituted for one tournament. The Jon Davis Kids Open will count as two tournaments.**
 - 23.7.5. **Officials must work an IKWF regional and sectional in the current season to be eligible for the Individual State Tournament. Exception: Officials who work or coach at the IHSA Dual Meet/Girls State Championships are excused from the regional tournament requirement.**
 - 23.7.6. **Each tournament director is required to send a list of the officials who worked their tournament to their sectional official's co-chairman and to their sectional official's director.**
 - 23.7.7. Dual Meet State Championship Tournament
 - 23.7.7.1. Ten officials will be selected to officiate.
 - 23.7.7.2. One official's co-chairman and rules director will also attend the event.
 - 23.7.8. Individual State Championships
 - 23.7.8.1. Thirty officials will be selected to officiate. All officials must meet the requirements of 23.6.4 and officiate a regional and sectional tournament.
 - 23.7.8.2. Two sideline officials will be selected to secure the wrestling area.
 - 23.7.8.3. Two official's co-chairmen and rules director will also attend the event.

- 23.7.8.4. Officials selected are required to attend a pre-tournament meeting. Thursday night prior to the event.
- 23.7.8.5. Selected officials who must be replaced because of unexpected commitments or illness will also be selected by the above committee.
- 23.8. Official's Compensation
 - 23.8.1. **Regional hosts will receive \$750 and sectional hosts will receive \$1,000 from the IKWF to help cover expenses.**
 - 23.8.2. Officials pay for regional tournaments shall be between \$160 and \$180.
 - 23.8.2.1. A minimum of one extra official must be used when there are up to 4 mats.
 - 23.8.2.2. A minimum of two extra officials must be used when there are five or more mats used.
 - 23.8.3. Officials pay for sectional tournaments shall be \$225.
 - 23.8.3.1. A minimum of two extra officials must be used at each sectional tournament.
 - 23.8.4. **Officials pay for the Dual Meet State Championship tournament shall be \$200.**
 - 23.8.5. **Officials pay for the IKWF State Championship tournament shall be \$400.**
- 23.9. Ten officials will be selected for the Dual Meet State Championships

24. STATE SERIES WILD CARD ROTATION

- 24.1. 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
North Chicago	--/60	110/108	188/--
South	--/64	118/116	215/--
South Chicago	74/69	126/125	275/--
West	79/74	135/134	--/--
West Chicago	84/80	144/154	--/--
Central	90/86	154/178	--/--
Central Chicago	96/93	164/215	--/--
North	103/100	176/--	--/--

- 24.2. When an opening occurs at a given weight class, the sectional corresponding to that weight class will be called to fill the opening with their 4th place wrestler. If that sectional does not have a 4th place finisher at the weight, the sectional below it on the rotation will be called.

Example of use:

There are 3 byes at Novice 60 lbs.

The 4th place finisher from the North sectional will fill the first opening.

The 4th place finisher from the North Chicago sectional will fill the second opening.

South through Central Chicago do not have a 4th place finisher.

The second alternate from the North sectional will fill the third opening.

24.3. Notes for application of the wild card rotation:

24.3.1. Placing wild cards on a bracket

24.3.1.1. Replace all number ones which will balance the bracket. Next replace number one in the other half bracket. Replace all number ones.

24.3.1.2. Repeat the process by replacing number twos while balancing the bracket.

24.3.1.3. Go on to replacing number threes using the same process.

24.4. Wild Cards

24.4.1. 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.

24.4.2. In the individual state championships, wild cards will be filled until the conclusion of weigh-ins.

24.4.3. Once a 4th 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 5th place wrestler will be used. If there is no 5th place wrestler, a bye will be awarded.

Regional A	Senior	74	90	110	135	164	215
	Novice	60	74	93	116	154	--
	Intermediate	50	64	83	106	134	--
Regional B	Senior	79	96	118	144	176	275
	Novice	64	80	100	125	178	--
	Intermediate	54	70	90	115	156	--
Regional C	Senior	84	103	126	154	188	--
	Novice	69	86	108	134	215	--
	Intermediate	59	76	98	125	177	--

24.4.4. If only wrestlers qualify for the sectional at senior 74 lbs. the 4th place finisher from regional A will be inserted as a wild card. If there is no 4th place finisher at regional A, the 4th place finisher regional B will be inserted. If there is no 4th place finisher from regional B, the 4th place finisher from regional C will be inserted. If there is no 4th place at regional C, a bye is inserted. If only three wrestlers qualify from regional A, start with regional B. If only three wrestlers qualify from regional B, start with regional C. If only three wrestlers qualify from regional C, start with regional A.

24.4.5. If two regional tournaments are held in a sectional, wild cards will be taken from the opposite regional in the order of their finish. **Example:** 7th, 8th, then 9th place. If one regional has no wrestlers at a given weight, the 7th place finisher will be inserted in the 1st place spot normally filled by the other regional. The 2nd place spot shall be filled by the 8th place finisher and so on.

24.5. Wild card procedure for the State Tournament

24.5.1. When applicable, the wild card will no longer be placed in the 1st round.

24.5.2. Step 1: Place wild cards as 3rd place finisher from his sectional, place 3rd place finisher as 2nd place (preliminary round bout) and move 2nd place into the open spot in round 1 (first round bout).

- 24.5.3. Step 2: Make sure the 1st place finisher from that sectional is not on the same side of the bracket as the 2nd place finisher who was moved into the first-round bout.
- 24.5.4. Step 3: If the first and second 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 third-place finisher from the next sectional in the wild card rotation.
- 24.5.5. Step 4: Repeat steps 1,2, and 3 until an acceptable bracket is created.