

To: W.A.W.A. Officials, Coaches & Club Leaders

From: Chris Young

RE: Rules of engagements for 2008

Special note: You do not have to be registered with WHSAA to officiate Folkstyle. You have to be registered with USWOA to officiate all styles.

This week in conversation with Frank Taylor about several of the Mat Officials who are clinicians for the year 2008 and their concerns about the requirement's needed for coaching this year. The following document is intended to be a statement of clarification on the requirement's need to participate in your chosen field for the year 2008.

To be a Team coach or Pairing or Mat Official, in the W.A.W.A or USA Wrestling in the year 2008 you must acquire the following certifications.

1. 2008 USA Coaching, Pairing or Mat official license. This is a National requirement. **This carries with it the insurance program that will address injury and liability.**

2: To be a coach at any W.A.W.A. State sanctioned tournament or any USA Wrestling re: local or National level tournament you must have the following certification.

- a. Current USA Wrestling coaching card
- b. Current Copper level or higher (State Local), National level Bronze USA Wrestling certification.
- c. Have to have attended a current W.A.W.A. rules clinic. These rules clinic applies only to W.A.W.A. local and State sanction tournaments, not Regional or National Tournaments.

3. Folkstyle Mat Official

- a. Must be USA registered Mat Official
- b. Young Officials (13-16) must not work their age or older.
- c. If you are not working Jr. High or High School meets you must attend a USA rules clinic.
- d. If you are currently working Jr. High and High School meets you have to have a brief update on the differences between WHSAA and USA rules.

W.A.W.A. local tournament requirements for Coach's, Mat and Pairing Officials are as follows:

- A. Current USA Coaching, Pairing or Mat Official's license.
- B. Have attended a current W.A.W.A. rules clinic.

All Officials and Coach's in the year 2008 for the W.A.W.A. Must attend a rules clinic or they Will not be permitted to participate in their chosen field at the W.A.W.A. State level!

Exception: The W.A.W.A. will extend a courtesy to Mat and Pairing Officials only the ability to coach their son or daughter at any local or state sanctioned tournament without a coaching license. This does not apply if you are a team coach!

Explanation: The copper certification rule for the W.A.W.A. and USA Wrestling is not superseded here!!

The year 2008 will require all coaches at a W.A. W.A. tournament local or State to wear their certification around their neck or in plain view in the Identification pouches.

- a. Current W .A. W.A rules clinic card, which must be signed by a State Clinician at a rules clinic. NO more control cards.
- b. Current licenses or certification, re: USA Coaching card & Copper or Bronze cards.
- c. Must be hung around you neck or in plain view at mat side.

W.A.W.A. State tournament requirements to officiate.

1. **You have to have worked 2 events in Freestyle and have your book signed.**
2. **You have to have worked 2 events in Greco and have your book signed.**
3. **You have to have worked 3 events in Folkstyle and have your book signed.**
 - a. **In folkstyle, junior high and high school count if you have proof.**
 - b. **Have the Athletic Director or Head Official of the tournament sign your card.**
4. **As the State Director I reserve the right to make final judgment on eligibility.**