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KENTUCKY STATE YOUTH WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

TITLE: BYLAWS 2008-2009

PURPOSE

The short term goal of the KYSWA is to establish uniformity throughout Kentucky in how our sport is operated. The following bylaws are the first step in an ongoing goal of promoting wrestling in all of our communities.

Our long-term goal is to help shape the minds and bodies of our youth to someday become future High School wrestlers and also respectable citizens who will promote our sport further.

BYLAWS

Bylaw 1. Membership

The association shall be composed of public and private school wrestling teams and wrestling clubs. Member teams and coaches are required to comply with all KSYWA Bylaws. All teams are required to have a signed application membership on file with the KSYWA.

Bylaw 2. Administration and legislation

The governing body of the KSYWA shall consist of the following:

- A. Officers - president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
- B. Regional Representatives - 2 per region/*6 regions*.
- C. Member representatives. (Each team shall have one vote)
- D. Elections shall be held the day before the state tournament and will be held annually to replace any vacancies.
- E. No elected officer shall serve more than 2 consecutive years.
- F. If an elected officer fails to attend a scheduled meeting, without notice to an officer, an attempt will be made to find a replacement.
- H. Any amendment to the bylaws can only take effect the following season starting 2009-2010

Bylaw 3. Meetings

The KSYWA will hold two statewide meetings annually. The meetings shall be held on the 3rd Sunday in May & the 3rd Sunday in September each year. Meeting site shall be located centrally within the state of Kentucky at a public location adequate in size. The time and specific location of meetings shall be announced on KSYWA website (<http://www.kyswa.org>) at a minimum of 30 days in advance. The KSYWA president shall send out email notification to all member teams 1 month in advance, provided a valid email address is on file with the KSYWA. KSYWA meetings shall follow the

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following agenda:

- 1) Roll call
- 2) Reading of the previous minutes
- 3) President's report
- 4) Treasurers report
- 5) Election of officers (if applicable)
- 6) Regional reps reports
- 7) Old business
- 8) New business
- 9) Adjournment

Bylaw 4. Voting process

A quorum at the annual meetings will be composed of 20% of the governing body of the KSYWA. All action items that involve rule changes, bylaw changes, or expenditures of money must pass a vote of 50% plus 1 member of all present voting members at a statewide meeting. Action items that pass a vote at the statewide meeting will then be voted on by member teams through regional representatives. There will be no voting by proxy at the statewide meetings. Regional representatives will make a reasonable effort to contact member teams within their region to record their votes on voting issues. Member teams are responsible to keep contact information for their designated team representative up to date on the KSYWA website (<http://www.kyswa.org>).

Bylaw 5. ELIGIBILITY RULES (Responsibility for Eligibility)

Each team is responsible for verification of eligibility. *All wrestlers must have a "KSYWA Elementary School Eligibility" form filled out and signed by a team official. This form must be turned in to regional representatives at KSYWA regional tournament before a wrestler is allowed to enter a tournament. A copy of each wrestler's birth certificate must accompany form.*

A. Age

A wrestler who becomes 13 years old before *Jan 1* of that academic year shall be ineligible for competition in KYSWA events.

B. Residency

All wrestlers must be Kentucky state residents.

C. Transfer Rule

The team a wrestler begins the season with is the team he must be on to be eligible to compete in the regional and state tournament. The following change in residence exception can apply.

1. Change in Residence

A legal change in residence can include but is not limited to a family transfer, the family moves to another school district, death in the family, divorce, or financial hardship.

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2. Verification must be provided by the head coach of the team being transferred to and documentation of such must be forwarded to the acting Secretary of KYSWA.

Bylaw 6. KSYWA Events

A. State Duals, Regional, and State Tournament

The KSYWA will determine dates & locations of all KSYWA events. These include (but are not limited to) elementary school state duals, elementary school regional, and elementary school state. Teams that wish to be considered for hosting an event must request this at the statewide KSYWA meeting on the 3rd Sunday in May. Before consideration, host team must show written proof that they have permission to use a school gym that is adequate to host the specific event. The facility must have seating capacity of no less than 4000. Elementary state duals, regional, and the state tournament must be awarded no less than (1) year prior to the date of the tournament and will only be awarded to teams with a minimum of two consecutive years of membership in the KYSWA AND HAVE THE ABILITY TO RUN A TOURNAMENT. ***NO TEAM SHALL BE OFFICIALLY AWARDED THE STATE TOURNAMENT UNTIL THEIR FACILITY IS INSPECTED AND APPROVED BY AT LEAST (3) MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.***

B) Regions - Regional host sites shall be rotated amongst regional schools. Each region is responsible for establishing a schedule of host sites in a fair manner. Regional sites must be approved no less than (1) year ahead of time. ***REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED TO WRESTLE AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT(exceptions include bereavement, injury, or illness with doctor's excuse. An injured or ill wrestler will be required to WEIGHIN at the sametime as all other wrestlers at the designated regional host. Weigh-ins shall be performed at each Regional site within 24hrs of the event. Weigh-ins shall be supervised by no less than (2) opposing coaches or (1) coach and (1) referee. These weights will then be turned in to the Board and then forwarded to the State Tournament host where they will be used for bracketing purposes. NOTE: Region weights will be used for STATE.***

C) Elementary school state duals - State duals host site shall rotate from region to region each year. Each region is responsible for determining who shall host the state duals when it is their region's turn to host.

D) Elementary school state tournament - the elementary school state tournament site shall be selected by a vote of the KSYWA (as defined above).

E) Date of above events shall be as follows:

- 1.) Elementary State Duals 3rd Saturday of December.
- 2.) Elementary Regional 1st weekend following State High School
Tournament
- 3.) Elementary State 2nd weekend following State High School
Tournament

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Each participating team must provide a minimum of (4) table workers for at least one session. Host school will determine which session the team workers are needed.

F) Fees

- 1) Sites hosting KSYWA events shall agree to pay the KSYWA 20% of the gate.
- 2) Each member team, club or school, shall be required to pay an ***annual \$100.00 membership fee that must be received no later than the regional tournament of each season.***
- 4.) Fees will be used to buy trophies and medals for the state tournament(which will be reimbursed by host school after tournament).

G) Tournament procedures

All KSYWA events shall be ran in accordance with all guidelines established by the KSYWA. These guidelines shall be contained in the document “KSYWA Event Guidelines” and made available at the KSYWA website (<http://www.kyswa.org>)

H) Weight Classes

Age (*as of 1/1/09*) Weight

11-12	50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 130, 140, 140+ (25lb max diff)
9-10	50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 130, 140, 140+ (25lb max diff)
7-8	Shall be grouped lightest to heaviest within 10% of bodyweight up to 8 person brackets.
5-6	Shall be grouped lightest to heaviest within 10% of bodyweight up to 8 person brackets.

I) No individual weight class shall contain more than (8) wrestlers. If a weight contains more than (8) wrestlers it must be broken down into smaller increments with the criteria being age first and then weight. Example: 32 kids signup to wrestle in the 9-10/55 lb weight class. The separation would be first the 9 year olds in one group and the 10 year olds in the other. The kids would then be bracketed by weight.

J) Any weight class with 5 or less will be wrestled as a round robin. If the result of breaking a weight down into a bracket of 5 or less it must then be wrestled as a round robin

K) Match Rules

KSYWA shall follow the same rules as set forth by the KHSAA with the following exceptions.

1. All periods shall be 1minute, 1,1,1
2. ***Overtime will be 30" sudden death periods up to 3 periods until conclusion of match. Neutral, up/down decisions by wrestler shall be in accordance with a normal match with the first points scored getting first choice.***
3. There will be no disqualification for illegal holds and the penalty points will be as follows:
First occurrence a warning only and the referee should explain to the wrestler

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what they did wrong.

Second thru infinity 1 point for each additional occurrence.

L. Regional Alignments

Kentucky will be divided into (6) regions for purposes of the Regional Tournaments.

The Regions are as follows:

Region 1 West

***Ballard, Hickman, Carlisle, Fulton, McCracken, Graves, Marshall,
Calloway, Hancock, Davies, Henderson, Union, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg,
Christian, Todd, Logan, Simpson, Butler, Ohio, Muhlenberg, Hopkins,
Caldwell, Webster, Mclean, Warren***

Region 2 Louisville

***Trimble, Henry, Shelby, Spencer, Nelson, Larue, Hart, Edmondson,
Grayson, Hardin, Bullit, Oldham, Meade, Breckinridge, Jefferson***

Region 3 Northern

***Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Gallatin, Carroll, Owen, Grant, Pendelton,
Harrison, Robertson, Mason, Bracken***

Region 4 Central

***Scott, Franklin, Bourbon, Nicholas, Bath, Montgomery, Clark, Fayette,
Woodford, Anderson, Washington, Mercer, Jessamine, Madison, Marion, Boyle,
Garrard, Estill, Powell***

Region 5 East

***Lewis, Fleming, Greenup, Boyd, Carter, Rowan, Elliot, Lawrence,
Martin, Johnson, Morgan, Menifee, Wolfe, Magoffin, Floyd, Pike, Knott, Letcher,
Harlin, Leslie, Perry, Breathitt, Lee***

Region 6 South

***Lincoln, Casey, Taylor, Green, Barren, Allen, Monroe, Metcalfe,
Cumberland, Clinton, Russell, Adair, Pulaski, McCreary, Whitley, Bell, Knox, Clay,
Laurel, Owsley, Wayne, Jackson, Rockcastle***