

**OFSAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

*The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.*

**PLAYING REGULATIONS**

**1. Date:**

The OFSAA Wrestling Championship shall be held over two days of the first week in March unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

**2. Location:**

The location of the Championship shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Championship.

**3. Events:**

(a) Boys

Sixteen (16) weight classes will be conducted:

38 Kilograms	51 Kilograms	64 Kilograms	83 Kilograms
41 "	54 "	67.5 "	89 "
44 "	57.5 "	72 "	95
47.5	61	77	UNLIMITED

(b) Girls

Thirteen (13) weight classes will be conducted:

41 Kilograms	54 Kilograms	64 Kilograms	77 Kilograms
44 "	57.5 "	67.5 "	83 "
47.5 "	61 "	72 "	UNLIMITED
51 "			

In order to compete in the **unlimited** class, a boy wrestler must weigh in at a **minimum** of 95 kilograms and a girl wrestler a **minimum** of 84 kilograms.

**4. Tournament Structure and Procedure:**

(a) The OFSAA Championship shall be a double elimination tournament with a Consolation round which accommodates losers of bouts on the Championship side of the draw.

(b) OFSAA will use a 32-person draw sheet with the following exceptions: If there are more than 32 wrestlers in a weight class, there will be rat-tails to accommodate the extra

wrestlers. The rat-tails will be placed against non-seeded wrestlers. If there are 16 or fewer wrestlers in a weight class, then a 16-person draw sheet will be utilized.

- (c) The weigh-in shall be conducted between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. the night **before** the first day of the Championship.
- (d) The first three (3) full rounds in the Championship bracket and at least the first three rounds in the consolation bracket shall be completed on the first day. On the second day the following shall occur: the remaining rounds, the semi-finals and finals.
- (e) All OFSAA regional qualifying meets shall use the same round times as will be used at the OFSAA Championship.
- (f) It is recommended that a minimum of ten (10) mats shall be used for the Championship. In addition, the convenor shall ensure that there is adequate warm-up area and space for spectators.

**5. Seeding:**

- (a) Criteria:
  - (i) Medalist (top three) at OFSAA from previous year - if there are two equal medalists, the finalist from the higher weight class from the previous year receives the higher priority;
  - (ii) Canadian Junior Freestyle Medalist from previous year;
  - (iii) Canadian Juvenile Freestyle Medalist from previous year;
  - (iv) The fourth, fifth and sixth place wrestlers from the previous year's OFSAA Championship;
  - (v) Provincial Junior Freestyle Medalist of current year;
  - (vi) Provincial Juvenile Freestyle Medalist of current year;
  - (vii) Best win-loss percentage (greater than 20 matches) with at least a 90% win/loss ratio. When two (2) or more matches have been lost to any wrestler, these losses shall count as only **one (1)** loss - seed position can only be changed/jumped based on record if higher seed has been beaten (only using criteria (vii));
  - (viii) The current provincial cadet open champion.

Only bouts from November 1st until the OFSAA Championship, against **Ontario high school wrestlers**, will count regardless of tournament results (excluding Greco-Roman competition).

- (b) Procedure:
  - (i) The seeding of **eight (8)** wrestlers per weight class shall be conducted prior to the weigh-in by the OFSAA Convenor or designate and members of the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee for Wrestling who are in attendance at the meet;
  - (ii) No record changes will be allowed at the seed meeting and any discrepancies will result in the wrestler not being seeded;
  - (iii) Wrestlers falling under categories (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi), in criteria above, **must** be seeded;

- (iv) Wrestlers from the same Association should be placed, wherever possible, on opposite sides of the draw.

**6. Entry:**

- (a) Entries will be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- (b) An Association may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors in each weight class with the exception of the TDSSAA which may enter a maximum of four (4) competitors in each weight class.
- (c) Associations will be able to enter three (3) competitors in the following girls' weight classes. The TDSSAA may enter six (6) in these weight classes:  
  
41, 44 and 83 Kilograms and Unlimited.
- (d) Entries must be received by the OFSAA Convenor no later than the Saturday prior to the Championship. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated and shall be subject to a penalty of an additional entry fee.
- (e) Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competition. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such wrestlers and/or coach(es) and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.
- (f) For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convener, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convenor for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.

**7. Expenses:**

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover operating costs of the tournament. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

**8. Eligibility:**

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student must:

- (i) Any wrestler participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the wrestling season (November - February) at a location where the majority of his/her high school practices are held under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.
- (ii) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
- (iii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iv) meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her **19th** birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
- (v) be in Grades 9-12;
- (vi) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vii) is eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (viii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (ix) have executed the Federation's "Release of Liability" form.

## 9. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

The OFSAA Championship will follow the CAWA rules governing current CADET competitions, with the following modifications:

1. Weight Classes:  
Boys: 38, 41, 44, 47.5, 51, 54, 57.5, 61, 64, 67.5, 72, 77, 83, 89, 95 kg, Unlimited  
Girls: 41, 44, 47.5, 51, 54, 57.5, 61, 64, 67.5, 72, 77, 83 kg., Unlimited
2. In a pinning situation, when the defensive wrestler cries out, the official has the discretion to stop the bout. The match will be stopped if the official feels the athlete is in pain and in danger of serious injury. In this situation, the defensive wrestler will be taken to be forfeiting the match and the match will end accordingly. In this situation, the referee's decision to end the match is final.
3. In a pinning situation, if the defensive wrestler's coach asks that the action be stopped this will also be taken to be a forfeit by the defensive wrestler. As above, the referee's decision to end the match is final.
4. If a bout is interrupted due to injury, the referee may stop the match for two minutes (three minutes for blood cleanup), with the discretion of the convenor or the head official to extend the time pending availability of medical personnel.
5. No amplitude throws are allowed.
6. Any athlete with a pre existing physical condition that does not allow them to perform the clinch position (offensively or defensively ) will wrestle a sudden death overtime period to determine the winner of a 0 - 0 round.
7. Only certified OAWA officials be used at OFSAA events and OFSAA strongly recommends only certified OAWA officials be used at all high school meets. Entry form from association will require head official to provide list of officials used at association championships.

**10. Scoring:**

- (a) The top sixteen (16) boy wrestlers may score points for a team.  
The top thirteen (13) girl wrestlers may score points for a team.
- (b) Team scoring for both boys and girls championships shall be as follows:
  - (i) In the Championship round, a wrestler shall receive two (2) points for each match won. In the Consolation round a wrestler shall receive one (1) point for each match won;
  - (ii) No points shall be given for a bye in the first round of the Championship or Consolation rounds. The wrestler scores "win" points if they win their next match;
  - (iii) In the Championship round each match won by default, disqualification, fall or by grand superiority - one (1) additional point for that match. Grand superiority is scored when one wrestler, wins the first and second rounds in a row by 6 points. If the opponent wins a round then no superiority is scored;
  - (iv) Place points are 24, 18, 13, 9, 6, 4. Winners of the Championship bout receive Championship round points. Winners of third and fifth place bouts can only receive consolation round win points.
- (c) All team points accumulated during the tournament will also be added by Association to determine the Boys and Girls Association champions.
- (d) An overall combined school team winner shall be declared. A school must have points from both the boys and girls championships to be eligible to win.

**11. Uniform and Equipment:**

- (a) The contestants must appear on the edge of the mat in an official school wrestling uniform. No double layers are allowed below the crotch or above the hip.
- (b) Wrestlers with orthodontic devices must wear a proper mouth guard.
- (c) Wrestling shoes/boots must be worn and all laces taped.
- (d) All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h). These criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.
- (e) Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate attire in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from

competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

- (f) Wrestling mats being used need to be mats manufactured and approved by the manufacturer for wrestling and be in good repair. Mats must be attached together or aligned so separation does not occur.

**12. Awards:**

**Individual:** OFSAA medallions shall be presented to the first four (4) finishers in each weight class. Ribbons shall be presented to the fifth and sixth place finishers.

**Team:** members of the boys' and girls' school teams scoring the most points shall receive banners to be retained by their schools.

Members of the overall combined school team shall receive a banner to be retained by the school.

The first, second and third place schools will have the option to purchase medals for their athletes at the expense of the school.

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

**13. Supervision:** (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

*A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teachers Certificate or equivalent.*

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).
- (c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

**14. Registration:**

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team\athlete(s),

upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form, signed "Release of Liability" forms and photo forms.

**15. Deportment:** (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (b) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
  - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
  - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
  - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
  - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
  - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
- (h) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

**16. Social:**

If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend.

**Dress Code for Banquets:**

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- girls shall wear dress pants or skirt with a dress top;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

**17. Medical:**

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily

available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws.) Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site. Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, band-aid) for their athletes.

### **18. Jury of Appeal (Protest Committee)**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Wrestling Sport Advisory Committee or designate, the head official or designate and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring
- (e) Match Protests

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions (other than match protests), shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

### **19. Match Protest Policy**

- (i) Protests must be restricted to technical calls, not judgment calls. For any match that goes into overtime, calls during regulation time cannot be protested. The decision of the Protest Committee (Jury of Appeal) involving the rescoring of a match is final and cannot be re-protested.
- (ii) The following are considered judgment calls on the part of the officiating team and cannot be protested:
  - fleeing the mat;
  - fall;
  - passivity;
  - brutality;
  - referee whistle (i.e., Should the referee have blown the whistle or not?);
  - missed throw;
  - danger position call where the angle of exposure is questioned.

Protests based on technical errors are allowable. Some examples include:

- technical errors (e.g., clock, recording of scores, time ran out);
- out of bounds;
- calling a caution that should have been a caution and a point;
- points being awarded to the wrong wrestler;

- (iii) Any video tapes to be used in the protest, both by the protesting coach and the opposition coach, must be submitted at this time. If the video upholds the protest (it must show conclusively that the score of the match was technically incorrect), then the match will be rescored. If the entire bout is not on tape, then only the protested part of the bout will be examined and the protest committee will make a decision based on the evidence as to whether the result be overturned and overtime wrestled, or let the original decision stand.
- (iv) An intent to protest must be registered immediately at the conclusion of the match to the referee, who must inform the opposition coach of the possibility of a protest.
- (v) A written protest must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the bout in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.
- (vi) The Jury of Appeal (Protest Committee) shall:
  - inform the coaches that the match is under protest and that both athletes are to remain in the competition area;
  - consult the officials who refereed the match;
  - if necessary, review the video tape of the match;
  - attempt to resolve the protest within 30 minutes of its receipt;
  - notify the head draw master that a protest is in process.

(vii) **Successful Protests**

If the Jury of Appeal (Protest Committee) rules in favour of the protest, and the decision results in the losing wrestler earning more points than the opponent or results in a tied score:

- the committee will review and re-score the entire match. The decision of the protest committee involving the re-scoring of the match is final and cannot be re-protested;
  - if it is deemed that, after re-scoring the bout, the losing wrestler has outscored or tied the opponent, then CAWA rule Part 7, Article 34, Section (5)b will be applied.
- (viii) If the protest is unsuccessful, the score on the bout sheet shall remain the official result and the entire bout will not be reviewed. The convenor shall retain the protest fee and use it for tournament costs.

**20. Competition Committee:**

- (a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Wrestling Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:
  - (i) Eligibility;
  - (ii) Department;
  - (iii) Supervision and registration;

- (iv) Social;
- (v) Medical personnel;
- (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All Federation Championships are non-smoking events.  
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

***Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct.***