

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. Events and/or Classifications:

(a) Boys' Events

(i) 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 "	130 "

(ii) In order to compete in the 130 kg class, a boy must weigh in over 95 kg.;

(iii) A super heavy weight class will be created if demand is sufficient. In order to compete in the super heavy weight class, a boy must weigh in over 130 kg. Wrestlers in the super heavy weight class would not score points for their team.

(b) Girls' Events

(i) 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 "	115 "
51 "			

(ii) in order to compete in the 115 kg class, a girl must weigh in over 83 kg.

(iii) A super heavy weight class will be created if demand is sufficient. In order to compete in the super heavy weight class, a girl must weigh in over 115 kg. Wrestlers in the super heavy weight class would not score points for their team.

(c) Seeding

(i) 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) The current provincial cadet open champion.

(ii) Procedure:

- (i) The seeding of up to **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) Wrestlers falling under categories i), ii), iii), iv), v), and vi), in criteria above, **must** be seeded;
- iii) Wrestlers from the same Association should be placed, wherever possible, on opposite sides of the draw.

2. Championship 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 for 1.5 hours between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm 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) Registration materials will be given to the teacher accompanying the athletes upon receipt of the required entry materials as outlined on the OFSAA Wrestling website.
- (g) The teacher-coach/supervisor must attend the coaches; meeting. If the coach is a non-teacher, both the teacher-supervisor and the coach must attend.

3. Entry:

- (a) Entries will be accepted from Association convenors or designates only.
- (b) Entries must be received by the convenor (by the deadline date) as indicated in the coaches' information package on the OFSAA Wrestling website. Late entries will only be accepted if they can be accommodated, and an additional entry fee will be charged.
- (c) An athlete must compete at OFSAA at the weight class he/she competed at during his/her qualifying tournament.

- (d) An Association may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors in each weight class.
- (e) The host association will be permitted one (1) additional competitor in any weight class that is not full.
- (f) Associations will be able to enter three (3) competitors in the following girls' weight classes: 41, 44, 83 and 115 Kilograms.
- (g) 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.

4. Expenses:

- (a) Those schools having entries are responsible for their entry fee, arranging and financing their travel, meals and accommodation for the event.
- (b) All schools entering a Federation Championship/Festival shall, by signature of the school principal on the entry form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for any damage resulting from misconduct by participants.

5. Eligibility:

(a) School/Team Eligibility

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a School/Team must:

- (i) conduct a 'bona fide' high school wrestling program consisting of a minimum of twenty (20) practices during the current wrestling season, November to OFSAA entry deadline, under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.
- (ii) participate in the Association Championship or OFSAA-qualifying event. If neither is held, then the athletes must participate in a minimum of six (6) meets.
- (iii) **In accordance with Rowan's Law, have all coaches and trainers confirm in writing on the OFSAA form provided, that they have reviewed the concussion awareness resource and OFSAA concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months**

(b) Individual Student Eligibility

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

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) 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;
- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) is eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (viii) have executed the Federation's "Release of Liability" form
- (ix) **in accordance with Rowan's Law, confirm in writing on the OFSAA form provided,**

that they and their parent/guardian (if student is under 18 years of age) have reviewed the concussion awareness resource and OFSAA concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.

- (x) have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program as outlined in (a) above
- (xi) have participated in the Association Championship or OFSAA-qualifying event
- (xii) have not participated in both the OFSAA Championship and any other event in that same sport on the same day

6. Rules and Officials:

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

(i) Weight Classes:

Boys: 38, 41, 44, 47.5, 51, 54, 57.5, 61, 64, 67.5, 72, 77, 83, 89, 95, 130 kg

Girls: 41, 44, 47.5, 51, 54, 57.5, 61, 64, 67.5, 72, 77, 83, 115 kg.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) No amplitude throws are allowed.

(b) Scoring: [see also Sport Specific Directives – Wrestling]

(i) The top sixteen (16) boy wrestlers may score points for a team.
The top thirteen (13) girl wrestlers may score points for a team.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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) In the Championship round each match won by default, disqualification, fall or by grand superiority - one (1) additional point for that match.
- iii) 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;
- 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.

7. Uniforms and Equipment:

(a) General

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) The above criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Protest Committee for resolution.

(b) Sport Specific

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Wrestlers with orthodontic devices must wear a proper mouth guard.
- (iii) Wrestling shoes/boots must be worn and all laces taped.
- (iv) 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.

8. Awards:

- (a) The following Champions shall be declared: Boys' Team Champions, Girls' Team Champions, and Overall Combined Team Champions.
- (b) The schools represented by the Boys', Girls', and Overall Combined Championship teams (scoring the most points) shall receive OFSAA banners to be retained by the schools.
- (c) OFSAA gold, silver, bronze and antique bronze medallions shall be presented to the first four (4) finishers in each weight class; ribbons to the fifth and sixth place finishers.
- (d) OFSAA-ineligible athletes who were permitted to compete in the local or Association Championship shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

9. 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 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).
- (b) 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.

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

(a) Definitions:

- (i) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (ii) 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."

(b) Codes of Behaviour

- (i) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (ii) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (iii) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
- (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
- (vi) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
- (vii) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
- (viii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)

- (c) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

11. Social:

- (a) If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend.
- (b) Participants are expected to wear 'dress casual' attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops, or hats are permitted.
- (c) Should there be an instance of improper attire, the Protest Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the Board of Reference-Sanctions..

12. Medical:

- (a) Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, band-aid, ice packs)

for their athletes.

13. (a) Match Protest Policy

- i) OFSAA follows WCL Match protest procedure.
- ii) All non-match related disputes during an OFSAA championship shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.
- iii) A protest must be submitted within thirty minutes of occurrence.

(b) Protest Committee

All disputes during an OFSAA Championship/Festival shall be directed to the Protest Committee for resolution.

- (a) The Protest Committee shall consist of three(3) individuals; the chairperson of the Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member, and one other member appointed by the Championship convenor. The Head official in some cases, may serve as a member of the Protest Committee. Members of the Protest Committee must not have any conflict of interest relevant to the incident under protest.
- (b) All protests must be submitted in writing to the Championship convenor or designate, shall fully outline the incident under protest, and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee (refundable if protest is upheld).
- (c) A protest must be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the incident under protest occurred, or within thirty minutes of the occurrence if protesting an incident outside the field of play.
- (d) The following areas may not be protested at a Championship/Festival:
 - Officials' decisions
 - Eligibility of transfer students
- (e) Any disputes or protests re: tournament structure and procedure must be addressed no later than the coaches' meeting.
- (f) The Protest Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/modify/cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather conditions) at the site(s).
- (g) Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final.

A report of all appeals and decisions shall be forwarded to the OFSAA Board of Reference – Sanctions, who may determine that additional sanctions are necessary.

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

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

SPORT SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

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- (e) All team points accumulated during the tournament will also be added by Association to determine the Boys and Girls Association champions.

3. Officials

- (a) Only certified OAWA officials be used at OFSAA events and OFSAA strongly recommends only certified OAWA officials be used at all high school meets.
- (b) Entry form from association will require head official to provide list of officials used at association championships.

4. Facilities and equipment

- (a) It is recommended that a minimum of ten (10) mats shall be used for the Championship.
- (b) In addition, the convenor shall ensure that there is adequate warm-up area and space for Spectators.