

## **NSAWA Event Hosting and Sanctioning Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the guidelines and procedures to which Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Association (NSAWA) and its members must adhere when participating and/or hosting any tournament, festival, demonstration, workshop, camp, or clinic sanctioned or recognized by the association. This policy applies to all members of NSAWA.

Failure to apply for sanction will void NSAWA insurance coverage for all participants in unsanctioned event. The host club shall be refused sanction from NSAWA for the next calendar year. NSAWA Board of Directors may exact further penalties at their discretion.

NSAWA shall not be held responsible for the operation or financial commitment of any committee, individual, organizing body or wrestling competition which has not received prior and explicit sanction from the association or which otherwise acts outside the bylaws or policies of the association.

NSAWA recognizes the following events in which members may participate while insured under the association's insurance plan:

- Events hosted within Nova Scotia which are hosted by NSAWA or an affiliate member group which has received prior permission to host the event.
- Events hosted outside Nova Scotia which are sanctioned by the recognized Wrestling Provincial/Territorial/State Sport Organization.
- Events hosted outside Nova Scotia which are sanctioned by Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL).
- Events hosted outside Nova Scotia which are sanctioned by United World Wrestling (UWW).

### **Internal Event Sanctioning Procedures:**

Wrestling clubs interested in hosting an event under NSAWA sanctioning within Nova Scotia must be affiliated with the association and be a member in good standing during the year in which the club is hosting the event. A completed physical or electronic Application must be submitted to NSAWA at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the event. Once received and approved NSAWA will add the event to the NSAWA schedule of events.

Nova Scotia athletes, coaches, managers and officials participating in a NSAWA sanctioned event must be a registered member in good standing with the association.

All athletes, coaches, managers and officials from outside Nova Scotia who participate in a NSAWA sanctioned event must be a registered member in good standing with their provincial, territorial, or state wrestling association.

All events involving more than two (2) clubs must be sanctioned by NSAWA.

The host club must notify NSAWA if alcoholic beverages are to be served at the event venue. Failure to do so will void the liability insurance provided by the sanction.

NSAWA affiliated clubs can receive permission to host a sanctioned event by submitting an Event Hosting Application on the NSAWA website or contacting the NSAWA Administrative Coordinator.

All events sanctioned by NSAWA must use Officials who are members in good standing of the association. The assignment of Officials for NSAWA sanctioned events will be conducted by the

NSAWOA. The assignment of Officials will consider the geographical location of the event and will use local Officials when possible to mitigate travel expenses.

Applications are due a minimum of 7 days in advance of the event. Events sanctioned within Nova Scotia are approved by the NSAWA Vice President, Technical, who is obligated to provide a response within 4 days of receipt of the application. If there is no response after 4 days, the Administrative Coordinator, at the request of the applicant, will follow up with the Vice President, Technical. Failing a resolution, the matter will be turned to the President, who shall provide a response within three days. Only cases with extenuating circumstances will be considered if submitted less than 7 days in advance.

The host club must ensure that all precautions are taken to ensure the sanctioned activity takes place in a safe environment for all taking into consideration the security of participants and spectators.

#### **External Event Sanctioning Procedures:**

A completed physical or electronic Application must be submitted to NSAWA at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the event. Once received and approved NSAWA will add the event to the NSAWA schedule of events.

Nova Scotia athletes, coaches, managers and officials participating in a NSAWA recognized event must be a registered member in good standing with the association. ***Please note: All athletes who attend National Championships will be assessed an affiliation fee of \$100 to be paid with the submission of the request for sanctioning. If the payment has not been made, sanctioning will not be granted.***

Events sanctioned outside of Nova Scotia are approved by the NSAWA President, who is obligated to provide a response within 7 days of receipt of the application. If there is no response after 4 days, the Administrative Coordinator, at the request of the applicant, will follow up with the President. Failing a resolution, the matter will be turned to the Vice President, who shall provide a response within three days. Only cases with extenuating circumstances will be considered if submitted less than 7 days in advance.

The applicant coach/manager must notify NSAWA if alcoholic beverages are to be served at the event venue. Failure to do so will void the liability insurance provided by the sanction.