

	<p align="center">NSAWA Sanctioning Policy</p>	<p align="center">Approved: May, 2023</p>	<p align="center">Up for review: May, 2024</p>
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The purpose of this policy is to establish the rules and procedures to which Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Association (NSAWA) and its members must adhere when participating and/or hosting any amateur wrestling activity, including **but not limited to** tournaments, festivals, demonstrations, workshops, camps, clinics, meets, or training sanctioned or recognized by the Association. This policy applies to all members of NSAWA and to the freestyle, Greco-Roman, Beach wrestling, and Scottish Backhold styles of amateur wrestling. All other forms of amateur wrestling are not covered under NSAWA insurance. *

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.

Failure to apply for sanction will void NSAWA insurance coverage for all participants in unsanctioned activities. Groups hosting unsanctioned activities shall be refused sanction from NSAWA for any participation in any amateur wrestling for the calendar year beginning after the Board of Directors is advised of the infraction. The NSAWA Board of Directors may exact further penalties at their discretion. Coaches participating in unsanctioned activities shall lose their membership in NSAWA, and therefore, their right to coach in Nova Scotia for one full calendar year after the Board of Directors is advised of the action.

The Association’s insurance plan covers participation in the following amateur wrestling:

- Tournaments, training camps, dual meets, clinics, practices, etc. taking place within Nova Scotia hosted by NSAWA or an affiliate member group which has received prior permission to host the activity.
- Tournaments, training camps, dual meets, clinics, practices, etc. taking place outside Nova Scotia which are sanctioned by the host’s recognized Wrestling Provincial/Territorial/State Sport Organization.
- Tournaments, training camps, dual meets, clinics, practices, etc. hosted outside Nova Scotia and sanctioned by Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL).
- Tournaments, training camps, dual meets, clinics, practices, etc. hosted outside Nova Scotia and sanctioned by United World Wrestling (UWW).

Note: Coverage and sanctioning is not limited to the above activities. To be covered by NSAWA Insurance, participation in any amateur wrestling activity must be sanctioned.

PROCEDURES FOR SANCTIONING

	INTERNAL TO NOVA SCOTIA	EXTERNAL TO NOVA SCOTIA
Explanation of sanctioning requirements	Groups interested in hosting a tournament, training camp, dual meet, or other activity 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 activity. A completed physical or electronic application must be submitted to NSAWA at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the activity. Once received and approved NSAWA will add the activity to the NSAWA schedule of activities.	Nova Scotia athletes, coaches, managers, and officials participating in a sanctioned activity must be a registered member in good standing with the Association. <i>Please note: All athletes who attend National Championships will be assessed an affiliation fee of \$125 to be paid with the submission of the request for sanctioning. All athletes who attend Wrestling Canada Lutte Trials 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.</i>
Membership requirements	Nova Scotia athletes, coaches, managers, and officials participating in a NSAWA sanctioned activity 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 activity must be a registered member in good standing with their provincial, territorial, or state wrestling Association.	If an athlete is attending a tournament outside Nova Scotia and being cornered by a coach external to WNS, the coach applying for the sanctioning must include the name, the wrestling credentials, and proof of good standing and membership in the cornering coach's Provincial Sport organization with the request.
Alcoholic beverages	The host group must notify NSAWA if alcoholic beverages are to be served at the venue. Failure to do so will void the liability insurance provided by the sanction.	The applicant coach/manager must notify NSAWA if alcoholic beverages are to be served at the venue. Failure to do so will void the liability insurance provided by the sanction.
Safesport	The host group 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, including the provision of medical personnel.	Any coach taking athletes outside of Nova Scotia where wrestling will take place, must request and receive sanctioning before traveling as the insurance coverage begins and ends at the member's door. All coaches and athletes must comply with all NSAWA

		policies for the entire trip. Failure to do so will result in the coach being suspended from NSAWA for one calendar year from the date the Board of Directors is notified of the breach.
Submission of Documents	NSAWA affiliated groups can receive permission to host a tournament, training camp, or dual meet by submitting an Activity Hosting Application on the NSAWA website or contacting the NSAWA Vice -President.	A completed physical or electronic application must be submitted to NSAWA at least seven (7) days prior to the wrestling activity. Once received and approved NSAWA will add the activity to the NSAWA schedule of activities.
Requirements regarding officials	All sanctioned activities must use Officials who are members in good standing of the Association. The Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Officials Association (NSAWOA) has the responsibility for the assignment of Officials. The assignment of Officials will consider the geographical location of the activity and will use local Officials, when possible, to mitigate travel expenses.	
Application timeline	Applications are due a minimum of seven (7) calendar days in advance of the activity and are approved or denied by the NSAWA Vice President. A response must be provided within four (4) days of receipt of the application. If there is no response after three (3) calendar days, the Sport Nova Scotia PSO Administrative Coordinator, at the request of the applicant, will follow up with the Vice President. Failing a resolution, the matter will be turned to the President, who shall provide a response within 24 hours of receipt of the follow up request. Only cases with extenuating circumstances will be considered if submitted less than seven (7) calendar days in advance. Unplanned opportunities to wrestle still require sanctioning.	Activities sanctioned outside of Nova Scotia are approved by the NSAWA Vice President, who is obligated to provide a response within four (4) days of receipt of the application. If there is no response after 4 days, the Sport Nova Scotia PSO Administrative Coordinator, at the request of the applicant, will follow up with the President. Failing a resolution, the President shall provide

*Attendance at Folkstyle wrestling tournaments in the United States will be considered on a case by case basis.

**The word “event” has been replaced by the word “activity” and the word “club” has been replaced by the word “group”.