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|  | <b>NSAWA Sanctioning Policy</b> | <b>Approved:<br/>October 2024</b> | <b>Up for review:<br/>October 2026</b> |
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## **NSAWA Sanctioning Policy**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the rules and procedures to which the Nova Scotia Amateur Wrestling Association (NSAWA) and its members must adhere when participating in or hosting any amateur wrestling activity. This includes but is not limited to tournaments, festivals, demonstrations, workshops, camps, clinics, meets, or training sanctioned or recognized by the Association. The policy applies to all members of NSAWA, covering 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, unless otherwise granted with special permission by the Vice President.

NSAWA shall not be held responsible for the operation or financial commitment of any committee, individual, organizing body, or wrestling competition that 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 sanctioning will void NSAWA insurance coverage** for all participants in unsanctioned activities. Groups hosting unsanctioned activities shall be refused sanction from NSAWA for participation in any amateur wrestling for the calendar year following the Board of Directors being advised of the infraction. Further penalties may be exacted by the NSAWA Board of Directors at their discretion. Coaches participating in unsanctioned activities shall lose their membership in NSAWA and their right to coach in Nova Scotia for one full calendar year following notification to the Board of Directors.

### **Insurance Coverage:**

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

- 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.***

### **High Performance Athletes:**

For athletes registered under the **High Performance membership, permission is given on a yearly basis** to attend tournaments, camps, or clinics sanctioned by a Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO). Sanctioning for athletes registered as High Performance will be maintained in a database that is shared with all head coaches for clubs. This database will be updated on a weekly basis to ensure consistency. Once registered as High Performance these athletes are automatically eligible for participation in such events, provided they:

- Remain in good standing with NSAWA.
- Meet the event-specific eligibility requirements.

***Please note: All athletes who attend National Championships will be assessed an affiliation fee of \$125 to be paid at time of registration. All athletes who attend Wrestling Canada Lutte Trials will be assessed an affiliation fee of \$100 to be paid at time of registration. If the payment has not been made, sanctioning will not be granted when requested by WCL.***

For all other athletes not registered in the High Performance program, the existing sanctioning request process remains in place, requiring prior approval from NSAWA for participation in any sanctioned events outside regular programming.

**Sanctioning Requirements:**

- Groups interested in hosting activities under NSAWA sanction must be affiliated and in good standing with the Association. An application must be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the activity, after which it will be added to the NSAWA activity schedule.

**Membership Requirements:**

- All athletes, coaches, managers, and officials from Nova Scotia or external regions participating in NSAWA-sanctioned activities must be registered members in good standing with their respective associations.
- 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.

**Insurance Voids and Penalties:**

- NSAWA insurance coverage is void if alcoholic beverages are served at venues without prior notification. Coaches and groups violating sanction requirements will face penalties including suspension and loss of membership.
- 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.
- If a coach takes an athlete to an unsanctioned event all parties related to the athlete (if a minor) must be notified that it is not a sanctioned event by Wrestling Nova Scotia and are not covered by insurance. If the coach does not notify the parents and/or athlete they may be subject to fines or sanctions as decided by the board of directors.

**Timeline for Sanction Applications:**

- 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.

- 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.