

## **MAWA Sanction Policy**

**This policy applies to amateur wrestling styles as recognized by the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association. This includes Freestyle Wrestling (both men & women), Greco-Roman (men and women)**

1. The MAWA 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 Constitution, the Bylaws, or Policies of the Association.
2. Any member who shall withdraw, resign or be expelled from membership of the Association shall forfeit all rights therein and all claims thereon, or in its properties and funds.
3. Participation in any MAWA event (including routine club activities) is contingent upon membership in MAWA. All athletes, coaches, and officials must be MAWA members.
4. Tournaments will be sanctioned according to guidelines laid down by the Association, except where local circumstances apply (see MAWA Sanction Request Application). Such local events are not classified as being under MAWA sanction unless same is expressly granted by the MAWA.
5. All events including but not limited to tournaments, camps, clinics involving more than 2 clubs must apply to be sanctioned. Failure to apply for sanction will void MAWA insurance coverage for all participants in the unsanctioned event and may result in disciplinary against event host/s.
6. Registered Cub programs are pre-sanctioned for routine club activity such as weekly training/practices where wrestling coaching guidelines are met. This includes standard cross training activities (swimming, running, etc.) Clubs are not sanctioned and insurance coverage is not extended to activities (e.g. banquets) involving alcohol.
7. Events hosted outside Manitoba which are sanctioned by a recognized **wrestling** PSO/TSO (recognized means affiliated with CAWA) are considered to be sanctioned events and MAWA insurance coverage will apply. When travelling out of province please check with the host PSO to make sure the event you plan to attend is sanctioned.
8. The MAWA does not sanction any form of Mixed Martial Arts. Insurance coverage, sanctioning, or any liability coverage is null and void in any activity involving Mixed Martial Arts. Any other related combatives activity is not covered by your MAWA Insurance. If you are unsure, please consult MAWA for confirmation of what are and are not approved activities.

## Guidelines for Hosting a MAWA Sanctioned Tournament/Event

1. Host Club must be a MAWA member club.
2. Host Club must follow the MAWA Tournament Policy.
3. Each wrestler participating in a MAWA sanctioned event must be a registered member of MAWA. Out of province wrestlers participating in a MAWA sanctioned event must be a registered member of a provincial or territorial sport organization (PSO/TSO) affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association (CAWA). U. S. wrestlers must hold a valid U. S. A. wrestling card.
4. CAWA rules must be used. Minor modifications may be made for safety reasons for less experienced athletes or younger age groups. All modifications must be approved by the head official.
5. The host club has to give MAWA a minimum of 60 days notice in advance of hosting the event by submitting a MAWA Tournament/Event Sanction Application.
6. Event Flyers must clearly state membership requirements. They must also include the following statement: This event is sanctioned by the Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Association. A copy of the event flyer must be sent to MAWA prior to distribution.
7. The event director is responsible for seeing that all safety requirements are met. For tournaments the Head Official has final say as to whether safety requirements have been met. The tournament director must assist the Head Official in curtailing the number of wrestlers and spectators congregating around the mat areas.
8. A post event report must be submitted to the MAWA secretary within one week of the conclusion of the event. Post event report must include a list of all participants including club name and provincial affiliation (e.g SAWA, OAWA , U.S.A. wrestling), results, and any injury or discipline incident reports.

### **Penalties for noncompliance**

1. The host club may be refused sanction from MAWA for future competitions.
2. The Board may exact further penalties at their discretion.

### **Approval**

This policy was first approved by the Board of Directors of MAWA on March 9, 2007. It will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Board and may be amended, deleted, or replaced by a resolution of the Board.

Amended Aug. 2008 by MAWA Board of Directors