



MAWA Membership and Insurance Coverage Policy.

MAWA has liability and sport accident insurance coverage for all its members under a group insurance policy with Sport Manitoba. All member clubs have liability insurance coverage for normal club activities including facility use/rental, coverage at practices, demonstrations/promotions, and travel to and participation in MAWA sanctioned events. Member athletes have accidental injury insurance (claim forms and details posted at www.mawawrestling.ca). **Note that this coverage is excess over any other valid and collectible insurance you may have.**

This coverage however, is contingent upon all participants (athletes, coaches, officials,) being members in good standing of MAWA belonging to a member club. All members clubs must have filled out a membership form and paid their annual membership fee as well as adhere to the MAWA constitution, by-laws and policies. The Manitoba Grappling Association is an affiliated member of the MAWA and all MGA member clubs are considered members of the MAWA and are covered under the MAWA insurance policy. All MAWA conditions for insurance coverage as stated in this policy apply.

Please note:

To be a member in good standing membership forms, liability waivers and for athletes only, proof of age, along with payment must be received by MAWA. Membership fees cover the MAWA wrestling season (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31). **Anyone who has not paid their fees will no longer be considered a member in good standing and will not have insurance coverage.** Parents and coaches should be aware that membership is not valid and insurance coverage is not in place until MAWA has received the forms even if they have been filled out.

Clubs are encouraged to hold membership registration times before starting regular club workouts... MAWA insurance does allow new participants to attend a few trial sessions before officially registering but a liability waiver should still be filled out before they step on a mat. After three trial classes new arrivals will have to sit out if their membership has not yet been

received by MAWA. MAWA insurance responds for MAWA members at MAWA sanctioned events. Please be aware that there is NO COVERAGE when participating in non MAWA sanctioned events even if you are a MAWA member.

Non MAWA members will not be allowed to participate in any MAWA sanctioned events (e.g. Tournaments, camps, etc.).

Our coverage responds to events sanctioned by MAWA which includes events sanctioned by all other CAWA member PSO/TSOs or for U. S. events (both wrestling and grappling) U.S.A. Wrestling is the governing body. You will be covered at such events. For a list of provincial and territorial wrestling associations (PSOs/TSOs) please visit the provincial directory on the CAWA website at www.wrestling.ca. Participation at any other events will not be covered by the MAWA insurance.

Clubs, please be aware that all persons (coaches/volunteers) in a supervisory position of minors must obtain proof of a clean child abuse registry check. This can be obtained from:

Child Abuse Registry

102-114 Garry St.

204-945-6967 or Toll Free 1-800-282-8069

Web site: www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/child_abuse_registry.html

The cost is \$15.00 (effective October 1, 2012) .

Child abuse registry checks can also be done through MAWA. The \$15.00 fee can be waived for volunteers. If coaches receive wages for coaching they are not eligible to have this fee waived. Please contact MAWA at mawawrestling@mts.net if you would like to take advantage of the free registry checks.

It is the club's responsibility to make sure registry checks are done. All club activities should have a coach/adult supervisor present. Also make sure that all coaches, managers, supervisors etc. are familiar with the MAWA abuse reporting and the MAWA Code of Conduct Policy and Abuse Reporting Policy (Code of Conduct appendix A). All MAWA policies are posted on the website www.mawawrestling.ca and must be adhered to. *The Manitoba Grappling Association has its own policies. Should there be a discrepancy*

between MGA policies and MAWA policies, MAWA policies will take precedence.

There should be a basic first aid kit and a coach/senior athlete/volunteer with first aid training at all practices. Coaches are required to take coaches training and work toward their NCCP levels. Training opportunities will be offered periodically by MAWA.

Adhering to the above criteria will not only keep our liability risk assessment low for insurance purposes but most importantly will ensure that our athletes have a safe, positive environment which will develop their wrestling skills.

If needed for facility usage/rental, or participation in out of province events, you can request a confirmation of insurance coverage by contacting MAWA by email at mawawrestling@mts.net for a certificate of insurance. **This certificate of insurance applies only to wrestling/grappling programs or events that follow the rules of the sport as set out in the official Canadian Amateur Wrestling rulebook as found on the CAWA website www.wrestling.ca. If a club offers programs other than wrestling/grappling insurance coverage will not apply during time slots that those other activities are offered. A schedule of timeslots where MAWA coverage applies should be clearly posted at the practice facility and members made fully aware of when coverage does not apply.**