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Hosting Regulations: Alberta Open

1 – INTRODUCTION

The Hosting Regulations (“Regulations”) is the document that governs the way that the Alberta Open (“Open”) is run, under the sanction of the Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association (“AAWA”).

Through the Application Process, the AAWA selects a Host Organizing Committee (“HOC”) to plan, organize and host the Open for a 2-year period. The HOC is responsible to the AAWA for delivering the Open and ensuring the safety of all participants and volunteers. The AAWA will assist the HOC by providing advice and input during the planning and preparation prior to the event as well as carrying out all the necessary controls to ensure compliance with the Regulations and rules of wrestling during the event.

These Regulations are obligatory for the Open. Any HOC that wishes to depart from these Regulations in whatever way, must obtain written approval from the AAWA (AAWA President and/or Program Director) in advance. If there is any conflict, disagreement, or misperception between these Regulations and any other AAWA Policy, AAWA’s decision on the issue will prevail.

2 – APPLICATION PROCESS

Any HOC can submit a bid to organize the Open. Applications are selected on a periodic basis through issuance of an application, based on the requirements in the present Regulations.

The Open is awarded to an HOC following an assessment of the application received by AAWA’s Program Director and ratified by AAWA’s Board of Directors.

3 – OPEN OBJECTIVES

The Open is held every year to achieve the following outcomes:

- Ensure the highest quality presentation of the sport of wrestling for spectators and fans.
- Promote the sport of wrestling at the provincial and local level.
- Participation and development of athletes across all appropriate age groups.
- Provide an opportunity to compete against athletes from neighboring jurisdictions in preparation for the national championships.

The competition will be held according to the most recent edition of the WCL Rulebook.

4 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF AAWA FOR THE OPEN

AAWA is the Provincial Sport Organization for wrestling in Alberta. With respect to the Open, AAWA has the following responsibilities:

1. Ensure the Rules and Regulations of the Open are followed and respected during the competition.
2. Provide technical advice to the HOC as needed and carry out the necessary oversight and governance controls for the event.
3. Arrange and cover the costs of the officials, as outlined in AAWA-AAWOA Agreement.
4. Arrange and cover the costs and ticket sales of the annual AAWA Awards Banquet
5. Provide the HOC with all medals for the Open

6. Collect all registration & membership fees at the event and allocate them appropriately between the HOC and the AAWA
7. Develop and publish the Open Technical Package
8. Working with the AAWOA, collect the participant registration prior to the event to create the draw
9. Provide accreditation to registered support staff

5 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF AAWOA FOR THE OPEN

The Alberta Amateur Wrestling Officials Association (“AAWOA”) is responsible for assigning the following technical officials for the Open:

- a) Clinician (1);
- b) Head Official (1);
- c) Head Pairing Master (1); and
- d) the appropriate number of officials to cover the number of mats being run for each session

6 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (HOC) FOR THE OPEN

The HOC is the group or club that has bid, been awarded and accepted the right to host the Open for the designated 2-year period. The HOC is responsible to ensure that all the requirements in the Regulations are followed.

The HOC will be led by the Tournament Convenor, who is responsible for being the key contact with AAWA.

The HOC has the following responsibilities:

1. Ensure all the requirements of these Regulations are followed and applied.
2. Support AAWA in ensuring the Regulations of the Open are followed and respected during the competition.
3. Ensure the safety of all participants, volunteers and others, and to keep order in the competition venue and related competition / training areas.
4. Provide and cover all costs associated with the Open Regulations outlined below (excluding those costs covered by AAWA as noted above or specified elsewhere), including, but not limited to:
 - Technical Requirements.
 - Protocol.
 - Volunteers.

7 – TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Competition Days

The event takes place between Friday and Sunday, with the actual competition being held over two days, as follows:

- Set-up & Banquet: Friday
- Day one (Saturday): U17, U19, Junior, Senior*
- Day two (Sunday): U15, Tyke, Novice, Kids**

*The Senior age class may or may not be included as part of the 2024 Alberta Open event dependent on its place in the schedule in relation to the Canada West Championships, U Sport Championships and/or Canadian Wrestling Championships

**Other divisions may be added (ex. U23, Adult Beginner Takedown, Greco-Roman) as scheduling allows

Competition Venue

The competition venue must:

- Meet the AAWA “Field of Play” standards (as outlined below);
- Be available 8 AM to 8 PM for the following days:
 - One day (minimum) before the competition for set-up;
 - Saturday and Sunday for the competition; and
 - After the competition on Sunday for take-down.
 - Be able to seat spectators plus all the athletes, coaches, team leaders and other team support
- Provide the following on each competition day:
 - Change rooms (male and female, including showers) for athletes
 - Change rooms (male and female) for officials (one per gender minimum);
 - Gender-inclusive change rooms must be made available;
- Provide the following on the first morning of competition:
 - Meeting room for national officials clinic, with a capacity for 25-30 officials and A/V capability

Field of Play

Mats

- A minimum of 5 full-sized Competition Wrestling Mats with a minimum of 1-metre protection area
- If 1-metre of protection area is not part of the Competition Wrestling Mat, additional mat sections may be used to establish the protection area
- The HOC will be responsible to wash the mats with a 10% bleach solution or similar product at the start and between rounds / sessions.

Security

- The venue must be laid out in such a way as to separate the field of play from the rest of the venue, while maintaining the spectators’ views.
- Provision must be made by the HOC for a combination of paid security personnel or volunteers, as well as security barriers (e.g. metal bike fence) to ensure that all spectators and non-competing athletes are kept off the field of play.
- Provision must be made by the HOC to ensure that the field of play is secured to appropriately accredited individuals. This includes mats surfaces, officials’ table, the pairing area and head table
- Non-authorized individuals will not have access to the field of play and surrounding area

Competition Equipment & Accessories

The HOC will provide the following for each mat:

- Mat Cleaning Supplies (ex. Paper towel and bleach solution)
- Minimum of 4 chairs
- Large Table for Mat Chair and Scorekeepers

- Red and Blue Challenge Block
- Tablet for On-Mat Review (Tablets can be rented from AAOWA)
- Bout Number Indicator
- Access to electricity and power bar with multiple outlets
- One laptop with stable internet access
- A minimum of one screen, visible to coaches and spectators, with the ability to connect to laptop **OR** a minimum of one score clock, visible to coaches and spectators, to work in conjunction with laptop

In addition, the HOC will provide the following for the drawmaster:

- Minimum of 4 chairs
- 3 Large Tables
- Access to electricity and power bar with multiple outlets
- Stable Internet Access

Meals

- The HOC is responsible to provide lunch each day of the competition, at the competition venue, to all accredited support staff, including coaches and officials
- Athletes are responsible for their own meals