

Constitution

Central District Wrestling Officials Association

Article I

1. **Name :** The name of the association is the Central District Wrestling Officials Association (**CDWOA**).
2. **Purposes:** The purposes of the CDWOA are to include:
 - a. Providing opportunities for dialogue, education, advancement and improvement of all aspects of wrestling officiating through meetings, seminars, clinics and other programs and activities.
 - b. Promulgating policies and conducting activities for the betterment of relations with schools systems, leagues, coaches, athletes and officials.
 - c. Cooperating with and abiding by the rule of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).
3. **Restrictions:** All policies and activities of the CDWOA shall be consistent with:
 - a. Applicable state and local rules, regulations, and other legal requirements.
 - b. Applicable tax-exemption requirements including the requirements that the CDWOA not be organized for profit and that no part of its net earnings inure to the benefit of any private individual.
 - c. The rules and regulations of the OHSAA.

Articles II

1. **Membership Qualifications:** Membership will be open to all persons interested in the betterment of wrestling, officiating and sportsmanship.
2. **Regular Membership:** Regular voting membership in the CDWOA is limited to persons who pay dues. Members may serve as directors and hold office. To be considered to be a *member in Good Standing* of the CDWOA, one must have:
 - a. Paid their dues
 - b. Dues paid after the third regular meeting will be considered as being delinquent and result in an additional \$10 late fee.
 - c. By the third regular CDWOA meeting, non-payment of dues can result in the following:
 - i. Denial of admission and credit to CDWOA local meetings.

- ii. A restriction of wrestling contracts scheduling through the Match Assigner.
 - iii. The individual not being recommended for post season tournaments and not be put on the ballot for post season voting.
 - d. The Executive Committee has the authority to modify any or all of the above stated penalties. It is recommended that all new members attend the association sponsored preseason clinic(s) and the Ohio Wrestling Officials Association (OWOA) Clinic during their first two years of CDWOA membership.
3. **Tournament Recommendations:** A member in Good Standing shall be recommended for selection to the Sectional, District/Regional and State Tournament by the CDWOA to the Central District Athletic Board (CDAB) with the following guidelines:
- a. The member recognizes the OHSAA as the foundations of the officiating structure with the local Association as an independent extension for the betterment of officiating throughout the state.
 - b. The member meets all the requirements as determined by OHSAA and outlined in the annual officials manual.
 - c. The member is a member in Good Standing in the CDWOA.
 - d. Members in Good Standing in the CDWOA will vote to rank the officials in the CDWOA as directed by the OHSAA. The Election Committee or an appointed subcommittee will supervise the voting process. The names of the highest rated officials, as directed by the OHSAA, will be given to the OHSAA and the CDAB.
4. **Life and Honorary Membership:** Life and Honorary Membership can be conferred upon individuals. The Executive Committee will announce qualifications of an individual(s) with subsequent discussion by the CDWOA membership. Designation is carried by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular CDWOA meeting. No dues are ever paid by the Life or Honorary members.
5. **Resignation:** Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the President, however, resignation does not relieve a member from liability for dues accrued and unpaid as the date of the resignation.
6. **Expulsion:** Any member may be expelled or any officer removed from office for adequate reason by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular CDWOA meeting. Failure to pay dues or to meet the criteria for membership is presumed to be adequate reason for expulsion and does not require advance notice to the member and deliberation by the membership. *Any conduct deemed inappropriate by the Executive Committee by an official(s) in regards towards officiating or the CDWOA can result in expulsion.* Any member proposed for expulsion for another reason or if any officer is proposed to be

removed from office, the following process will be used prior to **sanctions being enforced**:

- a. The Executive Committee, in advance, will provide a written notice or a grievance form to the official(s) **stating the Committee's concern**.
- b. *A hearing within 14 days of grievance* from receipt via signed certified registered mail will be held by the Executive Committee in order to allow an opportunity for the member(s) to present both oral and/or written defense to contest the *proposed actions*.
 - i. If the Executive Committee determines insufficient evidence has been given to support the complaint, the committee shall report the same to the CDWOA and the matter will be closed.
 - ii. With sufficient evidence resulting in a positive 2/3 of the quorum vote of the Executive Committee, a report of the findings will be presented to the CDWOA resulting in a membership closed ballot vote.
 - iii. In a duly constituted CDWOA meeting, a 2/3 vote of members present for sanctions will result in removal of the membe(s) from the CDWOA or from office.
- c. Final written notice of the decision will be given to the member(s) and the membership and attached to meeting minutes.

Article III

1. **Dues:** Annual dues for membership to the CDWOA can be determined by a simple majority vote at the last regular meeting of the year. Any changes in the dues will commence with the following season.
 - a. Dues*: The Executive Committee, in review of the CDWOA finances, has the authority to raise dues to meet the needs of the association. With all Executive Committee members voting, a 2/3 positive decision will result in an increase in dues.
 - b. The Executive Committee has the authority to review and modify a members dues or late fees.

Article IV

1. **Executive Committee:** The governing body of the CDWOA is the Executive Committee, which has the authority and is responsible for the supervision, control, and direction of the CDWOA.
2. **Composition of the Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee consists of the following officers: President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Representative and Junior Representative.
3. **Election and Term of Office:** The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Representative and Junior Representative shall be elected

biannually at the last regular meeting. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Rules Interpreter and Mechanic's Instructor, these individuals must meet the requirements set by the OHSAA. Each officer shall hold office until the next biannual election of officers or until their death, resignation or removal of prior thereto.

4. **Qualifications:** Officers must be regular members of the CDWOA with restrictions delineated in the Constitution. No person may hold more than one office at the same time. All offices and appointments may serve consecutive terms.
5. **Duties:** The officers perform those duties that are usual to their positions and that are assigned to them by the Constitution as follows:
 - a. **Immediate Past President:** The Immediate Past President shall assist the President in the administration of the duties of its office and be utilized for their knowledge.
 - b. **President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the CDWOA and shall be responsible for all management functions. The President will preside at all meetings of the CDWOA, appoint all committees, and be an ex-officio member of the same.
 - c. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in event of absence or resignation. The Vice President shall coordinate and be responsible for the CDWOA sponsored clinic (ie. – the New Albany Scrimmage). They shall also preside as the CDWOA representative to the Central District Wrestling Coaches Association.
 - d. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of attendance and minutes of all regular meetings and will keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the CDWOA. The Secretary will be in charge of distributions of publications for the CDWOA. The Secretary, in accordance with the President, will represent the CDWOA at all District and State meetings requiring representation.
 - e. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the CDWOA and disburse the same funds as authorized by the President and approved by the membership of the CDWOA. A Treasurer's report will be presented at the first regular scheduled meeting and thereon monthly. Reports will be available upon request. The Treasurer shall make deposits and withdrawals of funds with the bank in representation for the CDWOA.
 - f. **Senior Representative:** The Senior Representative must have been a member of the Association for a minimum of 5 years. As directed by the President, the Senior Representative will assist in the training classes for new officials.
 - g. **Junior Representative:** The Junior Representative must be a member of the Association with no more than a maximum of 5 years. As directed by the President, the Junior Representative will assist in the training classes for new officials. They shall work with the Vice President and be involved with the CDWOA clinic.

- ii. New Business
 - e. Committee Reports
 - i. Finances
 - ii. Assigners
 - iii. Special Sub-committees
 - f. Official Continuing Education
 - i. Mechanics/Video presentation
 - ii. Rules Interpretations
 - iii. Open discussion: officiating situations encountered during the season
 - g. Adjournment
3. **Special Meetings:**
- a. During the week of the Sectional Tournament for the purpose of reviewing interpretations and to increase consistency among the officials in the Sectional Tournaments.
 - b. Whenever the Executive Committee or a majority of the membership signs a petition requesting a special meeting.
4. **Roberts Rules of Order:** Roberts Rules of Order shall be the authority on all questions or procedures not stated in the Constitution.
5. **Executive Committee Meetings:** The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee at least once a month beginning in October of the current year and ending at the CDWOA banquet.
6. **CDWOA Banquet:** There shall be a season-ending banquet held prior to the Sectional Wrestling Tournament. The banquet shall conclude the season for all matters pertaining to the Association.

Article VI

1. **CDWOA Clinic:** The purpose of the clinic is to instruct new officials on (1) the interpretations of the NFHS and OHSAA rules as administered by the Association and (2) the mechanics of wrestling officiating.
- a. The clinic scheduling will be the responsibility of the Vice President with the assistance of the Senior Representative, Junior Representative, Mechanics Instructor and the Rules Interpreter.
 - b. The clinic must be held prior to the opening of the wrestling season.

Article VII

1. **Elections:** At the last regularly scheduled meeting in November, an election committee of 3 with the Immediate Past President as committee chairman, shall be appointed by the President. The nominating committee will formulate an election process, and obtain nominations to fill the slate for elections. The slate of candidates shall be read to the membership during the

last meeting in December. Voting will be completed in January, with the results being read at the last scheduled meeting.

- a. The Election Committee will be responsible for the processing of nominations and the collection of subsequent votes concerning the election of officers and any association awards.
- b. Association Awards to include, but not limited to the following: Coach of the Year, Athletic Director of the Year, John Brown Rookie of the Year, and the Tony J. Montonaro Official of the Year.
- c. The Election Committee is also responsible for the OHSAA requirement for the CDWOA ranking of its member officials.

Article VIII

1. **Quorum:** A quorum for all regularly scheduled meetings of the Association shall consist of one third (1/3) of the total voting membership. A quorum for all committee meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the committee.

Article IX

1. **Authority:** No member of the Association may act on the behalf of the Association unless so specifically designated. All officers shall confer with the President and a majority of the Executive Committee before taking any decisive actions in their duties.

Article X

1. **Amendments:** Amendments, supplements, suspensions to or repeal of this Constitution in part or in whole shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. Upon review of the Executive Committee, any amendments, supplements, suspensions to or repeal of this Constitution in part or in whole shall be presented via email to the CDWOA membership. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Association shall be required for passage. Three readings (e-mail, mail, or CDWOA meeting) of the final changes will occur prior to the final voting on the amendments.

Article XI

1. **Awards:** Awards will follow the By-Laws of the Association supporting the representation of the CDWOA.

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Committee Members:

Jim Garland

Jason Green

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