

# COLORADO WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I: NAME

- Sec. 1 The name of the organization shall be the Colorado Wrestling Officials Association.

### ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

- Sec. 1 To unite in one nonprofit organization all approved and registered youth and high school wrestling officials within the State of Colorado.
- Sec. 2 To collaborate with those responsible for promoting wrestling as a wholesome form of recreation for the development of health, character, good sportsmanship, and citizenship.
- Sec. 3 To study and improve the techniques of officiating in wrestling and the administration and revision of rules, particularly from the standpoint of officials, through rules interpretation and demonstration meetings.
- Sec.4 To recruit, develop, and retain qualified wrestling officials.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1 Members shall pay annual dues and meet all other Association and Colorado High School Activities Association requirements for membership. Members may be classified as honorary, active, provisional, student, associate, or inactive.
- Sec. 2 Honorary members shall be those elected by the membership in recognition of their special contribution to wrestling. Honorary members shall not pay annual dues, officiate high school events, vote, or hold office but are welcome to attend all rules clinics.
- Sec. 3 Active members in good standing shall be those who pass the annual test and attend a regional rules clinic and at least two approved work sessions or mat skill improvement opportunities during each wrestling season.
- Sec. 4 Provisional members shall be those officials who are otherwise qualified to be active members but have failed to pass the annual test.
- Sec. 5 Student members shall be either high school student members or college student members who are novice officials enrolled full time in high

school or a four or two year college or vocational school. High school student members who attend a regional rules clinic and pass the testing requirements of active members, may officiate youth matches only. College student members are obligated to meet all the testing, regional clinic, and work session requirements of active members and may officiate youth matches or sub-varsity level matches only.

- Sec. 6 Associate members shall be those who are not wrestling officials but who wish to support wrestling. Associate members shall not vote or hold office but shall be entitled to attend rules clinics and similar activities sponsored by the Association and to receive Association publications.
- Sec. 7 Inactive members shall be those previously active members who desire to remain affiliated with the Association but who give up their right to officiate high school matches during the period of inactive membership. Inactive status can only be granted by the Executive Committee and only to a person who has been an active member. Inactive members shall not vote or hold office but shall be entitled to attend rules clinics and similar activities sponsored by the Association and to receive Association publications.
- Sec. 8 Only active, provisional, and student members may officiate matches. Provisional and college student members may only officiate youth level and sub- varsity level matches. High school student members may only officiate youth level matches.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

- Sec. 1 The officers of the Association shall be: (A) President, (B) Vice-President, (C) At-Large Representative, and (D) Executive Secretary-Treasurer.
- Sec. 2 The President shall call to order all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and shall preside at the meetings and appoint committees not otherwise provided for by the Constitution and/or By-Laws. In the event the office of Vice-President becomes vacant, the President shall perform the duties of the Vice-President until such time as the members elect a new Vice-President.
- Sec. 3 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall assume the office of the President in the event the office becomes vacant. The Vice-President shall act as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and shall select the other members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee

shall recommend to the Executive Committee nominations for the office of Vice-President to be placed on the official ballot for election by the members.

- Sec. 4 The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall: (A) Receive and disburse all money under the direction of the Executive Committee. Keep complete and accurate records of all money received and disbursed by the Association. Complete and submit a financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and at the Master Clinic. (B) Promptly answer all correspondence received by the Association and keep records of such correspondence. (C) Keep accurate records of all meetings of the Executive Committee. (D) Collect all dues, pay all bills authorized by the Executive Committee, have charge of all funds, and place such funds under the name of the Association in a depository as approved by the Executive Committee. (E) Prepare the official ballot as approved by the Executive Committee, which will include: (1) Candidates for the office of Vice-President, including a space for write-in candidates (2) Candidates for honorary membership, if appropriate, and (3) any other matters deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE V: CHANGE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Sec. 1 The term of office for the President is two years. The Vice-President is elected for a two-year term and then assumes the office of President for a two-year term. The President and Vice-President assume office on June 1 of odd numbered years.
- Sec. 2 The Executive Committee shall annually appoint the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall set the salary of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have the power to dismiss the Executive Secretary-Treasurer for any valid reason, by majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- Sec. 3 The At-Large Representative shall be an active member in good standing appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The term of office for the At-Large Representative is two years. The At-Large Representative shall assume office on June 1 of even numbered years.
- Sec. 4 The Vice-President will fill a vacancy in the office of the President for the remainder of the term.

- Sec. 5 A vacancy in the office of Vice-President, occurring because the Vice-President filled a vacancy in the office of the President, or otherwise, will be filled for the remainder of the term by election by the members using an official ballot. Candidates to fill the vacancy will be submitted by the Nominating Committee appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. The official ballot will also contain a space for write-in candidates.
- Sec. 6 A recall of the President, Vice-President, At-Large Representative, or one of the two immediate Past-Presidents may be conducted in the following manner: (A) A recall petition is submitted to the Executive Committee with signatures of at least 10% of the active members in good standing. (B) An official ballot will be sent to all active members in good standing. (C) A two-thirds vote in favor of recall of those ballots returned is necessary for recall. A recall vote removes the President, Vice-President, At-Large Representative, or Past-President from office but does not remove the person from membership in the Association.

#### ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Sec. 1 There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, At-Large Representative, and the two immediate Past-Presidents of the Association as voting members. The Executive-Secretary shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. In the event a Past-President or At-Large Representative cannot serve his term of office, the President shall appoint an active member in good standing to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Commissioner of the Colorado High School Activities Association or his duly appointed representative may serve as ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.
- Sec. 2 The Executive Committee shall conduct all business of the Association. The financial administration of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be bound by the results of those items voted upon in an official ballot as long as at least one-half of the registered officials submit a ballot.
- Sec. 3 The Executive Committee shall arrange for an annual audit or other independent review of the Association's financial accounts.

## ARTICLE VII: AREAS AND AREA DIRECTORS

- Sec. 1 The state shall be divided into Areas, with boundaries to be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- Sec. 2 The Executive Committee shall appoint an Area Director for each Area. The Executive Committee may appoint additional Area Directors. Each Area Director must be an Association member in good standing. All Area Directors serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee and may be removed at any time by the Executive Committee.
- Sec. 3 Area Directors are to meet in person or meet through the use of electronic telecommunications/video conferencing or similar communications methods at the time of the Master Clinic and at such other times as the President may call.
- Sec. 4 Area Directors will be responsible for conducting a regional rules clinic in October or November and at least two approved work sessions or mat skill improvement opportunities per season, one in November/December and another in January.

## ARTICLE VIII: CLINICS AND WORK SESSIONS

- Sec. 1 The Master Clinic is an annual meeting of the Executive Committee and the Area Directors held on a date and site established by the Executive Committee.
- Sec. 2 Regional Rules Clinics and approved Work Sessions will be held in each Area on dates and at sites established by Area Directors or held through the use of electronic telecommunications/video conferencing or similar communications methods.

## ARTICLE IX: FISCAL YEAR

- Sec. 1 The fiscal year of the Association shall be from April 1 through March 31 of each year.

## ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

- Sec. 1 Amendments to this Constitution must be approved first by the Executive Committee. An official ballot will then be sent to all voting members in

good standing. Final approval of all amendments shall be by a two-thirds vote of those ballots returned.