

## **2012 WWF KIDS STATE FOLKSTYLE REGIONAL INSTRUCTION SHEET**

The Regionals are the qualifier for the WWF Folkstyle State Tournament. This is very important to the wrestlers and parents that participate. We must provide a professional and well-run tournament. Mistakes do happen but we must minimize them and handle them fairly when they do happen. I am making these instructions to try and have a reference for you when questions come up. If you have something come up and it is not covered here let me know so we can address in next years.

### **Registration**

We must make certain that every competitor shows some kind of proof of birth year or be on the WWF Birthyear List, has an USAW Card, is a resident of the State of Wisconsin and if born in 1997 show a report card to prove that they are still in eighth grade.

Birth Certificates, Baptismal Record, State ID, WI DNR Hunter's, ATV, or Snowmobile Safety Certificate are acceptable or be on the WWF Birth year list that was given to you. USA Cards are not acceptable as POBY because not every club checks Birth Certificates as they give them out. Anyone that has not shown proof can not wrestle until they do. We can not accept someone saying I will fax it to you Monday. If they are not legal and they are caught afterwards they might eliminate someone in the earlier rounds that otherwise might have placed. With using the WWF Birth year list we have told everyone to bring a birth certificate if they are using the list for their proof for the first time in case of mistakes. A good way to handle someone not showing a proof of birth year is to have them report to a person that is in charge of making sure a wrestler shows a POBY before wrestling in their division starts. The person in charge would take their name down and then the wrestler can register and weigh in and the parents have until wrestling starts in their division to show the person in charge of POBY, their proof, and if they do not then they are pulled from the tournament. Also having a fax number where people can fax their proof to, is convenient for the competitor. If someone is at home they can call and have them fax it instead of traveling back and forth.

Every wrestler must have an USAW Card and show it at Registration, if not they will have to buy one. Wrestlers can go on the USAW Membership Database and print a replacement card if they lost their original and sometimes club leaders keep a listing of USA Card Numbers for their club, they can check with them. Sandy Russell is willing to check on any USA Card problems you might have the Friday night before Regionals. If you email her any problems you have by 9pm Friday night she will look them up and email back an answer to you that night.

If a wrestler is born in 1997 they must show a report card to prove that they are still in eighth grade. Wrestlers that are born in 1997 and have completed eighth grade last year but did not start High School in the 2011-2012 school year, basically sitting out a year, are not allowed to wrestle in the Regionals and State Tournament.

If a wrestler pre-registers and does not send everything along, please notify them ahead of time and mark it on their weigh-in card and they will have to take care of it before they receive the card for weigh-ins.

Every site will need to setup pre-registration on trackwrestling. They can register on-line until midnight of Monday March 5th.

### **Friday Night Registration and Weigh-ins**

New this year we will be having Friday night registration only. Each Regional Site has the option to hold a satellite weigh-in site in their district so people do not have to travel so far on Friday night. Registration and weigh-ins times are from 5:30-8:00pm at the Regional Site and 5:30-7:00pm at the Satellite Weigh-in sites. Whatever regional site a wrestler registers and weigh-ins at is the site they must wrestle at, no forwarding of registration and weigh-in information between Regional sites.

### **Girls Divisions**

All girls need to wrestle in the Girl's Divisions, they can not wrestle in the Boy's Divisions. There are 3 Age Divisions for the Girls with weight divisions just as the boys. The girls need to make the weight class they qualified for at the state tournament just as the boys. If a girl does not have some one in her weight class and there is someone else close enough in age and weight to wrestle please do so as an exhibition match. The match can not be recorded in trackwrestling because that would change a weight class for one of the girls and then we would not know what weight class they qualified for.

### **Wrestling Start Times**

Starting time for the boy's age groups Born in 2003-2004 and Born in 2001-2002 and all Girl Divisions is 8:30am. Boy age groups Born in 1997-98 and Born in 1999-00 starting time is 11:30am or later. Please do not start wrestling until the times listed. We do not want anyone missing a match because of starting early. We can start later than the times listed if need be.

### **Fee**

The fee for the tournament is \$12 if they pre-register and have it postmarked by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$13 online, and at the door the fee is \$17. Checks are to be made out to your club. Please fill out the Registration Fee Report Form completely and send the form and a check made payable to the WWF to Dave Black's address on the Report Form.

### **USA Cards**

USA Cards must be sold at your tournament. Please set up a table at registration to sell them. The cost of the card this year is \$35. Please make sure that the information sheet is stapled to the signature card and completely filled out. Please get the USA cards and fees back to us as described in the section "Getting Materials Back to the WWF".

### **Color Coding of Age Groups**

The following color coding of age groups is used at the Kids Folkstyle State Tournament and is recommended to be used at your tournaments if you color code your paperwork to keep everything the same.

- Born 1997-98 – White
- Born 1999-00 – Blue
- Born 2001-02 – Green
- Born 2003-04 – Yellow
- All Girls - Orange

## **Trackwrestling Brackets to be Used**

Please select these Bracket Types in Trackwrestling

- 2 Man Place 2
- 3 Man Round Robin
- 4 Man Round Robin
- 8 Man WB-2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4
- 16 Man WB-2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4
- 32 Man WB-2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4(USA)

## **Weigh-ins**

Wrestlers must wear a singlet to weigh-in and the singlet counts towards their weight, no weighing in naked. This is an USA Wrestling rule. There will be no giving of weight either, not even a tenth of a pound. The weight classes that are listed are the maximum that you can weigh in that class. Wrestlers can go up one weight class from the one they made and please have the weigh-in people write "Going Up" on the card so you know that is what they want and not a mistake.

## **Skin Checks and etc at Weigh-ins**

It is strongly suggested that you have an experienced WIAA Referee do the skin checks.

Wrestlers can wrestle in USA Wrestling with skin conditions if it can be covered in a safe and reasonable manner. It is your judgment if it can be covered in a safe manner. If you feel it can not be covered safely then they can not wrestle. If they are allowed to wrestle with it, it must be marked on the score sheet to make sure it is covered. Make sure the referees and table workers know this rule and that they check when they see it marked. This is a hard decision to not let someone wrestle but the WWF will back up whatever you decide.

We will also be enforcing the following:

- 1) Hair length rule for Boys and Girls. The hair must be off the collar in back, not be below the ear lobe on the side or the eye brows in front. If it is too long they must get it cut or wear a bonnet.
- 2) Finger nails must be properly groomed. Please have a couple of fingernail clippers and trash can for wrestlers to use if needed.
- 3) Girls must wear a female cut singlet or wear an approved undergarment underneath their singlet.

## **Rules of Wrestling**

During the wrestling match we use WIAA Wrestling Rules except we have three one-minute periods instead of two-minute periods. There will be 15 minutes rest in between matches not the 45 minutes as in WIAA. Also if a wrestler misses a match it is recorded as a forfeit and they are not eliminated from the tournament unless that loss eliminates them. We also need to enforce the WIAA mouth guard rule for wrestlers with braces. Girls must wear a female cut singlet or wear an approved undergarment underneath their singlet.

### **Missing Wrestlers after Weigh-ins**

Any wrestler that weighs in Friday night but does not show up Saturday to wrestle please email me their name, club, age and weight class by Saturday evening. There could be a lot of legitimate reasons for this happening but we do not want anyone weighing in at two Regionals and then picking the better situation for them. Hopefully no one would do this but we want to protect against it. If a wrestler does this they forfeit their right to be in the State Tournament we will not let them wrestle there. Once you email me the name I will check the other Regionals around you on trackwrestling and see if they did wrestle at another Regional site.

It does not matter if someone pre-registers for one site and then decided to go to another this happens every year, only if they are weighed in and bracketed and do not show up.

### **Awards**

For all Boys and Girls age groups 1997-04, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive the 2-1/2 Custom Medals saying State Qualifier. Third and fourth place receives the 1-3/4" round custom medal saying third or fourth place respectively. Please give each 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher a March Matness Tournament Flier also. We only place to 4<sup>th</sup> at Regionals

### **State Tournament Qualifier Paperwork**

Each 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in each of the Boys and Girls age and weight groups qualify for the state tournament and they should receive the following items from you, the State Qualifier Information packet given to you comprised of 4 pieces of paperwork and an envelope to mail in their registration form. If a state qualifier says they are not coming please tell them to contact Jeff Jones as stated on the form and I will take care of contacting the 3<sup>rd</sup> place qualifier. If someone calls after March 10th and says they are not going please tell them to contact Jeff Jones at 262-424-3672 or [jeffjones@wi.rr.com](mailto:jeffjones@wi.rr.com).

### **Spectator Admission Fee**

Regional Sites may charge a Spectator Admission Fee if they would like but no more than \$3.00 per person.

### **Mat Officials**

Mat Officials must be at least 18 years of age to officiate at the Regionals. The WWF strongly recommends that you have WIAA certified officials. We would require it but realize that we can not enforce it because clubs might not be able to find 10 -12 certified refs for the tournament, but please do everything in your power to have them.

### **Getting the Materials back to the WWF**

Please fill out the Regional Registration Fee Report Form completely and send the form and a check made out to the WWF to Dave Black preferably by Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Please put all USA Card materials and fees in the box provided and mail them back to Sandy Russell by mail by Monday also. Sandy has provided postage but you will need to drop it off at the post office because of the size. Please put all the leftover medals and paperwork in a box and return it to the head table at the state tournament at the Alliant Center. If you are not coming, please ask someone who is responsible to bring it.

### **Advertising**

Please get copies of the Regional flyer out to the club tournaments in the weeks before the Regionals. The WWF has included the registration form in the club packets. An ad has been placed in the Crossface. The WWF also has a website that anyone can print a registration form from it. The site's address is [www.wiwrestlingfederation.com](http://www.wiwrestlingfederation.com)

**Contact Numbers the Day of Regionals**

If any questions arise on March 10<sup>th</sup> you can call or text me, Jeff Jones on my cell phone at 262-424-3672.

**Other Information**

Please set out all the extra information given to you such as Freestyle and Greco State Tournament Forms, March Matness Fliers and Regional Training Site Info in a highly visible spot. Please think ahead where and how you will put this info out it is important to the WWF to get this