

League Minutes December 2012

Present: Wilsonville, Colton, Columbia River, Sherwood, Molalla, Silverton, Oregon City, Reynolds, East County, SWWWC, West Hills, USA School of Wrestling, Milwaukie, Stevenson, Centennial, Estacada, Peninsula, Cobra All-Stars, Forest Grove, Stevenson Mat Club

Thanks for coming to our monthly meeting. Sometimes we talk about the same old/same old, but sometimes we throw out something new. Like, for instance, we are going to have FRIDAY NIGHT WEIGH-INS from 7:30-8:30 pm for our Art Reynolds Championships this year. This will be new to us, but is very common and well liked elsewhere. This will require that we have a team of people taking entry fees, checking USA cards, giving weigh-in slips to wrestlers, and conducting weigh-ins on Friday, Jan 25th. You will see this change as new jobs on the 2013 Job list. Also, we decided that we all like a hospitality room, so we will have a "potluck" hospitality room. More discussion on this in January.

Our tournament numbers have all been great this year. 350-530 wrestlers at League Matches. We have a couple tournaments left on our Calendar, Jan. 12 in Hood River (opposite the Classic Qualifiers) will be last for the 2012-13 Season. Followed by the Art Reynolds Champs on Jan 26th, Kid's Collegiate State Feb. 2nd, and the Jamboree Feb. 9th.

Club Charters: As of Dec. 30th, teams who have not turned in a copy of their Club Charter or a copy of the receipt of payment for Club Charter are as follows:

Aloha	LO Elite	Scappoose
Barlow	Lake Ridge	Sherwood
Camas	Newberg	St. Helens
Canby	North Marion	Stevenson
Clackamas	NW Disciples	SWWWC
Cleveland Warriors	Portland Inner City	Tualatin Wolfpack
Gladstone	Prairie	All Phase
Gresham	Rick Sanders	USA Cobra Wrestling (not All Stars, not School of)
Hood River	Triple Crown	

If you think you turned in a copy of either required document, Cathy has lost it in the black hole. Please re-send to boringfamily@juno.com or 9995 Sunnyview Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97317. Our League bylaws state that you must be a Chartered Club with USA Wrestling to participate in the League. Please try to fulfill these requirements in a timely manner. Your team should have been chartered by November to be participating in the League.

Website: Our nwjcwa.com and nwjcwa.org web addresses are updated. If you have something to send to the Webmaster, please do. The better, more current information he has, the better the site will be.

Coach Cards: All Coaches are encouraged to get a minimum of a Copper Coach Certification; parents could also get this certification. If you plan to attend a National event, you will need a minimum or a Bronze certification. Information on these courses can be found on www.themat.com, the official website of USA wrestling.

Tournament guests: If you have visiting wrestlers, you may host them at a League match by signing the wrestler up as a guest wrestling with your club. They MUST have a current USA card, of course.

Rule Books: Art has a small supply of NFHS wrestling rule books that the League has purchased. If you would like to use one, please contact Art, or better yet....come to the next meeting (Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 @ 6pm, Wilson High School).

Flip Cards: All new clubs that have successfully completed their one year probationary period should have received a set of flip cards from the League. If you did not receive yours and are still in good standing with the League, please contact Cathy.

Tournament information: If you host a tournament, one of the tricks to being successful is color coding the brackets and weigh-in slips (if you conduct weigh-ins). There are standard colors used throughout Oregon (the colors are slightly different in Washington).

PeeWee	Gold or Orange
Bantam	Pink
Intermediate	Blue
Novice	White
SchoolKid	Green
Cadet	Yellow

If you keep these colors standard from one tournament to the next, Bracket help can step up to help without skipping a beat. Cathy also requested that teams hosting a tournament always have host-team help in the bracket room with the goal of self-sufficiency. Our League tournaments are fairly simple but need someone to set up a bracket area, solve the problems that do occasionally occur, and as a courtesy, separate cards for Coaches to retrieve at the end of a tournament. (One chief problem is wrestlers, and their parents, surprisingly, not knowing wrestler's correct birth year, therefore not knowing what age bracket they are in. Bracket room wastes a lot of time looking for wrestlers that "didn't get called" in staging when in fact they aren't even up to wrestle yet.)

The question arose about long hair on wrestlers. It can be distracting and potentially dangerous for the wrestler's opponent. Shall we ask wrestlers to cut long hair, cover long hair, tie back long hair, wear headgear....no decision was made.

Z-man tournament is Jan 6, SUNDAY. Pre-register on Track wrestling.

Jamboree, Saturday Jan 26...at Milwaukie. This is a weigh-in tournament. 7-8am weigh-ins. Please be early to weigh-ins. Late wrestlers are very difficult to bracket. No consideration is given for ability level in our Jamboree. It is run like an "Open" tournament...your opponent may be anybody. Be prepared to wrestle tough. Depending on the size of your wrestler's bracket, he/she will have 2-4 matches. Ribbons will be awarded for placing. We need AT LEAST 3 people to help with Awards. Talk to Art day of Tournament.

The Milwaukie High wrestling team will NOT be available to help with the Jamboree. Bring your flip cards. If you can work a table, please do. It is our final League tournament and, therefore, still ours to "make happen". If you are able to help in the bracket room, you will be needed and appreciated. Help will be needed to sort and group wrestlers in 8 man brackets, then to write and copy those brackets, then to write bout sheets. Continuous help will be needed throughout the tournament to record the results of the bouts on the brackets, copy and hang the brackets, and write the next round of bout sheets. If you DO help, you will be able to go see your wrestler's matches. That is very important! If you can help, please let Heather in the bracket room know how long you can stay. (Cathy won't be there. Heather is in charge and very capable!)

Observations from the Bracket Room and the Secretary

There are a number of teams who have not been at League meetings but whose wrestlers have participated in Tournaments. This is very obvious partly because these teams still do not have a copy of current USA cards taped to the back of the weigh-in cards and partly because their Club Charters are not turned in (or both). Please, we want as many wrestlers as possible to participate in the League Tournaments, but if your team is not participating in the business end of the League, you are taking advantage of those who are responsible. Come to our meetings. Complete basic paperwork. Work at the Tournaments. Work at the Art Reynolds Championships. If you do not wish to participate wholeheartedly, your team will be placed on probation, or dropped from our League.

Next League Meeting Sunday, Jan 13 at 6pm at Wilson High School. Finalize Art Reynolds Championship preparations and Job List sign-ups. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!