

Team Georgia Tournament Contract and Standards

As Tournament Director, and in association with my club being awarded a tournament during the upcoming season, I understand and agree to follow the Team Georgia Tournament Standards.

By hosting a tournament, we agree to:

- Actively support youth wrestling in Georgia by sponsoring and growing a USA Wrestling / Team Georgia chartered club with at least 15 wrestlers with active USA Wrestling cards;
- Actively support other USA Wrestling / Team Georgia clubs by having at least 15 wrestlers, or 50% of the wrestlers registered to my club for clubs with 30 or more wrestlers, attend at least 5 other USA Wrestling / Team Georgia sanctioned tournaments (i.e. 75 registrations), excluding Qualifiers and State;
- Demonstrating the ability to assemble the required number of volunteers to successfully operate your tournament

Pre-event

- 1) Provide a mat / volunteer plan to Team Georgia at least four weeks prior to the date of your tournament. Each tournament must:
 - (a) Have adequate space to safely operate the number of mats to be offered
 - (b) Have adequate mats and volunteers to accommodate the number of planned registrations
 - (c) Begin each session in less than 1 hour after completion of the associated weigh-ins
 - (d) Target to complete each session in approximately 4 hours.
- 2) Publish a tournament flyer to the Team Georgia website at least four weeks prior to the date of your tournament. The tournament flyer must include: tournament day of week, date, address, divisions, weigh in start and stop time (by session), session start time (by session), number of mats, maximum number of registrations per tournament or session, admission fees, and the tournament director's name, email address, phone number.
- 3) Establish a contract for USA Wrestling licensed officials at least eight weeks prior to the date of your tournament, including a USA Wrestling licensed head official from a recognized official's association (GWOA, MAWOA, etc.)
- 4) Establish a contract for trainers (EMT, doctor, physician's assistant, nurse, or other licensed professional) for weigh-ins and the entire duration of your tournament. Failure to provide licensed medical trainers for your entire tournament creates liability should there be injuries at your tournament and may result in forfeiture of 25% of the tournament registration fees collected by Team Georgia or \$500.00, whichever is more. Trainer info and certifications must be maintained by the Tournament Director.
- 5) Provide a security officer, preferably a uniformed officer, on tournament day.
- 6) Order medals (or ribbons for Beginner Tournaments) for at least 1st through 3rd place for each weight class to be received by the date of your tournament.
- 7) Log into the FLO Arena Tournament Director Admin system and verify "my tournament information", specifically the mailing address where the check for the registration will be mailed.
- 8) Provide an email address to receive PDF files of brackets, bouts, and weigh in sheets from Team Georgia at the closure of your tournament's registration.
- 9) Print locally the night before the tournament the PDF files provided by Team Georgia.

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- 10) A minimum of one week prior to the tournament, the Tournament Director will ensure wifi availability and compatibility with Flo. If it is not possible to run the tournament live on Flo, the Tournament Director will notify Team Georgia Wrestling immediately for assistance.

Registration:

- 1) No walk up registrations will be allowed unless specifically approved by Team Georgia Wrestling. All registrations will be made via the FloArena registration website.
- 2) Bracket changes will be allowed after registration has closed only by a Team Georgia Pairing Official or other authorized individual who has been approved by Team Georgia Wrestling.
- 3) Changing of brackets without prior approval may be cause for financial penalty from the Registration fees, and possible ban from hosting future tournaments.

Skin / Fingernail Check

- 1) Conduct skin and fingernail checks during weigh-ins per the current NFHS rules book.
- 2) No rash or skin lesion shall be covered or taped.
- 3) The Head Medical person on-site has the final word on all skin checks.

Weigh-in

- 1) Conduct weigh-ins in an efficient and orderly fashion per the current NFHS rules book.
- 2) Have clear signage directing wrestlers to the weigh-in area.
- 3) Clearly post the Team Georgia Weigh in policy for wrestler review outside the weigh-in area.

Weigh in procedure

The wrestler will be weighed wearing their "competition singlet* without modifications and without their shoes and socks

****NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO WEIGH-IN WITH JUST UNDERGARMENTS ON****

Weigh-In Attire:

- 1) A wrestler MUST weigh-in in a legal uniform consists of:
 - a) one-piece singlet cut no lower in the back or front than the level of the armpits and under the arms no lower than one-half the distance between the armpit and belt line. A suitable undergarment, which completely covers the buttocks and groin area, shall be worn under a one-piece singlet. Any other undergarment worn under the one-piece singlet which extends beyond the inseam shall be tight-fitting and shall not extend below the knee. The one-piece singlet may be worn with full-length tights with stirrups.

NOTE: Female contestants wearing a one-piece singlet shall wear a sports bra that completely covers their breasts and minimizes the risk of exposure. Compression shirts worn underneath a

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one-piece singlet are permitted but not required for female contestants unless needed to ensure complete coverage.

- b) A form-fitted compression shirt which shall not cover or extend below the elbow and shall have a minimum 3-inch tail; the form-fitted compression shirt may be worn under a singlet or with compression shorts or shorts designed for wrestling.

NOTE: Female contestants choosing to wear a form-fitted compression shirt, whether as part of a two-piece uniform or under a one-piece singlet, shall also wear a sports bra that completely covers their breasts and minimizes the risk of exposure.

- 2) Once the wrestler has entered the weigh in area they will not be allowed to leave.
- 3) A wrestler will step on the scale one time-if they make weight, they are finished, this is counted as a first attempt.
 - a) If a wrestler does not make weight the first time, they may step off the scales, reset the scales, and then step back on. This is their second attempt.
 - b) If a wrestler makes weight, they are finished. If a wrestler does not make weight the second time, they may request to weigh on the challenge scales.
 - c) The wrestler will be allowed to weigh on the remaining challenge scales. If they make weight, they are finished. If not the wrestler will be deemed to not have made weight.
- 4) A set of check scales will be provided at the qualifier and state tournaments outside the official weigh in areas.

DO NOT ENTER THE WEIGH-IN AREA IF YOU ARE OVERWEIGHT ON
THE CHECK SCALE.
- 5) A copy of the USA Weight Cutting Policy will be posted prominently at all qualifiers and state events. Strict adherence to this policy is required. Violators will be reported to the Team GA representative and at the discretion of the Team GA representative may be banned from the tournament and the incident will be reported to SafeSport.
 - a) Any means of drastic weight reduction is strictly prohibited. The practice of dehydration by use of rubber, plastic or rubberized nylon suits, hot rooms, hot showers, hot boxes, saunas, steam rooms, heating devices, diuretics, emetics, laxatives, excessive food or fluid restriction and self induced vomiting is a violation of USA Wrestling rules. Violation of these rules shall cause the individual(s) to be disqualified from the competition. Athletes may not leave the weigh-in area or initiate any activity for means of weight reduction.
- 6) No parents or coaches will be allowed in the official weigh-in areas.
- 7) Provide at least 1 scale for every 100 wrestlers registered in each upcoming session.
- 8) Provide a check scale outside the weigh-in area.
- 9) Once a wrestler enters the weigh-in area they may not leave until they either make weight or is scratched.
- 10) Record the actual weigh of each wrestler on the weigh in sheet and on the wrestler's arm.
- 11) Scratch any wrestler who is .1 lb over the maximum weight for the weight class in which the wrestler is registered.

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- 12) Retain a copy of the weigh in sheets and make available to Team Georgia Wrestling after the event.

Admission / Gate

- 1) Admission fees can be charged up to but not to exceed \$10 per family, \$7 per individual for Open and Beginner's Tournaments (with the exception of State Qualifiers and State Tournaments).
- 2) Wrestlers and coaches with a valid USAW card are not required to pay admission for any regular season events.

Brackets

- 1) Brackets shall be posted on Flo

Competition Floor

- 1) Post signage that only wrestlers and coaches are allowed on the competition floor. **ONLY WRESTLING LEADERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE COMPETITION FLOOR **BRONZE ONLY AT STATE****
- 2) Provide barriers, ropes, or other devices to restrict access to the competition floor.
- 3) Coaches must display a valid current USAW Coach's card and picture ID, preferably on a lanyard around their neck. Alternately a wrist band may be used if coaches' credentials are checked when issuing wrist bands. **ALL COACHES CARDS MUST BE CHECKED FOR WRESTLING LEADER. IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A WERSTLING LEADER CARD THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR.**
- 4) Conduct a coaches' meeting prior to each session to cover the critical tournament procedures.
- 5) Only 2 coaches per corner
****SAFESPORT WILL BE DOING RANDOM CHECKS AT TOURNAMENTS. IF YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE YOU WILL RISK LOSING YOUR CHARTER****

Mats / Scorer's Tables

- 1) Post highly visible signage identifying each mat by number.
- 2) It is recommended that the Tournament Director mark off coaches' corners for each mat using contrasting tape or paint, consistent with the current NFHS rule book, and in such a way that all coaches may easily view the scorer's table.
- 3) No more than 2 coaches or team personnel with the appropriate credentials are allowed in the corner during their wrestler's match.
- 4) No "split" mats will be used without prior written permission from Team Georgia.
- 5) Thoroughly clean the mats before the start of each session.
- 6) At least 3 volunteers will be provided for each scorer's table or mat for the duration of your tournament: one volunteer at the table will be responsible for managing the computer, another for timing the active match and notifying the referee when time has expired, and the final volunteer will be responsible for identifying and preparing wrestlers for upcoming matches. At least one adult volunteer must be at each table for the duration of your tournament.
- 7) In the event that the Tournament Director is unable to run the tournament on computers at the mat, the Tournament Director will use printed bout sheets. A master computer will be required to enter results into Flo and a printer will be required to print updated bout sheets as needed.

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Results

- 1) Parents and coaches should review results and must contact the Tournament Director within 14 days of the tournament to make corrections. NO corrections will be made after 14 days.
- 2) Tournament Directors will make any corrections received within 14 days of the tournament

Specific penalties have been defined as follows:

- 1) Folkstyle or Freestyle/Greco: Failure to charter your club or sanction your tournament within a week of the Tournament Schedule being finalized. – Tournament will be dropped from the schedule and the date will be made available to other clubs.
- 2) Failure to submit an executed Tournament Contract within a week of the Tournament Schedule being finalized - Tournament will be dropped from the schedule and the date will be made available to other clubs.
- 3) Failure to provide a mat/volunteer plan, or to publish a tournament flier, at least four weeks prior to the date of your tournament – Tournament will not be promoted via Team Georgia USA Wrestling Email Blasts or Team Georgia USA Wrestling website.
- 4) Failure to provide USA Wrestling licensed officials for your entire tournament – Forfeiture of 25% of the tournament registration fees collected by Team Georgia Wrestling.
- 5) Failure to provide licensed medical trainers for your entire tournament – Forfeiture of 25% of the tournament registration fees collected by Team Georgia Wrestling or a minimum of \$500.00.
- 6) Failure to provide a team of at least two volunteers per table. One must be able to operate Flo on a computer. You must have two volunteers per table for your entire tournament – Forfeiture of 25% of the tournament registration fees collected by Team Georgia Wrestling.
- 7) Failure to preform Skin & Fingernail checks - Forfeiture of 25% of the tournament registration fees collected by Team Georgia Wrestling or a minimum of \$500.00.
- 8) Failure to input tournament results on FloArena (for Open and Beginner Tournaments)– Forfeiture of 10% of the tournament registration fees.

I understand and agree to follow the Team Georgia Tournament Standards as outlined in this agreement.

Name

Tournament

Date

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