

H. TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

a. CHIEF PAIRER

1. Responsible for the successful completion of the tournament.
2. Responsible to work with the other assigned officials to make sure that the flow chart makes every effort to complete the tournament or tournaments according to the time schedule printed by USA wrestling.
3. Responsible for recommending changes in the time schedule, number of mats, etc. to the USAW tournament representative and the tournament director if the tournament is not capable of being completed in the present time frame.
4. Responsible to make sure that all clinics are conducted.
5. Responsible to ensure that all tournament reports are filled out and returned to the proper personnel.
6. May conduct the Advanced Clinic or may assign the Advanced Clinic to another assigned pairer who is at least of a P1 Category.
7. Provides opportunities for appropriate tests and evaluations for pairing officials.
8. The tournament coordinator, who must be a P1E, or Chief Pairer make the final decision at the tournament on use of available pairing personnel.
9. Yellow card or red card issued to a coach
 - a. Pairing official must give the bout sheet containing the information to the Chief Pairer.
 - b. Chief Pairer must keep a list of coach's name and state receiving the yellow card or red card.
 - c. Chief Pairer must also note the name of the mat official or officials issuing the yellow card or red card to a coach or coaches.
 - d. If a mat official comes to the head table to give information on yellow or red cards, the Chief Pairer must keep a list of coaches receiving disciplinary action, and the names of the mat officials who gave the cards.
 - e. The session and time of day should also be noted on your list.
 - f. The Chief Pairer should notify the Head Mat Official about the card as soon as possible.

b. CATEGORY P1 PAIRING OFFICIAL

1. This assigned pairing official will be responsible for tournament set-up and the strategic planning of one of the styles, or one age group of the tournament as assigned by the Chief Pairer.
2. This assigned official may be asked to conduct the Advanced Clinic for pairing. When assigned, it is their responsibility to obtain the clinic packet from the USWOA National Office and to cover the material which pertains to their tournament, either positive point or double elimination brackets.

c. CATEGORY P1C PAIRING OFFICIAL

1. The P1C pairing official **may** start receiving assignments to work at regional or national tournaments under the guidance of a Category P1 or P1E pairing official if there are regional or national tournaments in their area.
2. If assigned to an event, a P1C pairer may be responsible for the beginning clinic. Material for this clinic is available from the USWOA National Office.
3. The assigned P1C will be assigned a style or age group of the tournament, and be responsible for use of the flow chart to make reliable computations of the number of bouts, mats and sessions in conjunction with the P1 or P1E pairing official.
4. For upgrade, the P1C candidate must request that the Chief Pairing Official evaluate their performance as an official at the event
5. P1C candidates will not be assigned to the combined Junior/Cadet Nationals or the National Open.

I. ASSIGNMENTS

1. To receive an assignment, a pairing official must be of the Category P1E, P1 or P1C.
2. Most assignments are made based upon availability and geographic location.
3. For regional tournaments, most pairers are assigned within their region. States in regions are as follows:

Northeast Region: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania

Central Region: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia

Southeast Region: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee

Southern Plains Region: Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico

Northern Plains Region: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois

Western Region: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Hawaii

4. If a pairer from a different region is close in distance to a site, that pairer may be assigned.
5. Consideration for an assignment is given to those pairers specifically requested by the LOC to conduct the tournament.
6. Proximity to the site is of major importance for all regional tournaments, and travel costs are also a major factor when making assignments for national tournaments.
7. A pairer who is assigned to a tournament must attend the clinic and work every session of all tournaments at that site. A pairer who fails to fulfill their obligation will not receive an assignment the next year.
8. A pairer should be notified at least two weeks prior to giving a clinic at any regional or national tournament.

9. All USA Wrestling Regional and National tournaments will have a P1E, P1, and P1C pairing official assigned, if possible.
10. More than one P1E or P1 may be assigned to national tournaments.
11. More than one P1E or P1 may be assigned to regional tournaments, depending upon the number of other qualified pairing personnel in the area.
12. If there are no P1C's in the area, two P1's may be assigned.
13. If it is a small tournament and the P1E's in the area decline the assignment, two P1's may be assigned.
14. If it is a small tournament and there are no P1E's in the immediate area, two P1's and a P1C may be assigned.
15. Assignments will be given to a P1C pairer before a P1C mat official/pairer.
16. Assignments will be given to a P1 pairer before a P1 mat official/pairer.