

Team Georgia Tournament Standards

Pre-season

1. Folkstyle: Charter your club and sanction your tournament in advance of the Team Georgia fall meeting. Freestyle/Greco: Charter Club prior to requesting event and sanction tournament as soon as tournament schedule released.
2. Tournament Director or an authorized member from your club must attend the Team Georgia fall meeting.
3. Execute the Team Georgia Folkstyle Tournament Contract and submit at the Team Georgia fall meeting.

Pre-event

1. Provide a mat / volunteer plan (template provided) to Team Georgia at least eight 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 (template provided) to the Team Georgia website at least eight weeks prior to the date of your tournament. The tournament flyer must include: tournament day of week, date, address, age or grade based, 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 – Forfeiture of 25% of the tournament registration fees collected by Team Georgia or \$500.00, which ever is more.

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 Tournament Director Admin system and verify my tournament information. Specifically the mailing address the check for the registration will be mailed. Until the Tournament Director signs off on the mailing address and how the check should be made payable, the check will not be mailed.
8. Provide an email address to receive PDF files of brackets, bouts, and weight 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.

Registration

1. No walk up registrations will be allowed. All registrations will be made via the Team Georgia registration website.
2. No bracket changes will be allowed after registration has closed, except in cases of a significant number of forfeits or for wrestlers registered but not appearing on the bracket, with prior approval from Team Georgia.
3. Changing of brackets with out prior approval may be cause for financial penalty from the Registration fees.

Skin / Fingernail Check

1. Conduct skin and fingernail checks during weigh-ins per the current NFHS rules book. Failure to conduct adequate skin checks will be a loss of 25% of registration fees or \$500.00, which ever is more.
2. No rash or skin lesion shall be covered or taped.
3. The Head Official 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. Available here: <http://www.teamgeorgiawrestling.com/miscdocs>
4. Provide at least 1 scale for every 100 wrestlers registered in each upcoming session.
5. Provide a check scale outside the weigh-in area.
6. Once a wrestler enters the weigh-in area he may not leave until he either makes weight or is scratched.
7. Record the actual weigh of each wrestler on the weigh in sheet and on the wrestler's arm.
8. Scratch any wrestler who is .1 lb over the maximum weight for the weight class in which the wrestler is registered.
9. A wrestler who does not make weight may step back 2 more times per the procedures outlined in the Team Georgia State Tournament document.
10. Retain a copy of the weigh in sheets and make available to Team Georgia after the event.

Admission / Gate

1. Admission fees can be charged up to but not to exceed \$7 for families, \$5 for adults, and \$3 for kids for Open and Beginner's Tournaments, or \$10 for families, \$5 for adults, and \$3 for kids for Middle School Duals Tournaments (with the exception of State Qualifiers and State Tournaments). Admission fees and policies can be found here: <http://www.teamgeorgiawrestling.com/miscdocs>
2. Wrestlers and coaches with a valid USAW card are not required to pay admission.

Brackets

1. Brackets shall be clearly posted in an area easily viewed by coaches, wrestlers, and spectators. Multiple sets of brackets may need to be posted depending on the gym and seating layout, or if wrestling is taking place in multiple rooms.
2. Visibly mark through wrestlers that were scratched on all versions of posted brackets.

Competition Floor

1. Post signage that only wrestlers and coaches are allowed on the competition floor.
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.
4. Conduct a coaches' meeting prior to each session to cover the critical tournament procedures.

Mats / Scorer's Tables

1. Post highly visible signage identifying each mat by number.
2. 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. Brackets will be kept and bouts run at the scorer's table for each mat.
7. At least 4 (but preferably 5 or 6) 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 brackets assigned to the table, another for scoring the active match, 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 two adult volunteers must be at each table for the duration of your tournament.

8. Winning criteria for round robin brackets will be printed and available at each table to assist in determining the winners in the case of ties. TrackWrestling will be the final decision for any disputes with round robin matches.

Results

1. Bout results for Open and Beginners Tournaments must be entered into Trackwrestling as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after completion of the last match.
2. 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. Tournament Directors will make any corrections received within 14 days of the tournament.

Post-event

1. Open and Beginner's Tournaments scheduled with six or more mats will be responsible for providing a team of seven trained table workers for the duration of the Kids State Tournament at the Georgia Dome. Clubs with multiple tournaments scheduled with six or more mats will be required to provide a team for each tournament scheduled with six or more mats. All table worker teams will be required to attend scheduled training in advance of working the Kids State Tournament. Team Georgia will withhold 10% of the tournament registration fees for each tournament scheduled with six or more mats until this obligation is fulfilled, or your club has been released from this obligation by Team Georgia.