

## **BY-LAWS OF USAOK Youth Wrestling League**

### **Article 1. Name**

1.1 The name of this organization shall be USAOK Youth Wrestling League (“USAOK”) a subsidiary of OKLAHOMA AMATEUR WRESTLING, INC., (“OAW”), incorporated under the non-profit corporation act of the State of Oklahoma. In addition to the formal name specified above, the association may conduct its affairs under such "Trade" names as may be approved by its Board of Directors.

### **Article 2. Registered Agent, Corporate Identity, and Office**

2.1 The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Oklahoma, a registered office and registered agent.

2.2 USAOK shall be organized as a non-profit corporation within the definition of the internal revenue code and 501(c).

### **Article 3. Purpose**

3.1 The purpose of the organization is to have one representative organization open to any individual or club, in order to assist, supervise, standardize, regulate, promote and control the development and conduct of amateur wrestling in the style of Folk Style in the State of Oklahoma.

3.2 To promote and advance the sport of amateur wrestling in the State of Oklahoma by setting up a formal structure to deal with matters of membership, competition, officiating and the disbursement of funds to athletes and members of the organization.

3.3 To improve the standard and appreciation of wrestling in the State of Oklahoma for males and females by providing training in wrestling skills, organizing meets, tournaments, offering instruction in officiating, conducting clinics, in association with wrestling associations and clubs in and outside the State of Oklahoma.

3.4 To maintain and execute any and all rules regulations and guidelines established by the national governing body for wrestling and the State of Oklahoma so as to remain and to continue to be recognized as a member of the national governing body for wrestling.

### **Article 4. Membership**

4.1 Membership classes. Clubs, competitors, coaches, officials, and general membership.

4.2 Clubs. Open to any organized wrestling club in the State of Oklahoma.

4.2.1 Registration. All clubs must register with USA Wrestling to receive a charter and sanction (if hosting a tournament). All charters and sanctions will be at no cost to the tournament directors or clubs.

4.2.2 No individual shall be denied membership in USAOK, nor shall any representative be refused recognition, because of race, color, religion, sex and handicap, ethnic or national origin.

4.2.2 Voting Rights. Voting rights for each chartered club of the corporation shall be one vote. Voting member must be present at meetings to vote and must be listed as the Club Director or his designee.

4.3 Competitors. Competitor membership in the organization shall be open to any individual engaged in competitive amateur wrestling.

4.3.1 Registration. Each individual must register and pay the appropriate fees to USAOK and the national governing body for wrestlers in order to be eligible to participate in USAOK activities and state tournaments.

4.3.2 Birth Date Certification. Each competitor who registers with USAOK must provide upon request a document, which proves date of birth. The date cutoff to determine age classification shall be September 1 for Folkstyle wrestling only.

4.3.3 Voting Rights. Competitor membership has no voting rights in the USAOK Corporation.

4.4 Coaches Membership. Coaches' membership shall be open to any qualified individual engaged in the development and support of USAOK activities. All coaches will obtain a USA Wrestling coaches card and complete the associated back ground check prior participation. No coaching will be allowed at the mat by anyone without the USA Wrestling coaches' card.

4.4.1 Registration. Each individual must register and pay the appropriate fees to USA Wrestling to receive a wrestling card prior to participation in competitions. A Folkstyle Limited Card allows participation in competitions in folkstyle events in Oklahoma, but not nationally. Folkstyle/Freestyle Unlimited cards allow participation in both styles anywhere in the United States in USA Wrestling Events.

4.4.2 Voting rights. Coaches' membership shall have no voting rights.

4.5 Fees. The Wrestling League Committee of USAOK shall set membership fees. During the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 wrestling seasons, clubs hosting tournaments will retain all tournament proceeds without any proceeds directed to USAOK. Subsequent years will be determined by a vote of the membership in accordance with the procedures established herein.

4.5.1 Payment. Membership fees shall be payable as designated by USAOK at the time the individual or club member enrolls in USAOK programs. Fees are paid on an annual basis.

4.5.2 Non-payment. No member shall be allowed to participate in any USAOK wrestling activity unless the membership fees are paid in full prior to activity.

## **Article 5. Committee**

**5.        *The Wrestling League Committee will consist of: Chairman, East and West Directors, two each of East Committee Representatives and West Committee Representatives.***

5.1        Nominations of officers will come from the Committee. Open nominations will come from the floor during the first scheduled meeting after the USAOK State Tournament.

5.2        Election of Members. The Committee Members of the association shall be elected by majority vote of the voting membership of USAOK. The voting membership shall be the officers and clubs of USAOK. The initial Members are outlined in the Committee Members Addendum.

**5.2.1    *Length of Term. All Committee Members of USAOK shall serve a four-year term. All Committee Members shall be up for re-election at the end of term.***

5.3        Chairman. Nominees for chairman must have been involved with USAOK activities for a minimum of three consecutive years prior to nomination, must have held a previous office or directorship for not less than 2 years.

5.3.1    All Other Members. All other officers must have been involved with USAOK activities for a minimum of two consecutive years prior to nomination and must have the basic skills to perform such office.

5.4        Duties of the Members shall be as follows but not limited to:

5.4.1    Chairman. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall supervise and coordinate all the business of the corporation. Shall preside at all open and special meetings and shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation. Shall oversee the execution of the Constitution and By-laws and shall be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the USAOK membership and Committee. The chairman shall also perform such duties that may be assigned by the USAOK Membership and/or Committee.

5.4.2    East and West Directors. Shall perform all duties of the Chairman in absence of the Chairman.

5.4.3    Committee Representatives.

5.5        Conflicts and Other Duties. In the event of claimed conflict in jurisdiction between two directors, the chairman shall be responsible for determining the responsibilities of the particular situation in question.

5.6        Vacancies. If an officer of the corporation resigns or is otherwise unable to serve, his successor for the remainder of the term of that office shall be promptly voted into office by the USAOK voting membership.

## **Article 6. Removal from Office**

**6.1** *Votes on Renewal of any officer, director or committee member may be removed from Office at any time by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all voting Membership or two-thirds vote of the League Committee.*

6.2 Petition. A petition signed by one-half of all USAOK voting membership stating the reason for removal of an officer or member must be sent to the chairman before such a vote mentioned in 6.1 will be executed.

6.3 Voting on the issue of removal from office shall be done at USAOK open meetings.

6.4 Attendance. Failure to attend 80% of the scheduled meetings shall constitute reason to be removed from office. Vote by membership on third missed meeting will constitute removal from office.

6.5 Replacement of a Removed Officer. Board member shall take place as is set out in these By-laws.

## **Article 7. Revenues**

7.1 Deposits. The treasurer of the corporation shall deposit all money and the USAOK membership or the Board of Directors may designate other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as.

7.2 Collections. Revenues shall be collected as follows:

7.2.1 All club charters and individual membership fees shall be sent to USAOK registration director. The registration director shall then forward the USAOK revenues from these sources to the USAOK treasurer.

7.2.2 Entry Fees. Entry fees collected at the USAOK state tournaments shall be forwarded no later than conclusion of the tournament.

7.2.3 Fund Raisers. All fundraiser money shall be deposited upon completion of activity.

7.2.4 National team leaders shall forward all money collected for national team camps and trips no later than 10 days prior to departure time or camp date.

7.2.5 National Governing Body. The national governing body for wrestling shall place a percent of the fees, if sent to them, for every individual membership card sold to Oklahoma amateur wrestlers.

7.3 Gifts and Donations. Gifts and donations to the corporation shall be directly forwarded to the USAOK treasurer.

7.4 Uses. All revenues or income received by the association must be used for the growth and development of amateur wrestling or for the general welfare of the corporation as a whole. No income of the corporation may accrue to any individual member for use other than as listed in this article. The corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions.

#### **Article 8. Disbursement of Funds**

8.1 Authority to Disburse. The USAOK treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the USAOK membership, the Board of Directors of the USAOK Chairman.

#### **Article 9. Corporation Operating Expenses**

9.1 Reimbursement. Officers, directors and board members acting for the corporation shall be reimbursed or paid in advance for their expenses incurred for the participation in activities which benefit the corporation or for expenses they incur for the proper and efficient operation of the corporation. A maximum of \$500.00 may be spent without prior approval of Board of Directors. Reimbursement shall be immediate and shall not need a vote of the USAOK membership.

9.2 Financial Statements. Officers, directors and board members shall forward to the treasurer and USAOK chairman receipts and a financial statement of their spending.

9.3 Request Procedures. Expense money needed shall be requested from the USAOK chairman who shall make the decision on the request. The chairman shall then contact the USAOK Treasurer and have the Treasurer forward a check to the officer, director or board member if the decision is favorable.

9.4 The financial statements of USAOK will be publicly available for review, either upon reasonable advance request at organization's offices, or through posting of such statements on the USAOK website.

#### **Article 10. USAOK General Meetings**

10.1 Election Meeting. The meeting to elect new officers, board members and directors is recommended to be held during the first meeting in October.

10.2 Notice. Meetings shall be held at such time and at such location as specified in the notice of meeting. Notice of meeting shall be sent to each officer, directors, committee members and clubs in writing or telecommunication systems at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

10.3 Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a single majority of the members of the committee, and task-related groups. No voting by proxy will be permitted. (Voting by proxy is defined as delegating to another person the right to vote, in one's absence.)

10.4 Minutes. Minutes of each open meeting shall be approved at next scheduled meeting.

10.5 Financial Report. A financial report of the corporation shall be presented at every monthly meeting.

10.8 Meeting Chairman. The USAOK State Chairman shall be the chairman of all open meetings of the corporation. In his absence, A Regional Director shall act at the chairman of the meeting.

### **Article 11. Chartered Clubs**

11.1 Any organization or group wishing to be recognized as a chartered club of this organization shall be required to pay the appropriate fees and submit to the organization any documents they may request. The organization or group shall demonstrate the following: agreement to abide by the By-laws of the organization; and such other provisions as may be prescribed by the organization through the Committee.

11.2 Disputes. The Board of Directors shall resolve any disputes with or among clubs if the parties Involved request them.

### **Article 12. Internal Grievance Committee and Procedures**

12.1 Composition. The composition of the grievance committee shall be the Committee Members of f the organization.

***12.2 Grievance. Any member of the association may file a written grievance with any member of the grievance committee, to any matter within the cognizance of the organization and alleging a violation of any provision of these By-laws. A \$100.00 nonrefundable grievance must be paid at the time of filing.***

12.3 Term. Any grievance shall be signed under oath and shall allege with particularity of the nature of the grievance and each claimed violation of aforementioned documents by reference to specific sections thereof, stating in concise language how, when and where the alleged violation occurred.

12.4 Referral of Grievance. Upon receipt of a grievance the committee shall contact the remaining grievance committee members within five days after receipt of aforementioned grievance.

12.5 Each member of the committee shall be contacted by telephone. Expenses incurred by committee members shall be subject to reimbursement.

12.6 Resolution. The member who received the grievance shall read the grievance to each member of the committee and that member shall render a decision to the member contacting rum.

12.7 The majority vote of the committee shall be the decision relayed to the party involved within 24 hours after the committee has made such a decision.

12.8 Appeal. If the party filing a grievance is not satisfied with the resolution of the matter reached by the method outlined in Article 12, the party shall be entitled to be heard before the USAOK Board of

Directors at their next meeting. The resolution provided by the Board of Directors shall be considered final.

### **Article 13. Conduct of Membership**

13.1 General. All members, parents, guardians, officers, officials, directors, coaches and wrestlers are responsible for their conduct at all and any functions which are associated with USAOK and the national governing body for wrestling. The Coaches/Parent Code of Conduct and Corrective Action Policy, as amended from time to time, establishes the procedures for complaints and corrective action.

### **Article 14. Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors**

14.1 The League Committee shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the corporation and carrying out the objectives of USAOK.

14.2 The League Committee shall be responsible for enforcing the rules and regulations of the national governing body for wrestling and USAOK.

14.3 The League Committee shall be empowered to purchase or otherwise acquire necessary equipment and dispose of or sell property not needed by the corporation. Expenditures shall be reported to the USAOK membership of the fall meeting.

14.4 The League Committee shall not unduly assume powers general considered resident in the chartered clubs of the USAOK, but they can act in any situation or circumstance where time is of the essence and a call for a general meeting of the corporation would be impossible in the time allowed for a decision.

14.5 The League Committee shall rule on all decisions and sanctions. Decisions by the Hearings Board shall be final. The decisions against the accused shall be written and mailed to all parties involved and to each member of the Hearing Board (League Committee).

***14.6 The League Committee shall appoint the following positions: Secretary, Media Director and Web Site Masters. They also select the coaching staff for all folk style national teams.***

### **Article 15. Rules of Order**

15.1 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules of order the corporation may adopt. In no case shall the rules of the corporation conflict with the articles of incorporation.





