

## **2018 WWF KIDS STATE FOLKSTYLE QUALIFIER INSTRUCTION SHEET**

The Qualifiers are the qualifier for the WWF Kids Folkstyle State Championships. This is very important to the wrestlers and parents that participate. We must provide a professional and well-run tournament. Mistakes do happen but we must minimize them and handle them fairly when they do happen. I have made up these instructions to try and have a reference for you when questions come up. If you have something come up and it is not covered here let me know so we can address in next years.

### **Registration**

All wrestlers must be born in the year listed for each age division. Wrestlers that are born in 2011 are not allowed to wrestle at the Qualifier.

If a wrestler is born in 2003 they cannot be enrolled in ninth grade to wrestle in the Qualifier.

Falsifying a registration form by misrepresenting birthdate, age or place of residence will result in the intended competitor's suspension from the respective event, and the competitor will not be eligible for any of the WWF Championship Tournaments for one calendar year, including the corresponding event the year following. This tournament is only open to Wisconsin residents.

Anyone who has competed in a state high school athletic association wrestling competition(s) is not eligible for participation in the WWF State Folkstyle series, regardless of the athlete's residence or date of birth.

Competitors do not have to show a proof of birth year.

Every wrestler must have an USAW Card and show it at Registration, if not they will have to buy one. We must make sure all wrestler have a USAW card

### **Friday Night Registration and Weigh-ins**

We again this year will be having Friday night registration only. Each Qualifier Site has the option to hold a satellite weigh-in site in their district so people do not have to travel so far on Friday night. Registration and weigh-ins times are from 5:30-8:00pm at the Qualifier site and 5:30-7:00pm at the Satellite Weigh-in sites. Whatever Qualifier site a wrestler registers and weigh-ins at is the site they must wrestle at, no forwarding of registration and weigh-in information between Qualifier sites.

### **Girls Divisions**

All girls need to wrestle in the Girl's Divisions; they cannot wrestle in the Boy's Divisions. There are 3 Age Divisions for the Girls with weight divisions just as the boys. The girls need to make the weight class they qualified for at the State Championships just as the boys. If a girl does not have someone in her weight class and there is someone else close enough in age and weight to wrestle please do so as an exhibition match. The match can not be recorded in trackwrestling because that would change a weight class for one of the girls and then we would not know what weight class they qualified for.

### **Handling of the Plus Weight Groups on the End of Age Each Division**

This year we again have added plus Weight Groups at the end of each Age Division so no one is excluded from entering the Qualifiers and the State Championships. Each plus weight group in a Division has a maximum difference in pounds listed and no one can wrestle a wrestler that is more than the difference listed. If there is more of a difference between wrestlers a plus plus weight group will have to be added to the Age Division and the heavier wrestler or wrestlers will be moved to that weight group.

Examples:

Example 1) 2 wrestlers in the Boys Born in 2007-08 age group weigh-in at 193 and 208lbs they are grouped together because they do not weigh more than the 20lbs difference.

Example 2) If they weigh-in at 193 and 218lbs then they are more than a 20lb difference and they can not wrestle each other and you would need to add a plus plus (++) weight group in the age division and put the heavier wrestler in it.

Example 3) If you had 3 wrestlers weigh-in at 193, 208, and 218lbs then group the two lighter wrestlers in the plus group and put the 218lb wrestler in the plus, plus group.

Always group the 2 lightest wrestlers together first if you can. In this case if the middle weight wrestler is within 20lbs of the heavier wrestler in the plus, plus weight group then let him wrestle an exhibition match against the wrestler if he agrees.

At the State Championships we will bracket all of the plus weight group wrestlers for each age division the best we can.

### **Separation**

This year we will be separating 1st and 2nd place finishers from last year's Qualifiers using the Trackwrestling Separation Criteria. It will not matter what age or weight group they placed 1st or 2nd in just if they placed 1st or 2nd. This is not seeding just separation..

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### **Wrestling Start Times**

Starting time for the boy's age groups Born in 2009-2010 and Born in 2007-2008 and all Girl Divisions is 8:30am. Boy age groups Born in 2003-04 and Born in 2005-06 starting time is Noon or later. Please do not start wrestling until the times listed. We do not want anyone missing a match because of starting early. We can start later than the times listed if need be.

### **Fee**

The fee for the tournament is \$12 if they pre-register and have it postmarked by March 10<sup>th</sup>, \$13 online by March 13<sup>th</sup>, and at the door the fee is \$17.

### **USA Cards**

USA Cards must be sold at your tournament. Please set up a table at registration to sell them. The cost of the card this year is \$40.

### **Color Coding of Age Groups**

The following color coding of age groups is used at the Kids Folkstyle State Championships and is recommended to be used at your tournaments if you color code your paperwork to keep everything the same.

Born 2003-04 – White

Born 2005-06 – Blue

Born 2007-08 – Green

Born 2009-10 – Yellow

All Girls - Orange

### **Trackwrestling Brackets to be Used**

Please select these Bracket Types in Trackwrestling

2 Man Place 2

3 Man Round Robin

4 Man Round Robin

8 Man WB-2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4

16 Man WB-2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4

32 Man WB-2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4(USA)

### **Weigh-ins**

Wrestlers must wear a singlet to weigh-in and the singlet counts towards their weight, no weighing in naked. This is an USA Wrestling rule. There will be no giving of weight either, not even a tenth of a pound. The weight classes that are listed are the maximum that you can weigh in that class except in the plus weight groups listed on the high end of the divisions. Wrestlers can go up one weight class from the one they made

### **Skin Checks and etc at Weigh-ins**

It is strongly suggested that you have an experienced WIAA Referee do the skin checks.

Wrestlers can wrestle in USA Wrestling with skin conditions if it can be covered in a safe and reasonable manner. It is your judgment if it can be covered in a safe manner. If you feel it can not be covered safely then they can not wrestle. If they are allowed to wrestle with it, it must be marked on the score sheet to make sure it is covered. Make sure the referees and table workers know this rule and that they check when they see it marked. This is a hard decision to not let someone wrestle but the WWF will back up whatever you decide.

We will also be enforcing the following:

- 1) Hair length rule for Boys and Girls. The hair must be off the collar in back, not be below the ear lobe on the side or the eye brows in front. If it is too long they must get it cut or wear a bonnet.
- 2) Finger nails must be properly groomed. Please have a couple of fingernail clippers and trash can for wrestlers to use if needed.
- 3) Girls must wear a female cut singlet or wear an approved undergarment underneath their singlet.

### **Rules of Wrestling**

During the wrestling match we use WIAA Wrestling Rules except we have three one-minute periods for Boys Born 2005-2010 and all Girls and the Boys born 2003-04 will wrestle 90 second periods instead of two-minute periods as in WIAA. There will be 15 minutes rest in between matches not the 45 minutes as in WIAA. For a fall both shoulders of the defensive wrestler need to be inbounds for a fall to occur. Also if a wrestler misses a match it is recorded as a forfeit and they are not eliminated from the tournament unless that loss eliminates them. We also need to enforce the WIAA mouth guard rule for wrestlers with braces. Girls must wear a female cut singlet or wear an approved undergarment underneath their singlet.

### **Head Referee assigned by the WWF**

Each Qualifier site needs to have Head Official this year to resolve scoring errors and answer rules questions and etc..

## **Referee Guidelines**

1. All wrestlers must wear singlet, shoes that are taped, mouth guards for dental braces/corrective apparatus, and bonnets for excessive hair.
2. All braces, guards, or special equipment must not restrict a joint and cannot be abrasive or sharp.
3. All scoring errors must be resolved prior to the competitors leaving the mat area; the head official will have the final decisions in these situations and no video review will be permitted. Once the wrestler or wrestlers leave the mat area, there is no more opportunity for scoring corrections.
4. The three regulation periods will be 60-seconds in length except the boys Born in 2002-03 will be 90 second periods and all overtime periods will follow WIAA High School Guidelines
5. All illegal holds will be awarded the appropriate point(s). Be sure the scorer keeps accurate records of penalties and points awarded.
6. All points will be awarded per the NFHS rule book and guidelines, penalties will be awarded as rule book describes and cautionable starts will be applied.
7. In the event that action is stopped due to the defensive wrestler's request, injury or blood and there have been earned back points, 1 additional point must be given to the offensive wrestler.
8. If the offensive wrestler is warned or penalized for stalling, stop action, and restart in the position they were in at the time of warning/penalty.
9. Continue action in the situation of a technical violation unless the violator gains an advantage or it creates a potentially dangerous situation.
10. For a fall both shoulders of the defensive wrestler need to be inbounds for a fall to occur.

## **Awards**

For all Boys and Girls age groups, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive the 2-1/2 Custom Medals saying State Qualifier. Third and fourth place receives the 1-3/4" round custom medal saying third or fourth place respectively. We only place to 4<sup>th</sup> at the Qualifiers.

## **State Tournament Qualifier Paperwork**

Each 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in each of the Boys and Girls age and weight groups qualify for the State Championships and they should receive the following items from you, the State Qualifier Information packet given to you comprised of 4 pieces of paperwork,. If a state qualifier says they are not coming please tell them to contact Jeff Jones as stated on the form and I will take care of contacting the 3<sup>rd</sup> place qualifier. If someone calls after March 17<sup>th</sup> and says they are not going please tell them to contact Jeff Jones at 262-424-3672 or jeffjones99@att.net

## **Spectator Admission Fee**

Qualifier Sites may charge a Spectator Admission Fee if they would like but no more than \$5.00 per person.

## **Questions**

Any questions that may come up before the tournament please feel free to email them to Jeff Jones at jeffjones99@att.net or call my cell at 262-424-3672.