

2024 WMLG Wrestling Spring Board Meeting Notes

LG WRESTLING SEASON

1. The board of directors will be verifying some dates and then convene in a Zoom Meeting to determine the dates for the start of the 2024 season and the Unit, Intervalley and WMC Tournaments.

“TRACK WRESTLING” FORMAT MANDATED FOR UNIT, INTERVALLEY WMC TOURNAMENTS

1. All Unit, Intervalley and WMC Tournaments will run on “Track Wrestling”
2. Board Member Devan Williams has been hired by the program to work with Track Wrestling to format seeding, bracketing and scoring the tournaments.

MATCH SCORING FOR TAKEDOWNS AND NEARFALLS CHANGED

The WMLG program will adopt the new High School Federation rules for scoring takedowns and nearfalls.

PROGRAM WILL SHOP FOR BETTER PRICES ON TOURNAMENT MEDALS

With the rising costs of tournament medals, the program will look for a better deal.

AGE GROUPS IN GIRLS WRESTLING WILL BE CHANGED

1. There will no longer be a Novice Group in the Girls competition.
2. The Middle Girls Group will now be 9, 10, and 11 year olds.
3. The Junior Girls Group will now be 12, 13, and 14 year olds.

FOUR NEW WEIGHT CLASSES ADDED TO THE GIRLS MIDDLE GROUP

Girls Middle Group Wt Classes: 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 147, 166, 187

THREE NEW WEIGHT CLASSES ADDED TO THE GIRLS JUNIOR GROUP

Girls Junior Group Wt Classes: 80, 85, 90, 95, 105, 112, 120, 126, 135, 145, 160, 182, 205

PROGRAM WILL PURCHASE A CD TO ENHANCE SAVINGS FOR THE “WORKING FUND”

The WMLG Wrestling program has a significant amount of funds in the savings program at this time and the board has authorized the secretary to secure a CD with the Whitefish Credit Union which currently holds the savings account (Working Fund) for the program.

PROGRAM TO PURCHASE MORE TOURNAMENT TV MONITORS

1. The WMLG Wrestling program will purchase enough new TV Monitors to supply each of the of the four Units with 8 monitors to aid in running tournaments.

ADMISSION PRICES RAISED FOR TOURNAMENTS

The new admission prices will be \$5 per adult and \$2 for all others.

FLORENCE CLUB COACH RULE VIOLATION

1. As per Program Bylaw Rule #29, Section 2A the Florence coach that was involved in an altercation at a WMLG Wrestling sanctioned event in Darby during the past season will not be allowed to coach in the program through the 2025 season. The procedure for the coach to apply to re-enter the program after that season is outlined in the program bylaws.
2. The board added additional language to the bylaws going forward that will warn clubs that continue with habitual noncompliance to rules of sportsmanship that the offending Club can be suspended from the WMLG Wrestling program.

PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE NOVICE GROUP "OUT OF SEASON" WRESTLING RULE DENIED

1. A proposal to not enforce the "Out of Season" wrestling rule for the Novice wrestling group was denied by the board.
2. This rule was addressed by the board last January and rule was put in place to allow clubs to petition at the Unit Tournament scratch meetings to allow the wrestler to remain in the Novice competition.