**ADMINISTRATION OF UNIT TOURNAMENT**

***UNIT TOURNAMENTS***

***The following steps must be followed in the running of the Unit Tournaments:***

**1. The Unit Tournaments will be run on the “Track Wrestling” format for the Novice and Middle Groups.**

**2. Tournament host directors will email Unit Tournament information to all clubs in the Unit no later than the Monday of the Unit Tournament week.**

**3. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION WILL INCLUDE:**

 **A. An explanation of how and when to enter wrestlers on Track Wrestling**

 **B. A time schedule of the tournament giving times for on-site weigh-ins for each age group (Beginner, Novice and Middle)**

 **C. A time schedule for competition for the three age groups**

 **D. A request for the names of the Club Coaches to be emailed to the tournament director prior to the tournament. This list will be used to distribute wrist bands to the coaches that will be allowed at mat side.**

 **E. A time schedule for the Scratch Meetings to add or withdraw wrestlers from the tournament. A separate scratch meeting will be necessary if there is a later weigh in for one of the two groups.**

**4. Tournament hosts must provide wrist bands that coaches must wear to determine who should be at mat-side during competition.**

**5. The wrestling area must be secured with a rope surrounding the mats and notices that the referees, coaches and wrestlers in matches or on deck to wrestle are the only persons allowed inside the roped area.**

**6. Tournament hosts will provide a “Mat Marshall” to patrol the mat area and ensure that unauthorized persons do not come inside the roped off area.**

**7. Tournament hosts must have at least one MOA Referee present for the competition. *(Referees will be paid from the gate receipts)***

**8.** **Ribbons for placers in the Beginner Group brackets will be ordered and paid for by the tournament host.**

**9. Medals will be ordered and paid for by the WMLG Wrestling program. The medals may be awarded at the tournament site or the tournament director can make arrangements to get them to the club directors.**

**10. Share checks must be distributed to the visiting teams within the following week.**

**11. Tournament results must be passed on to the web-site directors by Sunday following the tournament.**

**12. A check for 10 percent of the total gate receipts (Scholarship Fund) must be mailed to the WMLG Wrestling board secretary within a week following the tournament.**

**13. A check for the medals used for the tournament must be mailed to the WMLG Wrestling board secretary within a week following the tournament. (the amount for the unused medals may be deducted from this check, and the unused medals should be returned to the secretary)**

**14. Read the pre-tournament announcement to the fans before each group starts their competition.**

**BEGINNER GROUP FORMAT**

**1. It is suggested that Unit Tournaments should run the Beginner Group last as there is not an on-site weigh in nor a bracketed tournament for that group.**

**2. Coaches must have the weight class marked on one hand of the wrestler and the ranking (1 to 3 “one being the best”) on the other hand.**

**3. Wrestlers will be called to a staging area and placed in groups of four (using the ranking)**

**4. Each group of four will be taken to a mat to wrestle a Round Robin competition (each wrestler going against all of the other three)**

**5. At the conclusion of each match, the table scorer will mark the hands of the wrestlers with a marker. (blue for the winner and red for the loser)**

**6. At the conclusion of the last (3rd) match the scorer will give the wrestler with the most blue marks a Blue ribbon, and the others a Red ribbon. If there is a tie for the most blue marks, award two blue ribbons.**

**7. When that group of four is done with their round robin matches, they are done with competition for the day.**

**8. All wrestlers in the Beginner Group may advance to the next and final tournament (Intervalley) for that group.**