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AWARDS

A. Team Scoring

1. At least two individuals, who are not from the same club, will tally the points for team trophies.
 - a. Scorers will be provided with a copy of the current criteria for determining winners (i.e. a copy of the awards standing rules).
 - b. Scorers will be given a designated area in which to total scoring sheets. No scoring shall take place until the age division is completed for State tournaments.
2. Ten-man team lists (including three alternates, if available) must be submitted one hour after first match begins. May 2001 – Havre
 - a. Alternates to the ten-man team list will be called up in the order that they are listed on the sheet. October 1998 – Polson
3. Small, Medium and Large Team Trophies will be figured as total scoring of all wrestlers who have three or more wrestlers on their bracket.
 - a. If there is a tie between two or more teams on total team scoring, then the winner will be determined based on the number of 1st place winners for each respective team (the team with the greater number of 1st place winners will be declared the winner); if a tie still exists, then the number of 2nd place winners for each respective (the team with the greater number of 2nd place winners will be declared the winner); and, this method will continue through the placings until a winner is declared. April 2004 - Billings
 - b. If there are less than three (3) wrestlers in a bracket, then the wrestlers on the bracket are not counted on the overall team number. May 2005 – Bozeman
 - c. The determination of whether a team is Small, Medium or Large is based on the total number of wrestlers registered by that team, for that tournament. May 2007 - Butte
4. The universal traveling trophy will be awarded as per the criteria on the ten-man team pick sheet. As a tie breaker, the 1st alternate can be brought up.
 - a. Tie breakers will be addressed through the alternate wrestlers, sequentially from alternate wrestler #1, #2, and #3. If a tie still exists, then the criteria and method set forth in paragraph C. i. shall be utilized. April 2004 – Billings.
5. Three (3) alternates will be listed and used in the order listed only when:
 - a. One of the ten-man team selections has fewer than three wrestlers in the weight class.
 - b. One of the ten-man team selections is injured and out of the tournament in the first two rounds.
6. The ten-man team scoring sheets will use an age and weight class pick instead of individual names. May 2001 – Havre
7. Team trophies shall be handled in the same manner as protests. Any change will be handled within 30 minutes. No appeal or protest can be made at a later time.

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8. The tournament director will appoint a person to be responsible for scoring team sheets at state championship tournaments. The sheets will be scored at the conclusion of the tournament.
9. The team leader is responsible to submit a roster to announcer which includes the club's name (not town), accurate weight, and age groups. Team rosters will include exact competitors. Participants will be listed in order ascending from Pee Wee through Open divisions. A team roster must be submitted one hour after the first match begins on the first tournament day, and any wrestler inaccurately listed will not be counted. May 2001 – Havre
10. The host club will present a copy of team sheets and their scores to each club participating in the tournament.
11. In order to participate in team trophy competition at tournaments, clubs must be MT-USAW Sanctioned Clubs in good standing.
12. Traveling trophy: MT-USAW will purchase and present a Traveling Trophy for the winner of the MT-USAW Association championships. October 1994 – Lewistown
13. Tournament and event hosts may withhold team and individual awards until fees are paid. May 1999 – Bozeman
14. MT-USAW, in order to provide a unique and consistent championship medal, will supply (for cost) an appropriately labeled medal to the State Greco and Freestyle host clubs. May 1999 – Bozeman
15. At all State Greco, Freestyle and Folkstyle tournaments, if there are only two wrestlers in their weight group they are to wrestle the best two out of three matches in a round robin. May 2009 – Bozeman
16. Clubs who fail to provide the required number of officials {per standing rules} for said tournament would be eliminated from the team trophy race. May 2010 - Helena

B. Triple Crown Award

1. MT-USAW will support a Triple Crown Award based on the following criteria:
 - a. A wrestler must wrestle at least one match at each MT-USAW State Tournament.
 - b. A wrestler must place first (1st) at all MT-USAW State Tournaments (Freestyle, Folkstyle, Greco).
 - c. A wrestler does not have to wrestle at the same weight at each tournament.
 - d. MT-USAW will budget \$500 toward this award. Any amount over budget would be split evenly by the hosting clubs. May 3, 2003 – Helena
 - e. A girl who wrestles in a girls bracket in any MT-USAW State Tournament must then wrestle in a girls bracket for each of the three (3) MT-USAW State Tournaments to qualify for a Girl's Triple Crown Award, unless there are not enough girls to make a bracket (i.e. 2 or more) at a State Tournament and the girl wrestles in the boys bracket at that tournament. April 30, 2004 – Billings

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- f. At the AAU State Folkstyle Tournament, the head coach of the club representing the girl must make a request for a girls card to the tournament director. May 2009 - Bozeman

C. MT-USAW Gordon Smith Excellence in Wrestling Award

1. MT-USAW will host a banquet on Saturday night of the Annual Convention. The award will be titled the "MT-USAW Gordon Smith Excellence in Wrestling Award". There will be a standard plaque which will be purchased by MT-USA. Plaque will include name of wrestler, year and date. May 3, 2003 – Helena
2. Nominations: A standard form will be used for nominating which will include a list of criteria. Wrestling and academics and citizenship will be considered with an emphasis on wrestling with academics and citizenship as secondary. Nominations deadline will be March 1st. The committee's nominees will be named at a State USA meeting to allow time to order plaques and notify recipients.
3. The nomination committee will consist of three (3) individuals, including a chairperson, and will cover the following geographic areas: 1) Upper half of Montana, 2) Lower half of Montana, and 3) Western Montana.
4. Criteria for nomination: A nominee must be: a senior in high school, A USAW cardholder for two (2) years during high school, nominee must include letters of reference.
5. A committee will guide the host club in setting up preparations. There will be three honorees. The honorees and their parents will be the guests of MT-USAW. May 2001 – Havre

OUT OF STATE COMPETITION

A. Cultural Exchange

1. All requests for MT-USAW cultural exchange trips must be presented to the Cultural Exchange Chairperson and presented by the Chairperson to the MT-USAW Executive Board and/or General Body. The presentation must include the estimated cost per wrestler.
2. To be eligible to participate in the MT-USAW cultural exchange trip, a wrestler must wrestle in the qualifying tournament. The wrestlers will be selected according to their placing as follows:
 - a. 1st place in Juniors age division
 - b. 2nd place in Juniors age division
 - c. 3rd place in Juniors age division
 - d. 1st place in Cadets age division
 - e. 2nd place in Cadets age division
 - f. 3rd place in Cadets age division (October 1998 - Butte)
 - g. Someone who is willing to go who has attended a past exchange trip
 - h. Coaches discretion
3. Wrestlers who wish to be involved in cultural exchange must have participated in previous MT-USAW tournaments.

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4. The Executive Board, at the recommendation of Cultural Exchange Director, having been presented with the site, dates and other pertinent information, will determine if a qualifying tournament is necessary for cultural exchange. If a qualifying tournament is necessary, the Executive Board will determine which tournament that qualifier will be. There is no need for a qualifier if the exchange is "club to club".
 - a. A wrestler must place in the top three (3) of the weight class at the MT-USAW Qualifier.

B. National / Regional Teams

1. To receive any MT-USAW compensation toward team expenses, it will be mandatory for wrestlers to have wrestled in two (2) MT-USAW sanctioned tournaments prior to the state freestyle tournaments. An athlete may petition under the petition criteria.
 - a. For Kids: To receive compensation you must wrestle at the MT-USAW Qualifier, another MT-USAW Sanctioned Tournament and the MT-USAW State Tournament. May 2008 – Lewiston
 - b. For Cadets and Juniors: To receive compensation you must wrestle at the MT-USAW Qualifier, another MT-USAW Sanctioned Tournament and the MT-USAW State Tournament. May 2008 – Lewistown
2. Bids for Cadet and Junior national camps
 - a. To bid to host the Cadet and Junior national camp the bidding club must be sanctioned with MT-USAW by February 1st of each year. These bids must be mailed to the club president in a sealed envelope one month prior to the MT-USAW Association championships. These bids will be opened by the executive board and the clubs will be notified in time to get the information to wrestlers at the MT-USAW Association championships. May 1994 – Polson
 - b. Bids for Cadet and Junior National Camp must include projection as to the number of coaches to be provided by the sponsor, and a projection of the amount of money to be paid to those coaches. October 1998 – Polson
 - c. The following deadline was set for bids for camps: April 1st. April 2004 – Billings
 - d. Those awarded the MT Cadet/Junior national camp must provide for a line item accountability report to be submitted to USA, including receipts and bank statements of accounts used from its opening to closing dates, and to use our tax ID number by our next meeting. May 2001 – Havre
3. Qualifications for Cadet and Junior national teams
 - a. Cadet: Each Cadet Team is allowed a maximum of 39 kids with a maximum of four (4) wrestlers per weight class. There are thirteen (13) weight classes.
 - b. Juniors: Each junior national team is allowed a maximum 36 wrestlers with a maximum of four (4) wrestlers per weight class. There are twelve (12) weight classes.
4. Requirements to qualify for the Montana Cadet and Junior National teams are as follows:
 - a. A wrestler must place in the top three (3) of the weight class at the MT-USAW association championships.
 - b. A wrestler may challenge for the 4th spot on the team. A wrestler must have competed at the MT-USAW association championship and participated at the camp to

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challenge for the position, or submit a valid MT-USAW petition form by or at said association championship. May 199 – Polson. April 2004 - Billings

C. Athlete Aid

1. Kids athlete aid is for MT-USAW cardholders who competed at the MT-USAW association championships and traveled out of state for regional or other national tournaments. Athletes on the Cadet or Junior National teams do not receive athlete aid. No wrestler will receive athlete aid in excess of \$100 per year. Applications for Athlete Aid are due December 1st. May 1995 – Polson
2. To be eligible for open and espoir athlete aid, a wrestler must be a previous MT-USAW Wrestler, a Montana High School Graduate, and must have attended a national, world, or regional USAW tournament. Wrestlers must send a complete list of tournaments attended between May and April to their current MT-USAW sanctioned club. Clubs must forward these applications for aid to the MT-USAW treasurer by April 30th. May 2002 – Butte
3. If a wrestler qualifies under out of state compensation B #1-b, their camp fees will be adjusted (discounted) based on the number of qualified wrestlers and the overall expenses of the event. May 2008 – Lewistown.

D. USAW School Boy National Dual Team

1. The MT-USAW State Freestyle and Greco Tournaments will serve as the qualifiers for the School Boy National Freestyle and Greco Duals. May 2007 – Butte
2. MT-USAW will pay the \$500.00 registration fee for both styles. May 2007 – Butte.

LAW AND LEGISLATION

1. Standing rules shall be domain of the law and legislation committee. The committee shall word proposed changes in clear and concise language. Changes shall be made to these rules with a simple majority vote of the attending members.
2. MT-USAW will maintain a minimum balance of \$3,000.00 in the general fund.
3. The rooms for the mid-year and annual meetings will be paid out of the MT-USAW account for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registration Chairperson.
4. Convention registration will be the responsibility of the host club in cooperation with the MT-USAW Executive Board. When the Executive Board meeting begins, it will be the responsibility of the host club to provide personnel to take late registration.
5. If it is deemed necessary (at the President's discretion), a mid-year meeting will be held.
6. The use of tobacco of any kind is prohibited on the wrestling floor and surrounding areas.
7. All scales will be certified and there will be an observed weigh-in for any qualifying tournament.
8. Certified EMT's or an ambulance will be on site at all times for any tournament. If an EMT is not present at the tournament, the tournament director is responsible to provide an EMT or the tournament will not continue.

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9. To bid on the MT-USAW State Freestyle Tournament, the club bidding must:
 - a. Provide a facility with capacity to accommodate a minimum of eight (8) full sized mats for Freestyle competition.
 - b. Be a chartered club in good standing with the MT-USAW having hosted a sanctioned MT-USAW tournament in the previous year.
10. Referring to Article X of the MT-USAW By-Laws "Suspensions, Expulsion & Grievances", a club who fails to pay its fines or tournament fees to the MT-USAW Treasurer will not be allowed to:
 - a. Charter a club with MT-USAW
 - b. Buy a USAW card through MT-USAW
11. Petitions must be filed on the official MT-USAW petition form and according to the specific instructions on the petition form.
12. The officers who serve on the MT-USAW executive board must be from MT-USAW clubs who are in good standing.
13. All clubs must settle outstanding debts to MT-USAW by the end of the annual governing board meeting. Clubs who are in arrears will be notified, by certified letter from MT-USAW President, thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. If clubs do not remit payment, they will be suspended. Suspensions will include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Removal of voting rights at all MT-USAW meeting and events.
 - b. Denial of MT-USAW tournament and club sanctions.
 - c. Denial of participation of coaches, officials or officers at any MT-USAW event.
 - d. Notification will be sent to affected wrestlers and their families.
 - e. Recommendation will be to National USA Office to support suspensions at national and regional events. May 2001 – Havre
14. In order to insure consistency in NCEP (National Coaches Education Program) clinics held in the state, we must adhere to the following:
 - a. Clinics must be coordinated with the State Coaches Representative
 - b. Clinics must follow the NCEP Guidelines
 - c. Failure to comply with A and B above will result in loss of certification. May 2001 – Havre
15. Communicable skin disease
 - a. In order to combat any potential health problems from communicable skin diseases, a skin check will be required at all MT-USAW sanctioned events. The following procedures will be used:
 - i. A visual skin check will be performed by assigned tournament officials on every wrestler, prior to weigh-ins. If honorary weigh-ins, then before registration. Wrestler will be required to wear a singlet with straps down for the skin check. Appropriate undergarments will be required for female wrestlers. May 2005 – Bozeman
16. At the 2006 MT-USAW State Convention, MT-USAW agreed to forego sanctioning a MT-USAW State Folkstyle Tournament and attend the AAU State Folkstyle Tournament. In exchange, the AAU Wrestling Organization agreed to forego sanctioning an AAU State Freestyle and Greco-Roman Tournament, and attend the MT-USAW State Freestyle and Greco-Roman Tournaments. This

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scheduling agreement was and is intended to, in part: generate more unity in the sport of wrestling in Montana and to generate more attendance of wrestlers at the State tournaments. It may be, however, that some of these standing rules may need to be adapted to accommodate this scheduling (for example: Triple Crown Award, coaching credentials, etc). As such, it is agreed that the Executive Board is authorized to apply, adapt and forego application of these standing rules only as is necessary to carry out the intent and spirit of the 2007 wrestling schedule (or future years as this scheduling agreement continues). April 2006 – Livingston

17. Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Checks: Writer will have 10 days upon notification to make check good before \$20.00 returned check fee will be assessed in addition to the check amount. May 2007 – Butte.
18. In an effort to provide more consistency in the styles of wrestling in MT-USAW, the scheduling of wrestling tournaments should aim to develop a Folkstyle season and a Freestyle/Greco season. At the scheduling meeting held at the annual convention, MT-USAW will aim to schedule separate and distinct Folkstyle and Freestyle seasons. May 2008 – Lewistown
19. All MT-USAW bank Statements (to include checking, savings and CD Account) will be sent to the Vice President and Treasurer, in duplicate. The Vice President shall review all bank statements for accuracy and accountability, and the Vice President shall report any questionable transactions to the President. The President shall then report to the Board for discussion and action, if required. All bank transactions shall require two (2) authorized signatures. Authorized signatures will include the Treasurer, Registration Chairperson and Executive Board. May 2010 – Helena.

OFFICIALS

1. Officials at all MT-USAW sanctioned tournaments, except state tournaments, will be paid as follows:
 - a. Nationally Licensed - \$30.00
 - b. All others receive \$15.00 for the first tournament and increased \$5.00 for each additional tournament to a maximum of \$25.00. May 2009 – Livingston
2. At Invitational Tournaments where the Head Official gives a clinic, they will receive a \$50.00 honorarium. May 2009 – Kalispell
3. The State Mat Official and the State Pairings Official or their designee will be in charge of their respective areas at all state tournaments.
4. The Head Official will conduct a clinic with coaches and officials prior to a tournament, setting guidelines of conduct and steps that will be taken if there is a conflict. The clinic information will be included on all tournament entry forms.
5. Clinics must be given at all qualifying tournaments by the Head Official or a designated clinician as assigned by the State Head Official. All officials must be evaluated and recommended for the next level of competition. May 2001 – Havre
6. The Head Mat Official and the Head Pairing Official must be nationally licensed and be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

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7. In an effort to standardize officiating state-wide, MT-USAW encourages mat officials and pairers to participate in the clinic which is given following the Montana High School Association (MHSA) State Tournament in Billings West Auxiliary gym each year. May 2001 – Havre
8. All coaches/officials rules clinics are free of charge except for the clinic at the State Tournaments. The clinic at the State Tournaments will have a premium charge of \$10 cash per participant.

MAT OFFICIALS

1. All mat officials will be appropriately attired and must wear gray pants, blue shirt and black shoes, socks and belt. Each official is to provide their own red and blue arm bands and whistle. May 2005 – Bozeman
2. Mat officials will receive their books at the beginning of the season from the divisional official or at the clinic held after the state high school tournament.
3. All mat officials must attend a certified clinic prior to officiating at a state tournament.
4. All adult officials, for the international styles of wrestling, shall be licensed by USWOA in addition to MT-WOA. April 2003 – Livingston

PAIRING OFFICIALS

1. All official MT-USAW pairing license fees should be sent to the MT-USAW Head Pairings Official by March 15th of each year.
2. The pairing account funds will be made available for the MT-USAW Head Pairing official or someone designated by him/her to attend a regional/national tournament (i.e. whichever regional/national tournament works best).
3. Pairers will be licensed through the state for qualifying tournaments.
4. Pairers are to be paid for tournaments at a rate of \$20.000 per pairer and \$10.00 per non-licensed pairer per day. Head pairings master will receive \$50.00 per day for state tournaments. If a tournament has less than 200 participants, pairing fees are optional. May 2007 – Butte.
5. A licensed pairing master must be running each tournament.

REGISTRATION

1. List of current fees (May 2006 – Livingston):

a. Club Charter	\$60.00
b. Additional Insurance	\$20.00
c. Tournament Sanction Fee	\$25.00
d. Coaches Card	\$20.00
e. Background Check (addt'l fee every 2 yrs)	\$17.00
f. Competitors/Athletes Card	\$30.00
2. No Club Charters will be accepted after the State Freestyle Tournament.

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3. Tournament sanctions received fewer than thirty (30) days in advance will be assessed a \$25.00 fee.
4. Forms for MT-USAW cards must be sent to the Association Chairperson with the month, date, and year of birth (which must be checked at the club level) or the request for the card will be returned to the club. May 2000 – Great Falls
5. A birth certificate or driver's license will be required to purchase a USAW competitors card. There will be no exceptions. A copy of the athletes birth certificate will be maintained and in the possession of each club. A current USAW competitor's card will be all that is required to wrestle at a MT-USAW sanctioned event. May 2002 – Butte
6. Both boys and girls brackets will be offered at all MT-USAW invitational and state tournaments (even if only one girl is registered for that bracket). However, it is noted that given the current bracketing offered by USAW at regional and national championship tournaments (except for cadet and junior nationals), girls who are place winners in a girls only bracket at Montana State Championship tournaments will not qualify for USAW regional and national championship tournaments. It is understood that in the event that there are insufficient numbers to fill the girl's bracketing, girls can and are encouraged to wrestle in the appropriate boy's bracket. It is also recommended that clubs across the state actively recruit and promote girls into their programs. If hosting a tournament, the hosting club must advise with advertisement of the tournament that the tournament will offer a girls bracket. May 2002 – Butte, April 2004 – Billings, April 2006 – Livingston.

TOURNAMENT CONDUCT

1. A club hosting an invitational tournament may charge a \$5.00 - \$7.00 entry fee for wrestlers. However the Butte Silver Bow Amateur Wrestling Club (SBAWA) may charge a \$10.00 entry fee for any tournament held at the Butte Civic Center.
2. All State Tournaments (i.e. Greco, Freestyle and Folkstyle) will have a mandatory \$12.00 wrestler entry fee with a \$5.00 mandatory assessment per wrestler to be paid to the MT-USAW general fund.
3. A \$3.00 assessment, per wrestler, participating in all sanctioned tournaments will be paid to the MT-USAW treasurer within two (2) weeks after said sanctioned tournament.
 - a. Assessment payments which are not postmarked within the two (2) week time period following a tournament will be fined an amount equal to 10% of the assessment due. Forms regarding assessments will be sent to clubs when they charter a tournament.
 - b. All checks for tournament assessment fees are to be made payable to MT-USAW, and must be sent to the current MT-USAW treasurer (Michelle Daniels – 3000 Central Avenue West, Great Falls, MT 59404). All tournament assessments must be paid within two (2) weeks after the tournament.
4. Clubs will have a mat referee or referees, eighteen (18) years old or older (according to the size of the team) at all tournaments. Clubs failing to provide the referee or referees will be assessed a \$25.00 fine, to be collected by the head referee, of the tournament. This fine will be collected at the tournament if time allows, or at a later date if absolutely necessary.

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The \$25.00 will go into the MT Wrestling Officials' account. May 2001 – Havre
All adult Officials must be nationally licensed. April 2006 – Livingston
Officials must be from the club they represent to count for the number of officials to wrestler's ratio. May 2007 – Butte

5.

# of wrestlers participating	# of Referees 18 years or older, Nationally licensed	# of Referees 14 years of older 16 years or older for State	Total # of Referees Required
10 – 25	1	0	1
26 – 50	2	0	2
51 – 75	2	1	3
76 and over	2	2	4

6. Protests

- a. The Protest Committee shall consist of the Head Mat Official, the Head Pairer and the Tournament Director or their appointed designee. May 2001 – Havre
- b. The Committee has the authority to disqualify a coach from competition. The decision of the Committee is final.
- c. Copies of all protest forms and their disposition will be sent to the MT-USAW Head Pairer with a copy forwarded to the MT-USAW President. May 2001 – Havre
- d. An unsigned bye sheet is not a reason for protest.

7. Before the start of any sanctioned tournament, the tournament director will arrange a meeting to establish guidelines with the Head Pairer, Head Official and Host Club.

8. Fees paid to Mat Officials at State Tournaments shall be (May 2009 – Great Falls):

- a. Official \$6.00 per hour
- b. Mat Chairman \$7.00 per hour
- c. Head Mat Official \$8.00 per hour

9. Mat officials will not be responsible for cleaning up blood on the mats. It is the responsibility of the coach and/or athlete to clean up the blood on the mats. It is the responsibility of the host club of each tournament to provide the appropriate materials to clean up blood on the mats (i.e. appropriate receptacles, cleaning fluids, gloves, and paper towels at each table/mat).

10. Tournament information will include the time of the rules clinic for coaches/officials.

11. The official's shirts for the state tournament shall be provided such that the officials fund pay for 50% of the shirt and the official pays the remaining 50%. May 2005 – Bozeman

12. There will be three (3) mat officials on each mat at all qualifying tournaments.

13. All qualifying tournaments will be worked by state-licensed pairing officials.

14. No tournament will be sanctioned unless there is a licensed pairing master (provided by host club) working the tournament.

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15. At all state tournaments, a wrestler will be allowed to change weight classes only if he or she is a single participant at that weight. He/She will be allowed to move only one (1) weight class within the age group. If a Cadet wishes to wrestle as a Junior, he/she must weigh-in as a Junior.
16. MT-USAW will use single brackets for state tournaments and not "A" and "B" Pools. This rule refers to the national A and B pool system.
17. For pairing reasons, wrestler check-ins is mandatory for all tournaments, even if the tournament is honorary weigh-in. Weekends where separate sanctioned tournaments are held, only one (1) weigh-in will be required. The Saturday hosting tournament director is responsible for providing the Sunday hosting tournament director the names and weights of all participants. This information is to be provided no later than 5:00 pm on Saturday. Honorary weigh-ins do not carry over to a second tournament where weigh-ins are required. May 2009
18. Each wrestling club bringing fifteen (15) or more wrestlers must provide a licensed pairing master for the tournament. If a club fails to provide a pairing master, the club will be required to pay a \$25.00 fine which will be deposited in the Montana Pairing Masters checking account. May 2002 – Butte
19. A \$3.00 petition fee payable to MT-USAW will be assessed each wrestler petitioning a state tournament and this money will be deposited into the MT-USAW General Fund. May 2002 – Butte
20. MT-USAW will be governed by the Yellow/Red Card System as outlined in the National Rulebook. All tournament personnel are subject to the same disciplinary criteria as coaches.

Yellow Card	30 minutes off of the Floor
Red Card	Rest of Tournament

 - a. Upon receiving a Red Card, in addition to losing the opportunity to coach the remainder of the tournament, the coach loses the privilege of coaching the next USAW event.
 - b. Upon receiving a second Red Card, the offending coach shall lose the privilege to coach any more USAW events for the remainder of the season. The coaches USAW card is too be returned either to the Coaches Representative or the State USAW Registration Chairperson.
 - c. To ensure that the offending coach's USAW card is returned to either the Coaches Representative or the State USAW Registration Chairperson, the offending coaches club shall be levied a \$20.00 fine weekly until the card is turned in.
 - d. At the time a Red Card is issued, an immediate appeal is set in motion which requires a meeting between parties including the Tournament Director, Coaches Representative or Head Tournament Official. May 2005 – Bozeman
 - e. If a coach receives a Red Card for flagrant misconduct and is removed from a tournament that coach will be subject to a disciplinary committee sanction. Suspension of his/her card for a set period of time. May 2009 – Lewistown
 - f. If a coach receives a Red Card at a Regional or National Tournament he/she will be subject to a disciplinary committee. The Committee is to be made up of the Coaches Representative, the Referee and the Pairings Chair. May 2009 – Lewistown
21. In all MT-USAW championships, only Montana wrestlers will be allowed to compete. We do made an exception for Canadian Children to have the opportunity to compete in our state tournaments.

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If a Canadian wrestler places in the top eight (8), any Montana boys down the line move up one place in regards to regional qualification. May 2007 – Butte

22. At state championships, the head pairer will be responsible to provide the directors of national teams with a copy of each bracket sheet along with the state championship results for cadet and junior divisions.
23. All coaches holding a current USAW coaches card will be allowed on the floor of any MT-USAW sanctioned invitational tournament, but must obtain bronze, silver, or gold certification to be allowed on the floor of any MT-USAW state or national tournament. Payment for this clinic will be by either club check, cashier's check or in cash. May 2002 – Butte. April 2006 – Livingston. May 2007 – Butte
24. The instructor of a bronze level coaches clinic shall be reimbursed by MT-USAW, a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$200 per clinic. May 2003 – Helena
25. Silver level certification: Reimbursement for silver and gold level certification must meet the following criteria:
 - a. MT-USAW coaches chair and MT-USAW president must approve a coach's attendance to a nationally certified silver or gold level clinic at least two (2) months prior to the clinic.
 - b. Signed documentation from national clinician.
 - c. Instruction of a Montana bronze level clinic for at least fifteen (15) coaches. May 2003 – Helena
26. Coaches and Officials must attend a qualified official's rules clinic to coach at a state tournament. Anytime there is a Bronze Clinic offered at a tournament, the rules clinic will be held in the morning. May 2007 – Butte
27. In all state and qualifying Folkstyle tournaments, the wrestler finishing the tournament in third (3rd) place may challenge the second (2nd) place finisher if the 3rd place and 2nd place finishers have not already wrestled in that tournament. April 2004 – Billings
28. All tournament directors shall assure that adequate safety precautions and matting (including border mats or boundary lines sufficient for wrestler's safety) are provided for at all tournaments for the physical safety of the wrestlers. April 2004 – Billings
29. Only tournaments bid for and approved at the MT-USAW annual state convention will be sanctioned by MT-USAW. No other USAW tournaments are allowed on any tournament dates which were approved at the state convention, and will not be sanctioned by MT-USAW, unless prior approval is obtained from the MT-USAW executive board. April 2004 – Billings
30. State bids will be accepted Friday night at the beginning of convention (after joint scheduling meeting between USA and AAU). May 2005 – Bozeman
31. The All State Tournament will be an open tournament. MOA's will be used to officiate the All State Tournament at varsity rates. May 2005 – Bozeman.