

## **Constitution**

### *Article 1*

Name:

This organization shall be known as the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Association.

### *Article 2*

Object:

The objectives of this organization are:

- To promote amateur wrestling.
- To elevate the standards of officiating.
- To provide means for the interpretation of the rules.
- To encourage and assist in developing new officials.
- To foster a high standard of ethics.
- To further the interest of wrestling in general.

### *Article III*

Officers:

**Section 1.** The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The officers shall be elected annually at the last regularly scheduled meeting. A quorum must be present for the selection to be valid. The officers' term of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected, and shall serve until the next election. The Vice President shall automatically succeed the President.

**Section 2.** The President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Rules Interpreter, and Sergeant-at-Arms, together with two members to be elected annually by ballot at each annual meeting, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President shall be the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Secretary of said committee.

**Section 3.** The Executive committee shall appoint the Rules Interpreter for this association. The Rule Interpreter shall continue in this capacity until replaced by the Executive committee.

**Section 4.** The duties of officers, classification of membership, time of annual and other meetings of this association, and such regulations as may be necessary, shall be provided for the By-Laws of this association.

## *Article IV*

### Amendment of Constitution

The constitution may be amended at any meeting by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the vote cast, provided that more than one half of total voting membership is present for the vote.

## *Article V*

### Executive Committee

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee shall meet previous to the first meeting of the Association and held such other meetings as the business of the Association may require. The President shall call such meetings whenever necessary. The Executive committee is also empowered to transact business by telephone or correspondence.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall transact the regular business of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall consider all applications for membership in the Association and shall decide if the applicant will be accepted or rejected. If accepted, whether the applicant shall be an active member. They shall also check the schedules of all active members as to their status in maintaining minimum active member requirements.

**Section 4.** The Executive Committee shall consider the complaints presented to it, concerning improper conduct on the part of any member of the Association and shall have the power to make the necessary investigation and take whatever action deemed necessary. (This section includes action to be taken against members for non-payment of dues.)

**Section 5.** The President may appoint such other committees as deemed.

## *Article VI*

### Membership

**Section 1.** The Association shall consist of Registered, Temporary and Novice members, and all registered and temporary members shall have the right to vote except members under suspension from the Association. Only registered officials can hold office.

**Section 2.** Any member who retires from membership in the Association, and is in good standing in the Association may apply for an honorary membership to the President, with an honorary membership being given to members on a majority vote of the members of the Association. All honorary members will pay no dues, and will have no right to vote or hold office.

**Section 3.** An official who desires to become a member in this Association may apply for membership by submitting an application form provided by the Secretary-Treasurer. This application shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

**Section 4.** The qualifications for admission to membership shall be as follows: The applicant should be a person of good moral character and business integrity. He/She shall present to the Executive Committee, through the Secretary-Treasurer, a distinct awareness of the duties and knowledge required of a wrestling official.

**Section 5.** This Association will provide special instruction for all new members. Novice members must attend a minimum of five special instruction sessions, which will precede the regular scheduled meetings of this association.

**Section 6.** The Executive Committee may classify any new applicant as a registered or temporary member, providing he/she submits significant proof of prior officiating experience.

**Section 7.** The Association may at any meeting make such assessments as may required to meet necessary expenses.

**Section 8.** Any member in good standing shall be permitted to withdraw from the Association with good reason.

**Section 9.** The Executive Committee shall determine annual dues for all registered and temporary members during its annual meeting prior to the start of the first meeting of the Association. The annual dues shall be submitted with a report of matches worked in the preceding season. The Secretary-Treasurer shall set the deadlines of payment subject to an additional fine for late payment.

**Section 10** All members must attend 5 meetings of the Association and one these 5 meetings must be the joint meeting held annually with the Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials Association. Any member not attending the required number of meetings will automatically loose all voting privileges in the Association and shall have his classification reviewed by the Executive Committee.

## *Article VII*

### *Meetings*

**Section 1.** The meetings shall be held during the months of the wrestling season. Notice of the place and dates of all meetings shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the date of the first scheduled meeting.

**Section 2.** Other meetings may be called by the president when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee or upon a written request of five members, such a request shall specify the object of the meeting.

**Section 3.** Eleven voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 4.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- Reading of Minutes
- Treasurers Report
- Report of Executive Committee
- Report of other Committees
- Report of Officers
- Unfinished business
- New Business
- Nomination and Election of Officers (each fiscal year)
- Roll Call
- Adjournment

**Section 5.** No meeting of this association shall exceed one and one half hour in length except to complete business on the floor that must be finished. All members must be in attendance within twenty minutes after the meeting has convened in order to be given credit for attendance for the meeting. The Secretary will take roll call five minutes before adjournment. Members must be present for roll call in order to be given credit for the meeting. Unless he/she has been excused by the President. Special situation shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee

### *Article VIII*

#### Uniform

The official uniform for the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Association shall be:

- As put forth in the Wrestling Rules adopted for use by the O.H.S.A.A. Office.