



NNJYWL BYLAWS

The following bylaws have been ratified and adopted by the NNJYWL on 9/24/2014 and amended as of 11/7/2016

ARTICLE 1: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Northern New Jersey Youth Wrestling League (NNJYWL) with a presence on the web at www.nnjywl.com

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

Purpose of the organization shall be to promote amateur wrestling and good sportsmanship among member teams and participating wrestlers.

ARTICLE 3: FISCAL YEAR

This organization's fiscal year shall run from September 1st to August 31st of each year.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

1. The organization shall consist of the following officers: President/League Commissioner, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 At-Large Board Members for a total of 7.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings. The President shall have the power to enforce the team provisions of the by-laws and all other rules and regulations passed by a majority of the representatives in attendance. In the event the President cannot attend a meeting; the Vice President shall preside with the same power.
3. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of the meetings and attend to all correspondence pertaining to league business. The Secretary shall maintain minutes as permanent records.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain a bank account for all the league funds. A financial report will be communicated at each meeting. An attended treasurer's report will be made at each meeting so the treasurers' balance is in the minutes.

5. The President and Treasurer shall have signatory rights for league checks. The treasurer shall be the primary signature of all checks. The President will only conduct financial business in times when the treasurer is unavailable and business must be conducted.
6. The President shall oversee all league activities.

ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control shall be comprised of the officers of the league and 3 At-Large members, and shall review and decide on any controversial issues not covered in the by-laws.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP

1. Every team will be subject to an annual fee to be recommended by the League Commissioner and approved by a majority of the teams present at the September meeting. This fee must be paid in full by December 1st. A \$25.00 per month fine will be levied with the past due amount.
2. Membership in the league shall be open to an affiliated or sponsored community organization on a first come first serve basis and accompanied by the necessary fees.
3. All members must participate in all league competitions provided for by the by-laws. Failure to do so is subject to a \$100.00 fine first offense, automatic probation second offense and revocation of membership by a 2/3rds majority of the teams present and voting, third offense.
4. All member teams must have a varsity team in either the Gold or Silver Division in order to participate in the league.
5. After the League’s initial season, each new team shall be on probation for a period of one (1) fiscal year, and at the end of that one fiscal year period a 2/3rds majority vote of the member teams present and voting is necessary for final acceptance, except charter year.
6. Teams on probation shall have no voting rights.
7. Member teams may be placed back on one (1) fiscal year probation period by a 2/3rds majority vote of the member teams present and voting. At the end of the one (1) fiscal year period, the team must be removed from probation by a 2/3rds majority vote of the member teams present and voting or have their membership automatically revoked.

I. Non-Compliance of League Obligations

Teams not fulfilling league obligations are to be assessed a fine of \$25.00 for each infraction payable to the league

1. Not attending a season scheduled match for reasons other than weather or emergency
2. Failure to provide adequate facilities for a match including table help or officials
3. Failure to provide adequate table help for year-end tournaments for the scheduled periods

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

Scheduled meetings shall be held in the beginning (typically September) and the end (typically April) of the season. Additional meetings may be held as needed and will be held at the discretion of the President/Commissioner.

1. The end of season meeting shall be called the “Annual Meeting” at which time officers for the wrestling season may be addressed.
2. Each member team shall send of minimum of one (1) rep per team with a maximum of two (2) per team, to attend league meetings; failure to do so will result in a fine to the sponsor or organization involved. The fine shall be \$10.00 / first offense, \$25.00 / second offense, \$50.00 / third offense and automatic probation / fourth offense.
3. Only program directors or a representative assigned by the program director will be allowed to vote or make motions to replace board members.

Notes:

* A majority quorum is required for a meeting (majority is defined as 2/3rds).

** The President shall have the tie-breaking vote at any time a tie results from the team voting.

ARTICLE 8: RULES

The League will be comprised of three regions of 11 teams in each.

N.J.S.I.A.A. wrestling rules will apply except for the following:

1. Varsity time periods shall be 1:30, 1:30, and 1:30 minutes, respectfully.
2. Varsity Division Weights: 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 96, 102, 109, 116, 123, 130, 137, 147, heavy weight and super heavy weight. The heavyweight class will have a minimum weight of 140 lbs and a maximum weight of 165 lbs. A team will forfeit a bout if they do not have a heavyweight. There will also be a super heavyweight class (above 165 lbs). This is an optional weight class. The results of the super heavyweight bout will not count toward the team score unless this is mutually agreed upon by the opposing coaches at the time of the weigh in. A 1lb weight allowance will be given as of January 1st and February 1st.
3. Ages (Gold Division): Maximum 15 years of age after September 1st of each season.
4. Grades (Gold Division): Kindergarten through eighth grade (subject to maximum age restriction)
5. Weight class eligibility:
 1. Certified weight will be the lowest recorded hard weight before December 23.
 2. If you have a wrestler that is on your original roster who does not certify by December 23, then that wrestler will be locked out of varsity competition for the season.

3. If a wrestler is added to your roster after December 23 they must wait the required 7 days to certify and or wrestle
4. A wrestler may NOT wrestle more than one weight class above his/her recorded weight for that particular match. A wrestler may compete in no more than two (2) weight classes higher than his/her certified weight at any time during the season, including his/her first match. It is the coach's responsibility to be sure that a wrestler weighs in at the lowest weight class at which the wrestler will compete during the season.

ARTICLE 9: LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY

1. Rosters: team rosters shall consist of participants' name, grade and approximate weight, also team and coach's name. Rosters must be submitted to the webmaster or designated contact by December 1st.
2. Roster additions after the first team match of the season are permitted using this criteria:
 1. An updated roster is submitted to the webmaster (or designated contact) and the President, once a new wrestler is added to the roster. The new wrestler should be highlighted in yellow.
 2. The wrestler weighs in and certifies at season opening weight (no weight allowance) at the first varsity match which cannot take place for one week after the roster addition.
3. With the exception of the temporary grandfather clause in Article 27, programs may only roster wrestlers who are attending a sending district approved by the league. If there is more than one high school, the schools must share a common border and be public in nature. Exceptions may exist, but only as approved by the board.
4. In order for a team to be eligible to compete in the end of season tournament, they are required to adhere to the following schedule: Wrestle a minimum of (3) dual meets in December and (5) in January. Exceptions due to extenuating circumstances must be brought to the attention of the Board immediately. If a team does not conform to the scheduling requirements, it will be the responsibility of the NNJYWL Board to determine end of season tournament eligibility.

ARTICLE 10: WEIGH-INS

1. If officials are unavailable, coaches are to weigh-in contestants for Varsity bouts ½ hour before the meet starts.
2. Weigh-in will be done in boxers with arms held out for skin check. No weight allowances permitted. Female wrestlers will be exempt from the undergarment rule and will weigh in a singlet with a 2-ounce exemption.
3. Wrestlers may only wrestle in the weight class that their certification is held and two weights above. Any match outside of those weight classes will be considered exhibition and the team will forfeit the bout to the wrestler's opponent.
4. If any team competes in more than one match in 24 hours a one pound allowance will be granted to all wrestlers of the teams competing in subsequent matches. This also applies to

matches wrestled outside the league provided that all teams have been notified and are aware that there will be a one pound allowance. Teams must be notified at least 2 days in advance of the match. The allowance only applies to other leagues, and not tournaments.

5. Teams are required to present a weigh in sheet obtained from the website. After weigh-ins concludes the sheet will be signed by the coach on both teams. Actual weights must be recorded on the bout sheet.

ARTICLE 11: TOURNAMENT

1. In the event there are problems due to weather that would prevent the tournament going on as scheduled, the host team should call the league commissioner who will determine action whether it be postponement or delay.
2. Varsity Tournament eligibility:
 1. See Article 9.4 regarding team eligibility.
 2. A wrestler must wrestle a minimum of ½ of the league scheduled matches to be eligible for the league tournament. In addition, wrestlers must wrestle at the weight in which he/she had the most matches (including forfeits).
 3. Seeding criteria will be determined by entry into the league website. The information stored in the database online will be presented in a clear manner at the league seeding meeting.
 4. A rostered wrestler who is sidelined during the regular season no matter what the reason can participate in the Varsity Final Tournament provided they comply with the following provisions:
 - a. The coaching staff makes the league teams aware of the intent by January 15th of the season.
 - b. The wrestler is weight-certified no less than three-weeks prior to the tournament date.
 - c. Teams will assign one (1) wrestler to each weight class for both the Gold and Silver Tournaments. Per the Silver Tournament details, multiple wrestlers from one team may compete in the same weight class in the Gold Tournament.
 - d. Seeding criteria will be set as follows:
 - Most wins
 - Head to head competition. In cases where three or more wrestlers have the same number of wins, this criterion will only apply if one of the wrestlers beat ALL of the others being considered.
 - Winning percentage
 - Number of pins
 - Number of technical falls

- Number of major decisions
 - Fewest wins by forfeit
 - Vote of coaches.
- e. Individual awards will be awarded to wrestlers at the discretion of the league.
 - f. The Outstanding Wrestler trophy may be awarded at the league tournament by a vote of one (1) representative from each team. In the event of a tie, the President will be the tiebreaker. If the President isn't in attendance, then the vote will be recast using only the wrestlers involved in the tie.
 - g. Team champion will be determined based upon the team points in the varsity tournament.
 - h. All tournament financial affairs shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Director (and the President of the league
 - i. There will be a Clinic and JV tournament the Saturday before the Varsity tournament.
 - j. Clinic wrestlers cannot be older than 2nd grade
 - k. Varsity wrestlers with 3 or more **wrestled** wins are not eligible for JV tournament

ARTICLE 12: LEAGUE WEBSITE

1. Teams will email or upload match reports via the website.
2. Wrestlers not on a roster of the opposing teams' roster will be considered forfeits.
3. The league will designate a website administrator for the season. Any problems with functionality should be reported to the administrator immediately. If there is no movement in remediation of the problem, then the issue must be reported to the league president who will have the authority to determine a course of action.
4. It is the responsibility of the Home team in the match to enter results of every bout into the website. If the teams in the contest are at a facility away from their home facility the home team is the team that is considered green by the referee.
5. Each team is responsible for posting all matches they are hosting at their facility on the website calendar. The start time is considered the weigh-in time. The meet type Dual, Tri, Quad etc is to be followed by the location and the teams contesting that day. Additional information may be listed, but it should be below the basic information.
6. Matches are to be entered into the league website within 4 days of the match. Teams that fail to do so without contacting the league commissioner with a reasonable explanation are subject to a \$25.00 fine for each match not entered.

ARTICLE 13: OFFICIALS

1. Varsity matches must use N.J.S.I.A.A., NY or PA officials. No cadets unless agreed to by both teams' coaches.
2. At minimum, one official will preside over all matches. The hosting team is responsible for providing an official. In the event an official fails to appear for a match, the coaches may agree on an official from the gallery. If there isn't a suitable replacement, the visiting team has the right to request a rematch at a later date.
3. The host team shall be responsible for providing the match official. The visiting team shall provide at least one (1) scorekeeper.
4. Should a referee eject a head coach or assistant coach from a match, the team coached by the ejected individual is subject to a \$25.00 fine payable to the league. The league Board of Control prior to the levy of the fine must review the situation.

ARTICLE 14: COACHES

1. Coaches are required to shake hands after a match.
2. Coaches are required to avoid running feuds with the officials working a match. Complaints with officials should be aired during a time out. All coaches reserve the right to approach the head table in a professional manner, as per federation rules.

ARTICLE 15: DUTIES OF THE HOME TEAM

1. A home team must furnish guardians to keep order and protect the officials working a match and the visiting team. Failure to do so may result in a fine or forfeit.
2. The home team shall provide a bench for the visiting team.
3. The home team shall provide a time clock, timekeeper and scorekeeper. Visitors must approve.
4. In the event of cancellation, every attempt should be made to make up the match prior to the end of season seeding meeting.

ARTICLE 16: ADMISSIONS

1. Admission charge to matches is left up to the home team, but shall not exceed \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child (12 and under).

ARTICLE 17: PLAYOFFS

Dual-match Playoffs will be conducted if time/space permits allowing the number of team participants voted upon by the league.

ARTICLE 18: INJURIES

The league or the host team is not responsible for any injury incurred while participating in the wrestling program or the end of the year tournament. This is the responsibility of the individual's team. Wrestlers with skin issues are required to bring the official NHSCA skin form filled out by a doctor clearing the individual for participation, prior to being allowed to wrestle. Wrestlers with pre-existing conditions such as eczema can use the form for the entire season. Form is located on our league website.

ARTICLE 19: AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to these by-laws shall be brought before the league at the end of season meeting. Such amendments shall be in writing. The proposed amendment shall be read and acted on during a scheduled league meeting. A two-thirds majority of the combined vote of the league officers and the representatives present is necessary for passage.

ARTICLE 20: DISBANDMENT

Should the league ever disband, the officers shall hold all moneys and properties accumulated by the league for a period of one (1) year. If the league is not reorganized within this time, all moneys and property shall be divided among member teams during the year of operation.

ARTICLE 21: ORGANIZATION

1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding Section of any Federal Tax Code). All matches of the NNJYWL shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations currently in force for the New Jersey High School competition as formulated by the NJSIAA except as outlined in the bylaws.
2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution compensation for services Section 501 (c) (3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, notwithstanding any other provision of these articles. The organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization except from Federal Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code) or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code).
3. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more except purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for public purposes.

4. However, if the named recipient is not in existence or no longer qualified, or willing or unable to accept distribution, then the assets of this organization shall be distributed to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Section 501.

ARTICLE 22: LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The New League will comprise 3 Levels: Clinic, JV, and Varsity. Participation in all Levels is optional.

1. The Clinic Division will be the existing KOM Novice League.
2. The JV Division (Matches will be wrestled before Varsity matches or at a determined time and place. It is the responsibility of the coaches to arrange JV matches.)
3. Varsity Division will be governed by Articles 1 through 21
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ARTICLE 23: OUT OF TOWN PETITION

No new out of towners may be added to your roster. If you had an approved out of townner on your roster for the 2015 – 16 season they will be allowed to remain on your team until the age out of the league.