



AYWO AGENDA

2022-23 Fall Membership Meeting

Sept. 25, 2022



Roll Call

1. AYWO Board Members
2. AYWO Clubs Represented

Invocation / Explanation of ZOOM Particulars / Suspension of Rules of Order

Reports

- Director's Report (*Ken Clark*)
- Treasurer's Report
 - Starting Balance for 2021-22 Season (11/21) = \$35,696.00
 - 2021-22 Revenue Total = \$93,709.40
 - 2021-22 Club-Share Expense Total = \$56,767.59
 - 2021-22 AYWO Expense Total = \$19,185.60
 - Starting Balance for 2022-23 Season = \$54,865.00

Election Results

- **Director** – Nick Meyer [*83% of vote*]
- **Treasurer** - David Johnston [*Unopposed*]
- **Region 1 Director** – Ray Galyean [*Unopposed*]
- **Region 3 Director** – Kirby Sullivan [*67% of vote*]
- **National Teams Director** – Shad Rissler [*89% of vote*]
- **Tournament Operations Director** – Ben Wanagat [*Unopposed*]
- **Communications Director** – Clem Tanaka [*Unopposed*]

Important 2022-23 AYWO Board Decision Announcements

- **AYWO Footprint** – Eligibility for AYWO Regions and Individual/Dual State Championships is again restricted to Alabama residents as well as a 2-Tournament minimum for K-6 wrestlers. Must live within the state borders of Alabama.
- **Tournament Fees** – Regular Season Tournaments will be \$15 (\$10/\$5), Regionals will be \$20 (\$15/\$5), and the State Championships/Duals will be \$25 (\$20/\$5).
 - Revenue Sharing Split – With an increase in tournament registration fees, there will also be an increase in profit sharing for clubs hosting tournaments.

- **Referees** – Several changes have been made this year in regard to our officials:
 - Increased Referee Fees – The fee structure for referees has changed to an hourly rate at tournaments. Referees will be paid \$30/hr. for all tournaments leading up to the State Championship, and \$50/hr. for calling the State Championship, Duals Championship, MS Championship, and Girls State.
 - Tournament hosts are required to provide lodging for officials having to travel more than 100 miles to referee a tournament.
 - Recruitment/Retention/Participation Incentive - Allocated funds from AYWO—equal to one tournament of pay (\$300)—will be awarded to referees who attend more than 75% of regular AYWO Season Tournaments and mandatory participation in both AYWO Regionals and State Championships.
- **Grassroot Effort toward Girls Wrestling** –This would (1) initiate a focus on developing girls wrestling across the AYWO landscape; (2) introduce Freestyle competition on a “grass roots” level in an attempt to strengthen overall off-season Olympic wrestling; (3) provide AYWO Officials with an opportunity to train and develop in the style; and (4) introduce parents/spectators to the different style. This division will be combined with Novice Division. Girls would still compete in Novice Folkstyle, but rest periods would be waived if competing in both styles.
- **Girls Freestyle Clinic** - AYWO will host a Girls Freestyle Clinic in the Birmingham area in November for the purpose of introducing girls to Freestyle wrestling and providing opportunities that are unique to girls’ competition.
- **Girls K-12 Division** – Every major tournament following the scheduled clinic in November will include a Girls Freestyle Division coinciding with the Novice Division. With Girls Wrestling in the RECOGNIZED status with AHSAA, opportunities are then available nearly every week for girls across the state to compete against one another. Brackets composition will be determined by registration numbers, ages, and various weights.
- **TOT/BANTAM Satellite Elimination** – Everyone will be subject to authorized Friday night satellite locations or on-site tournament weigh-ins.
- **Middle School Division Moved** – Schoolboy & TOT will run simultaneously
- **Regional Championships** - Participation in Regional Championships this season will be a QUALIFIER for participation in AYWO State Championship in 2022-23 Season. Moreover, wrestlers will be required to compete at the same weight for both AYWO Region Championships and AYWO State Individual Championships. There will be an allowance for medical exemptions, if for some reason; a wrestler is unable to compete in Regions—however, it will require (1) a doctor’s note stating the reason, and (2) mandating that the weight class entered at the State Championship be the same as the weight in which the wrestler last competed at in his last AYWO Sanctioned Tournament. Wrestlers in K-6 will need to register for one AYWO-AAU tournament (with expectation to wrestle in that tournament) during the regular season. The second required tournament will be Regionals, as stated above.
- **AYWO Hosting State Championship** – There are opportunities here for AYWO clubs (*especially smaller clubs that cannot host an entire tournament*) to raise funds helping with various aspects of the State Tournament (e.g., *Table Workers, Gate, Weigh-Ins, Awards, etc.*). (2/4/23)
- **State Dual Championship Transition** – This year we will be transitioning to actual “Club Duals” ... with K-3rd Grade and 4th-6th Grade teams. Each team will consist of 7 weight classes and 1 alternate. Must be from one club/team. (2/5/23)
 - Weights for duals will require additional discussion, prior to release

- **Middle School Championship** – This year, we will conduct a MS Championship for the Schoolboy Division. As in past years, there are no eligibility requirements for this tournament beyond being an Alabama resident in 7th or 8th Grade. (2/5/23)
- **Girls State Tournament** - Host a Girls Freestyle Championship Tournament the day after the AYWO Individual State Championship concurrent with the AYWO Dual State Championship. This will be an “Open Border” tournament inviting all K-12 girls to compete. Eligibility requirements will be revisited in two years. (2/5/23)
 - Girls are not required to wrestle in the girls brackets.
 - Girls may wrestle in both standard and girls brackets during the regular season, and at the state tournament.
- **Tournament Survey** – In an effort to continuously improve the tournaments – and the program as a whole – a feedback form will be emailed after each tournament.
- **Website** – AYWO.org is the new platform for schedules, meeting minutes, and email communication to board members.

Season Schedule Presentation

Adjournment