

## CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA/USA WRESTLING

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Virginia/USA Wrestling. An affiliate of United States of America Wrestling Association

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of Virginia/USA Wrestling shall be:

- A. To act as the Virginia state association for the National Governing Body of Wrestling in the United States, consistent with the rules and guidelines of the National Governing Body.
- B. To provide the National Governing Body with representatives for the various age groups and committees. These representatives shall be the director or assigned alternate of each age group and committee.
- C. To act as the official voice of Virginia/USA Wrestling to the National Governing Body.
- D. To provide meaningful opportunities for wrestlers, coaches, officials and enthusiast at the state level.
- E. To conduct championships in the various age groups which will serve as qualifiers for regional and/or national championships.
- F. To see that Virginia wrestlers are given an opportunity to try out for positions on National Teams.
- G. To ensure that anyone who has an interest in wrestling in Virginia has an opportunity for a voice and a vote and a vehicle through which to be heard.

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## ARTICLE III STATE GOVERNING BODY

All decisions on state policy and procedures will be recommended by the State Governing Body and voted on by the general membership. The State Governing Body shall consist of the following members:

- A. State Chairman
- B. Vice Chairman
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Officials/Pairing Director
- F. Kids Director
- G. Cadet Director
- H. Junior Director
- I. Open Director
- J. Women's Director
- K. National Teams Coordinator
- L. Calendar of Events Director
- M. Fundraising Director
- N. Media Director
- O. Constitution & By-laws Director
- P. Cultural Exchange Director
- Q. Publicity Director
- R. Coaches Director
- S. Membership Director
- T. Eight Regional Representatives
- U. Additional Members at Large may selected

## ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council shall administer all policy as given by the State Governing Body. The committee shall consist of the following members:

- A. State Chairman
- B. Vice Chairman
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Officials Director
- F. Four age group directors (Kids, Cadet, Junior, Open)
- G. Membership Director
- H. One regional representative plus one additional at large member selected from the State Governing Body by the State Chairman.

## ARTICLE V REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILS

Representative councils will be established in five areas. Kids, Cadet, Junior, Open and Officials. Each may have an independent council to govern operations within its own area. Each shall act in the best interest of its members and of the state organization. Each council shall establish rules and regulations provided they do not contradict the State or National Governing Body rules. Each council may have a separate constitution as well as operation code consistent with the state constitution. Each council must meet the following requirements:

- A. All age group directors will be members of both the Executive Committee and State Governing Body.
- B. The Constitution of each council and any amendments or changes must be approved by the Executive Committee to insure there are no policy differences.
- C. All age group councils should conduct freestyle championships within its group. Cadet and Junior councils are required to hold freestyle and Greco-roman championships. All councils may conduct other events or championships as well.
- D. The director of a council or his appointee shall attend all regional and national meetings for his age group.
- E. Each council director and his officers may be elected by the members of that group.
- F. Each council shall meet at least once each year as a group and its officers shall meet as often as needed.
- G. It is recommended that the term of office for the director be at least two years.

## ARTICLE VI STATE GOVERNING BODY SELECTION PROCESS

- A. The state chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms at the annual meeting. The state chairman election should take place in even years and vice chairman in odd years. The others as needed. USA Wrestling calendar year is September 1 through August 31 of the following year.
1. In July of each year, prior to the end of the Junior Nationals, the state chairman must survey the current positions of all members of the State Governing Body and list the positions to be filled for the next year.
  2. The Executive Committee will establish a nominating committee of no more than five members during July and August. This committee will select nominees for executive committee officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer) whose positions are being vacated. They will approach candidates and discuss duties and time commitment. An agreed upon slate will be presented at the fall meeting.
  3. These nominations will be mailed with the notice of the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. The vote will take place at the fall meeting. Only those holding a current USA card will be allowed to vote.
- B. The four age group directors and the officials director will be elected by their respective councils. The state chairman will appoint these positions when an active committee does not exist or the existing council takes no action to appoint one.
- C. All other committee directors will be elected by the outgoing committee that they represent. The State Chairman will appoint these positions when an active does not exist or the existing committee takes no action to appoint one. These appointments will be subject to approval of the majority of the Executive Officers and the Council Directors.

## ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF THE STATE GOVERNING BODY

### A. State Chairman:

1. The coordination and sanctioning of all VA/USA programs.
2. The implementation of USA Wrestling policies within Virginia
3. The responsibility of all VA/USA fiscal policies, reports and matters.
4. The annual members meeting to set calendar and receive recommendations from clubs and members.
5. The distribution and mailing of all necessary and informative materials to general club membership, tournament directors and Executive Board.

### B. Vice Chairman:

1. Assisting the Chairman in all of the chairman's duties.
2. Acting with full authority in place of the Chairman when necessary.
3. Acting as main liaison between the regional representatives and the State Chairman.
4. Oversee standing committees.

### C. Secretary:

1. Keeping of minutes at annual organizational meeting.
2. Mailing of minutes of annual organizational meeting to all member clubs, state council members and USA Wrestling state association director.
3. Helping State Chairman in distribution of mass mailings

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## D. Treasurer:

1. Keeping all financial records, receipts and reports.
2. Receiving and disbursing all moneys, dues and registration fees.
3. Complying with all USA Wrestling national requirements governing financial affairs and reports.
4. Reporting to all members of VA/USA Wrestling an annual financial report for the previous year.
5. Tabulation and receipt of all moneys from state championship tournament.
6. Payment of all expenditures of state association.

## E. Officials/Pairing Director:

1. Promotion and recruiting of USA registered officials.
2. Dissemination of pertinent information to all officials.
3. Work with regional reps in building officials program.
4. Assign officials for state tournaments.
5. Develop and implement training sessions for pairing officials.
6. Main liaison between VA/USA and national office regarding pairing.
7. Serve as consultant to clubs regarding pairing systems and distribute information, charts, and necessary materials to tournament directors.

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## F. State Kids Director:

1. On site co-coordinator of state kids tournament.
2. Compilation of list of qualifiers to regional Kids tournaments. The list should include: Name, USA Card #, age and weight class.
3. The distribution of regional Kids tournament information to all qualifiers and clubs.
4. Forward all necessary information to regional tournament director.
5. Represent the concerns of all activities serving Kids age groups.

## G. State Cadet Director:

1. On site co-coordinator of state cadet tournament.
2. Compilation of list of qualifiers to regional Cadet tournaments. The list should include: Name, USA Card #, age and weight class.
3. Distribute regional and national Cadet tournament information to all qualifiers and clubs.
4. Forward all necessary information to regional tournament director.
5. Promote ideas and programs for this age group.
6. Facilitate the selection and organization of the state Cadet team and coaching staff for the national Cadet championships.

## H. State Junior Director:

1. On site co-coordinator of state Junior tournament.
2. The distribution of results of tournament.
3. Forwarding all necessary information to state chairman.
4. Promote ideas and programs for this age group.
5. Facilitating the selection, and organization of the state Junior team for the national Junior championships along with the state coaches.

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- I. State Open Director:
  - 1. Establish and coordinate an Open Virginia Championship tournament in the spring before the National Open Tournament.
  - 2. Distribute results of tournament to state chairman, clubs, media and USA Wrestler.
  - 3. Work with State Games Tournament Director.
  - 4. Representing the concerns of all activities serving this age group.
  
- J. National Teams Coordinator: (to be defined)
  
- K. Calendar of Events Director: (Scheduling Director)  
(to be defined)
  
- L. Fundraising Director: (to be defined)
  
- M. Constitution and By-laws Director: (to be defined)
  
- N. Cultural Exchange Director:
  - 1. Acting as chief liaison between VA/USA and national office on matters pertaining to cultural exchanges.
  - 2. Coordinating all international exchange and host team programs with State Chairman.
  - 3. Promoting cultural exchanges within the state.
  
- O. Media Director: (to be defined)

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P. Eight Regional Representatives:

1. Liaison between state organization and his area clubs, and officials.
2. Promotion and development of regional wrestling clubs and tournaments.
3. Contact person with regional clubs to clarify and facilitate state policy and programs.
4. On site co-facilitator of state sanctioned tournaments held in that region.
5. Bring up concerns of particular clubs within region to Executive Board.
6. Providing help for the membership director and treasurer in collecting fees and from hosting tournament directors.

Q. Coaches Director:

1. Facilitate and promote clinics and training camps for coaches and clubs.
2. Help coordinate the formation of training camps for state Cadet and Junior National Teams.
3. Help coordinate the annual VA/USA meeting.
4. Develop and facilitate wrestling clinics and camps for athletes.
5. Responsible for selection of coaching staff for national teams.

R. Membership Director:

1. Registration of all members: athletes, clubs, coaches and general members.
2. Sending all appropriate registration forms to national office.
3. Distributing and collecting all forms and fees from on site tournament registrations.

S. Additional Members at Large:

ARTICLE VIII  
VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- A. Voting membership shall be for the purpose of elections and/or constitutional changes.
  - 1. Volunteer members as defined by USA Wrestling from the previous year, that reside in the state of Virginia.
  - 2. Any active open athletes, that reside in Virginia as defined by USA Wrestling.
  - 3. All voting membership must hold a current USA or USWOA membership card.

ARTICLE IX  
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

- A. Any VA/USA member can initiate the process, which may change or amend the constitution.
- B. Proposed changes must be submitted to the state chairman in writing. The state chairman will forward the proposal to the director of the Constitution and By-laws Committee.
- C. The Constitution and By-laws Committee will research and make a recommendation to the State Governing Body to act on the proposal or not.
- D. Proposals acted on favorably by the State Governing Body will then go for a formal vote by the VA/USA membership in the following manner:
  - 1. Changes will be presented by the Constitution and By-laws Committee Director at the fall meeting.
  - 2. This constitution may be changed by a 2/3 vote of the voting general membership present at the fall meeting.
- E. Proposals not receiving favorable action by the State Governing Body may be presented to and voted on by 3/4 vote of the voting general membership present, shall be adopted.

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## ARTICLE X REGIONS

The regions of the State shall be composed of the following counties and cities:

North: Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford, and Culpeper counties. Falls Church, Manassas Park, Fairfax, and Alexandria cities.

Northwest: Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah, Page, Rappahanock, Rockingham, Greene, and Madison counties. Winchester and Harrisonburg cities.

West: Highland, Bath, Augusta, Rockbridge, Nelson, Amherst, Allegheny, Albemarle, Botetourt, and Bedford counties. Waynesboro, Charlottesville, Staunton, Lexington, Buena Vista, Lynchburg, Bedford, Clifton Forge, Covington, and Lexington cities.

Central: Orange, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline, Louisa, Fluvanna, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan, Cumberland, Buchanan, Henrico, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George counties. Fredericksburg, Richmond, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, and Petersburg cities.

South Central: Amelia, Prince Edward, Nottaway, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Appomatox, Campbell, Pittsylvania, Charlotte, and Halifax counties. Danville and South Boston cities.

East: Westmoreland, Northumberland, Richmond, King William, Middlesex, King & Queen, Gloucester, Mathews, James City, New Kent, Charles City, York counties. Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, and Williamsburg cities.

Southeast: Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Emporia, Suffolk, and Chesapeake cities. Isle of Wight, Surry, Brunswick, Sussex, Southampton, Greenville, Accomack, and Northampton counties.