

# **WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING BY-LAWS – 2010 SEASON**

## **PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

*The Western Montana Little Guy Wrestling Program was established in 1975 to promote kids wrestling without prohibitive costs to the wrestlers and their families. Through participation and enjoyment of competition in this program, we hope that the wrestlers will gain physical stature and improve their self-images. We hope that the wrestling clubs in this program will create situations that will make wrestling an enjoyable experience for the athletes. We further hope that a positive experience in this program will lead many of these young athletes to continue to wrestle on the high school level.*

*Sportsmanship between the wrestlers, coaches, parents, and fans is one of the top priorities in the Western Montana Little Guy Wrestling Program.*

## **RATIONALE AND BENEFITS**

### **1. COSTS:**

1. EACH CLUB MUST PURCHASE THE LIABILITY INSURANCE FROM THE INSURANCE

SELECTED BY THE PROGRAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS EACH SEASON.

1) EACH CLUB MUST SUBMIT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WRESTLERS THAT ARE ENROLLED IN THEIR CLUB TO THEIR UNIT REPRESENTATIVE

2) THE INSURANCE PREMIUM PER CLUB IS BASED ON THE TOTALNUMBER OF

WRESTLERS IN THE OVERALL PROGRAM.

2. THERE IS A \$25.00 ANNUAL CLUB CHARTER FEE FOR EACH CLUB.

3. EACH CLUB WILL PAY A \$50.00 WEB-SITE FEE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM'S INTERNET WEB-SITE.

4. ENTRÉE FEES ARE PROHIBITED FOR WRESTLERS ENTERING COMPETITIONS WITHIN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM.

### **2. RECIPROCATON TO THE PROGRAM:**

1. ALL MONEY DERIVED FROM THE LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM WILL GO BACK INTO THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM FOR THE GOOD OF KID WRESTLING.

2. SHARING OF GATE RECEIPTS WILL DRIVE THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE THREE SEASON-ENDING TOURNAMENTS
  - 1) THE CLUB THAT AGREES TO SHARE THE LARGEST PORTION OF THE GATE WITH VISITING CLUBS WILL HAVE TOP PRIORITY ON THAT PORTION OF

THE

BIDDING PROCESS.

### **3. BENEFITS TO HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING PROGRAMS:**

1. FOLKSTYLE (HIGH SCHOOL STYLE) TECHNIQUE WILL BE TAUGHT IN THE PROGRAM.
2. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION RULES WILL BE USED IN ALL COMPETITIONS.
3. THE YOUNG ATHLETES WILL BE TRAINED IN THE BASICS OF WRESTLING AND ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE IN THE SPORT OF WRESTLING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

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### **4. OTHER PROGRAM BENEFITS:**

1. PROVISION OF AN ORGANIZED SIX-WEEK DUAL MEET AND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR ALL CLUBS AND PARTICIPANTS.
2. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE UNIT TOURNAMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AN AMOUNT THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR TOURNAMENT MANAGERS TO RUN THE TOURNAMENTS IN SIX HOURS OR LESS TIME.
3. ESTABLISHED AND UNIFORM ADMISSION PRICES ARE IN PLACE FOR ALL THE COMPETITIONS IN THE WMLG WRESTLING PROGRAM.
4. A THREE-WEEK DUAL MEET AND INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEASON TO HELP CLUBS PROMOTE HOME COMPETITIONS IN WHICH TO SHOWCASE THEIR PROGRAMS AND INVOLVE THEIR COMMUNITIES.
5. INCLUSION OF HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS IN COACH AND OFFICIATING DUTIES TO ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPORT OF WRESTLING, AND HELP THEM LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RULES.
6. REPRESENTATION FROM EACH AREA OF WESTERN MONTANA ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT GOVERN THE PROGRAM.
7. INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROGRAM WILL HELP PROMOTE HEALTHY

LIFESTYLES AMONG THE YOUTH THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.

8. SCHOLARSHIP MONIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO FORMER WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLERS THAT GO ON TO COMPETE IN THE SPORT OF WRESTLING AT MONTANA STATE NORTHERN UNIVERSITY OR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS

## **5. GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM**

*THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME GENERAL OBJECTIVES EMPHASIZED BY THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ALL ORGANIZERS, DIRECTORS AND COACHES WILL PROMOTE THESE IDEALS AS THEY ADMINISTER THE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS.*

1. TEACH THE ATHLETES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS.
2. PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT TO EACH ATHLETE.
3. PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH ATHLETE TO COMPETE WITH OTHER ATHLETES THEIR AGE, WEIGHT, AND IN MOST CASES, AT THE SAME ABILITY LEVEL.
4. HELP ATHLETES REALIZE THE CORRELATION OF WORKING HARD AND SUCCESS.
5. MAINTAIN A SHORT (SIX WEEK) SEASON TO MAINTAIN A HIGH INTEREST LEVEL IN THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS.
6. DISCOURAGEMENT OF WEIGHT REDUCTION AND PROMOTION OF WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND PROPER NUTRITION.

## **GOVERNING RULES OF THE PROGRAM**

*THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL GOVERN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM. THESE RULES WILL BE EXAMINED ANNUALLY TO MAKE CHANGES, DELETIONS, OR REVISIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE OVER-ALL PROGRAM.*

### **1. LITTLE GUY WRESTLING BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE FOUR UNITS WILL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY AT THE UNIT TOURNAMENTS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
2. THREE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL CORPORATE POSITIONS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN

ALL PROGRAM MEETINGS.

## **2. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. TO DETERMINE THE TOURNAMENT DATES AND SITES FOR THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY, AND WMC TOURNAMENTS.
2. TO SELECT AND HELP PURCHASE AWARDS FOR THE SEASON-ENDING TOURNAMENTS
3. TO REVIEW AND CHANGE THE PROGRAM BY-LAWS IN A SPRING MEETING EACH YEAR.
4. TO REVIEW COMPLAINTS AND DIRECT SANCTIONS ON CLUBS THAT VIOLATE THE RULES OF THE PROGRAM.
5. TO SELECT AND ADMINISTER THE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PROGRAM.
6. TO SEND INFORMATION FROM UNIT REPRESENTATIVES TO CLUB REPRESENTATIVES.
7. TO SELECT RECIPIENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES FOR WRESTLERS THAT ATTEND AND WRESTLE AT A MONTANA COLLEGE

## **3. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER**

1. TO SET UP BOARD MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS.
2. TO SET THE MEETING AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETINGS
3. TO COLLECT THE LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUMS, CHARTER FEES, AND WEB-SITE FEES FROM ALL CLUBS.
4. TO PAY THE LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR ALL CLUBS.
5. TO PAY THE WEB-SITE FEE ANNUALLY.
6. TO MAINTAIN THE BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR THE PROGRAM'S "WORKING FUND".
7. TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OF THE "WORKING FUND".
8. TO COMPOSE A NEWSLETTER OUTLINING THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT ALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS.  
1) THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT TO UNIT REPRESENTATIVES.

- 2) UNIT REPS WILL SEND THE LETTERS TO THE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR UNT.
9. TO RENEW THE MONTANA STATE INCORPORATION LICENSE ANNUALLY.
10. TO PAY THE EXECUTIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM ANNUALLY.
11. \$150.00 WILL BE ALLOCATED BY THE WMLG WRESTLING PROGRAM ANNUALLY TO COMPENSATE THE SECRETARY FOR DUTIES RENDERED.

**\*All clubs will complete a packet listing club contacts, sign-up times, information on invitational competitions they plan to host, and their season schedules. This packet must be e-mailed to Russ Hendrickson on the program web-site before the season starts**

## **DIVISION OF UNITS AND TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS**

### **UNIT ONE**

LIBBY  
THOMPSON FALLS  
NOXON  
TROUT CREEK  
PLAINS  
SUPERIOR  
EUREKA  
TROY

### **UNIT THREE**

MISSOULA CLUB  
CORVALLIS  
FLORENCE  
HAMILTON  
DARBY  
DILLON  
LOLO  
DRUMOND  
BONNER

### **UNIT TWO**

COLUMBIA FALLS  
WHITEFISH  
EVERGREEN (KALISPELL)  
KALISPELL  
BIGFORK

### **UNIT FOUR**

POLSON  
ST. IGNATIUS  
ARLEE  
FRENCHTOWN  
RONAN  
MISSOULA EAGLES

***\*WRESTLERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN A WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY PROGRAM TO ENTER THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY, OR WMC TOURNAMENTS.***

## **TOURNAMENT SEEDING, BRACKETING & ADVANCEMENT**

## **1. UNIT TOURNAMENTS**

1. EACH UNIT WILL HAVE A "UNIT TOURNAMENT" ON THE FOURTH WEEKEND OF THE SEASON
2. UNIT TOURNAMENT MANAGERS HAVE THE OPTION TO WRESTLE ONE OR TWO OF THE GROUPS IN A FRIDAY EVENING TOURNAMENT AND THE REMAINDER OF THE GROUPS ON SATURDAY.
3. THE TOP FOUR BEGINNER & NOVICE GROUP PLACERS FROM EACH BRACKET WILL ADVANCE FROM THIS TOURNAMENT TO THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT.
4. EIGHT MIDDLE GROUP PLACERS FROM EACH BRACKET WILL ADVANCE
5. ALL JUNIOR GROUP WRESTLERS ADVANCE REGARDLESS OF PLACEMENT IN THE TOURNAMENT.

## **2. SEEDING PROCEDURE FOR THE UNIT TOURNAMENTS**

*THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO PLACE WRESTLERS ON THE BRACKETS*

*FOR THE UNIT TOURNAMENTS:*

1. PLACEMENT IN THE WESTERN MONT. CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE PAST YEAR
2. PLACEMENT IN THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT IN THE PAST YEAR
3. PLACEMENT IN THE UNIT TOURNAMENT IN THE PAST YEAR
4. PLACEMENT IN ANY WESTERN MONT. CHAMPIONSHIP IN YEARS PRIOR
5. ALL UNSEEDDED WRESTLERS WILL BE DRAWN INTO THE BRACKETS
6. **EXTRA LARGE BRACKETS IN THE UNIT TOURNAMENT WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:**
  - A) BEGINNER AND NOVICE GROUP BRACKETS WITH **17 OR MORE** WRESTLERS ENTERED, WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO EQUAL GROUPS WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF ENTREES AND WRESTLE ON TWO SEPARATE BRACKETS – "A" AND "B".
  - B) IN WEIGHT CLASSES THAT WRESTLE ON TWO SEPARATE BRACKETS ("A" & "B"), THE SEEDED WRESTLERS WILL BE SPLIT UP ON THE BRACKETS. (*Seed #1 on bracket #1, Seed #2 on bracket #2, Seed #3 on bracket #2, Seed #4 on bracket #1, Seed #5 on bracket #1, Seed #6 on bracket #2, Seed #7 on bracket number 2, and Seed #8 on bracket #1.*)
  - C) THE TOP FOUR WRESTLERS FROM EACH ("A" & "B") BRACKET WILL ADVANCE TO THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT.
  - D) IF JUST ONE OF THE TWO UNITS FEEDING AN INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT HAS AN EXTRA BRACKET AT A WEIGHT CLASS, THAT WEIGHT-GROUP WILL WRESTLE ON A **16-MAN BRACKET WITH FOUR BYES** AT THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT.
  - E) IF BOTH UNITS FEEDING AN INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT HAVE EXTRA BRACKETS AT A WEIGHT CLASS, THAT WEIGHT-GROUP WILL WRESTLE ON A **16-MAN BRACKET**.
  - F) WHEN 16-MAN BRACKETS ARE USED AT AN INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT, JUST **FOUR WRESTLERS ADVANCE** TO THE WESTERN MONTANA

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

- G) JUNIOR GROUP WRESTLERS THAT ATTEND THE “DISNEY DUALS” TRY-OUTS FOR THE MONTANA TEAM WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE UNIT TOURNAMENT AND BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT BY DRAW. *(These wrestlers must register their weight class to the Unit Tournament before the tournament. They must wrestle at that weight class in the Inter-Valley Tournament)*

### 3. INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS

EACH INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT MANAGER WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF WRESTLING ONE OR TWO GROUPS ON FRIDAY EVENING AND THE REMAINING GROUPS ON SATURDAY.

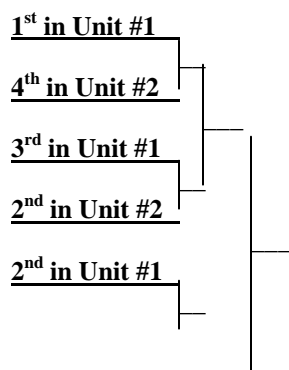
UNITS ONE & TWO WILL ADVANCE TO A COMMON INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT, AND UNITS THREE & FOUR WILL ADVANCE TO A COMMON INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT AND BE SEEDED ON THE BRACKETS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

### 4. INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT PLACEMENT

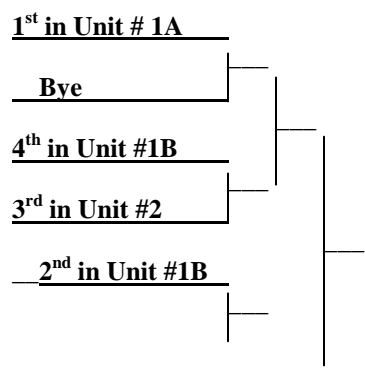
1. THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT IS THE FINAL TOURNAMENT FOR THE BEGINNER GROUP. THE TOP FOUR PLACERS IN THE BEGINNER GROUP AT THIS TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE MEDALS.
2. THE TOP EIGHT PLACERS IN THE NOVICE GROUP WILL ADVANCE TO THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. IF TWO 12-MAN BRACKETS ARE USED, THE TOP FOUR PLACERS FROM EACH BRACKET WILL ADVANCE TO THE WMC.
3. THE TOP EIGHT PLACERS IN THE MIDDLE GROUP WILL ADVANCE TO THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. IF TWO 12-MAN BRACKETS ARE USED, THE TOP FOUR PLACERS FROM EACH BRACKET WILL ADVANCE TO THE WMC.
4. THE JUNIOR GROUP PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTER-VALLEY MAY ALL ADVANCE TO THE WMC TOURNAMENT, REGARDLESS OF PLACEMENT.

### 5. BEGINNER & NOVICE GROUP BRACKET OPTIONS FOR INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT

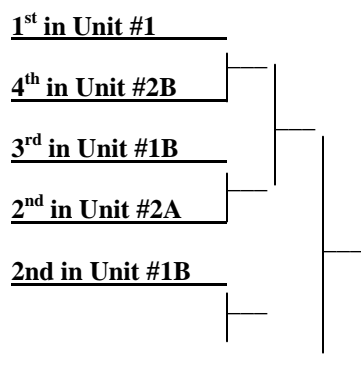
Regular Bracket for  
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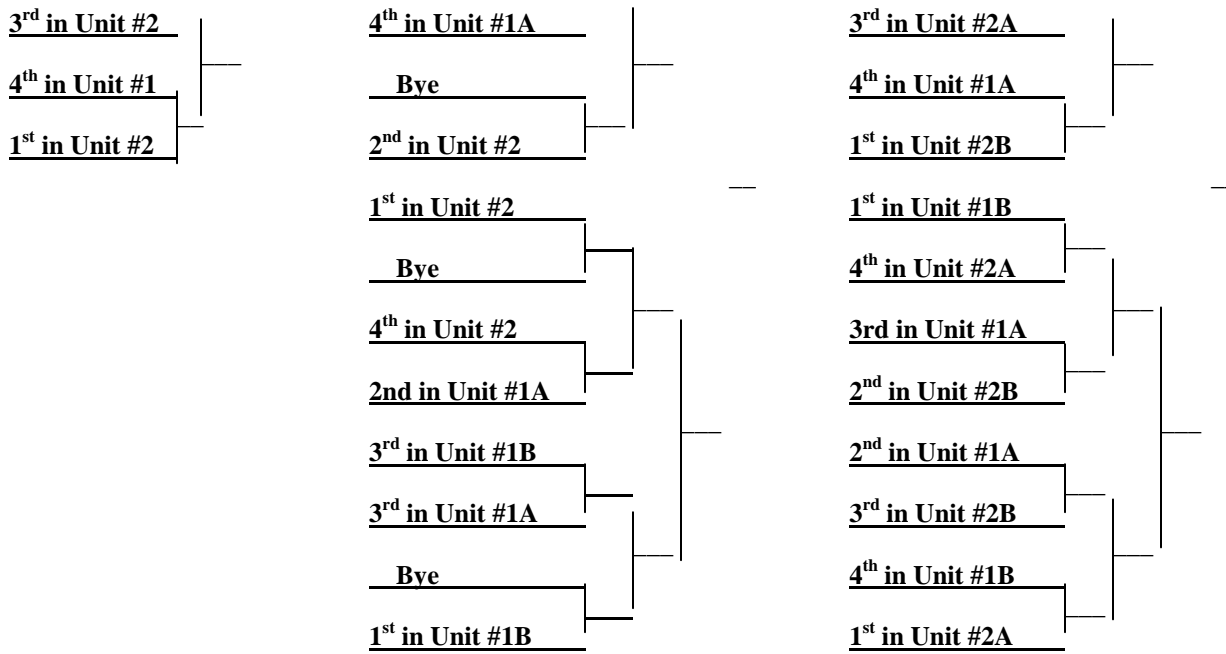


12-Man Bracket for Beginner  
& Novice Groups with an A&B  
bracket in Unit #1



16-Man Bracket for Beginner & Novice  
Groups with A&B brackets in both  
Unit #1 and Unit #2

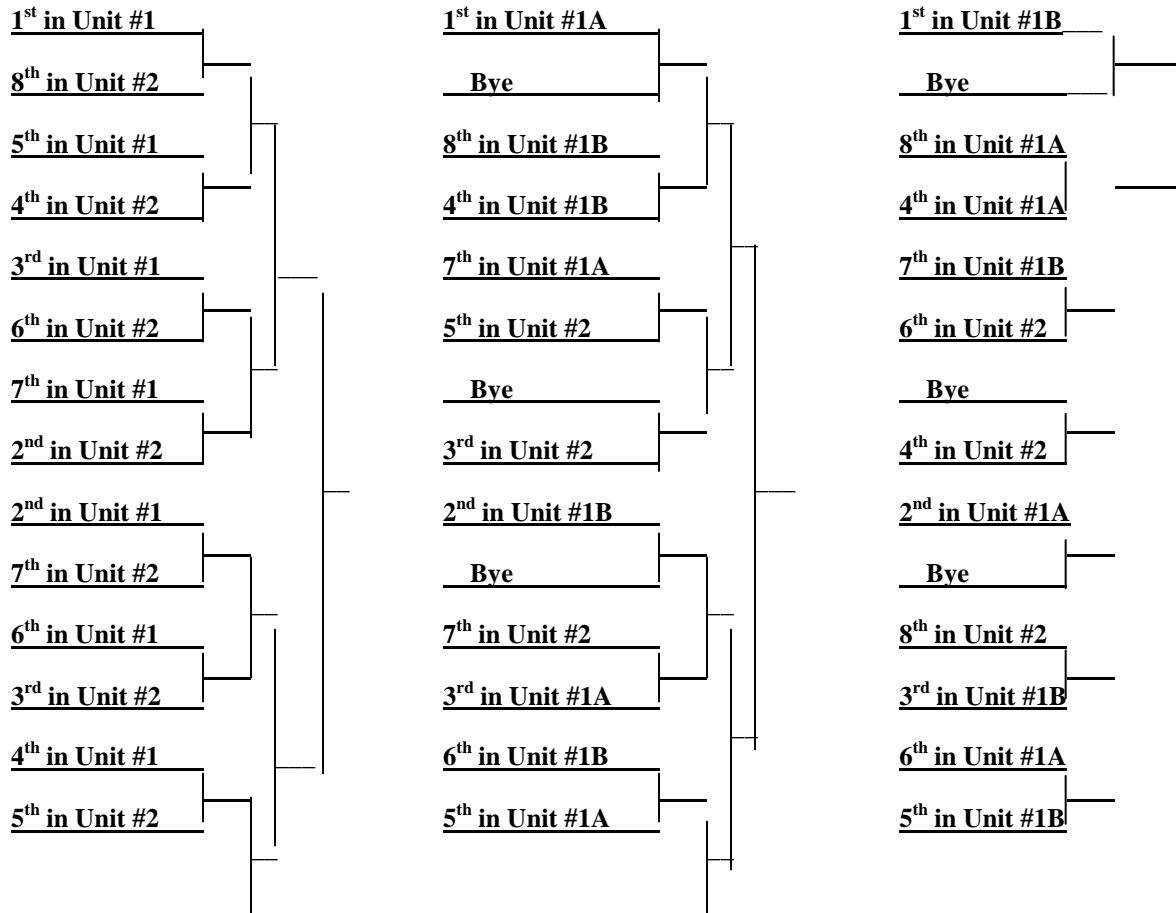




## 6. MIDDLE GROUP BRACKET OPTIONS FOR INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT

*16-Man Bracket for  
The Middle Group*

*Two 12-Man Brackets for the Middle Group with an A&B  
bracket in Unit #1 - \*Only 4 placers advance from each bracket*



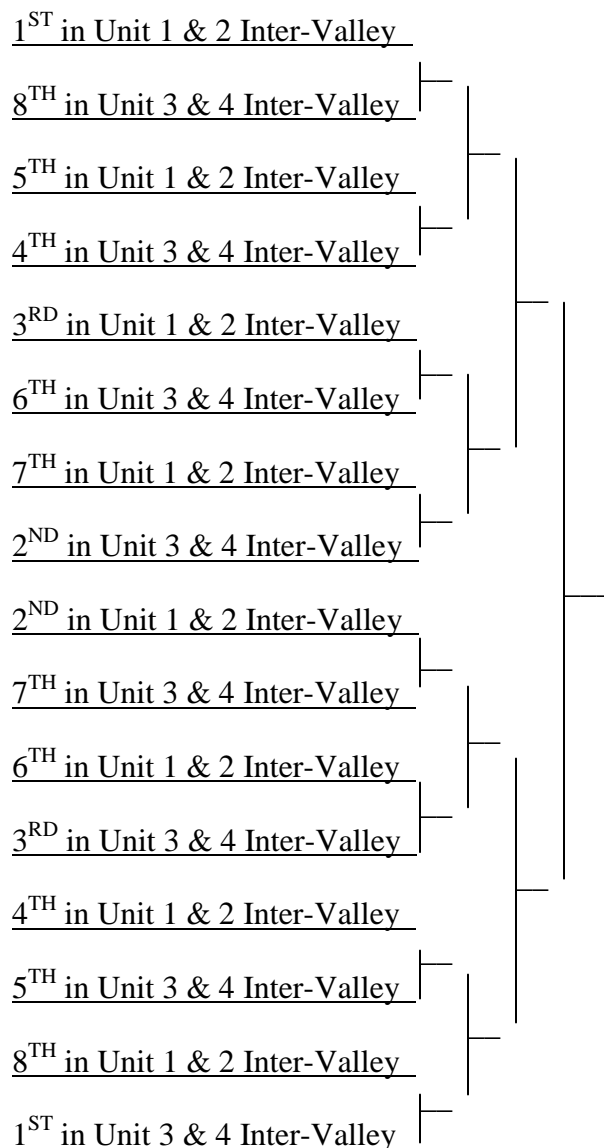
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## 7. WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETS

### NOVICE & MIDDLE BRACKETS



### JUNIOR BRACKET

1. IF THE NUMBER OF ENTREES IN THE JUNIOR WEIGHT GROUP IS 16 OR LESS WRESTLERS, THEY WILL ALL BE ENTERED IN THE SAME BRACKET.
2. IF THE NUMBER OF ENTREES IN THE JUNIOR WEIGHT GROUP EXCEEDS 16, THE WEIGHT CLASS WILL USE TWO BRACKETS (“A” & “B”).
3. THE TOP FOUR PLACERS IN EACH OF THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS WILL BE SEEDED ON THE 8-MAN “A” BRACKET IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MIDDLE GROUP.

4. WRESTLERS THAT FINISH IN 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE ON THE "A" BRACKET AT THE WMC MAY CHALLENGE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE IF THEY HAVE NOT WRESTLED THE LOSER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.

5. THE NON-PLACERS WILL BE RANDOMLY DRAWN ON TO THE "B" BRACKET  
A) *THE "A" BRACKET ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR TEAM SCORING*

*B) THE TOP 4 PLACERS ON THE AB@ BRACKET WILL RECEIVE MEDALS, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR TEAM POINTS IN THE TEAM COMPETITION.*

## **AGE AND WEIGHT GROUPS**

### **1. AGE RESTRICTIONS**

1. IF A WRESTLER TURNS 15 YEARS OLD BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE PRESENT SCHOOL YEAR, HE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO WRESTLE IN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM.
2. THE BEGINNER GROUP WILL BE LIMITED TO **FIRST GRADE AND AT LEAST 6-YEARS OLD**, AND 7 AND 8-YEAR-OLDS FOR ALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, AND THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY AND WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS. (CLUBS THAT VIOLATE THIS RULE MAY BE FINED \$250.00 TO BE PAID TO THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WORKING FUND)
3. ALL AGE GROUPS WILL BE DETERMINED BY A WRESTLER=S AGE AS OF JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup>
4. WRESTLERS CAN NOT BE ENROLLED IN A GRADE ABOVE EIGHT AND BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM.
5. WRESTLERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN A WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY CLUB TO COMPETE IN ANY COMPETITION IN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY PROGRAM.
6. WRESTLERS CAN NOT MOVE FROM THE AGE GROUP (BEGINNER, NOVICE, MIDDLE OR JUNIOR) THEY ARE QUALIFIED TO WRESTLE IN TO ANOTHER AGE GROUP.

### **2. GROUPS**

1. **BEGINNERS** (FIRST GRADERS THAT ARE 6-YEARS-OLD, AND 7 and 8 YEARS OLDS)  
*WEIGHT CLASSES: 45 LBS., 50 LBS., 55 LBS., 60 LBS., 65 LBS., 70 LBS., 75 LBS., 85 Lbs., 95 Lbs., 108 Lbs., ABOVE 108 Lbs. - 130 Lbs., ABOVE 130 Lbs - 156 Lbs.*

2. **NOVICE** (9 AND 10 YEAR OLDS)  
*55 LBS., 60 LBS., 65 LBS., 70 LBS., 75 LBS., 80 LBS., 85 LBS., 90 LBS., 95 LBS., 100 LBS., 110 LBS., 124 Lbs, 140 Lbs.,158 Lbs., Above 158 Lbs. - Above 190 Lbs.*
  
3. **MIDDLE** (11 AND 12 YEAR OLDS)  
*65 LBS., 70 LBS., 75 LBS., 80 LBS., 85 LBS., 90 LBS., 95 LBS., 100 LBS., 105 LBS., 110 LBS., 120 LBS., 130 LBS., 147 Lbs., 166 Lbs., 187 Lbs., Above 187 Lbs. - 224 Lbs., Above 224 Lbs. - 269 Lbs.*
  
4. **JUNIOR** (13, 14, AND 15 YEAR OLDS)  
*80 LBS., 85 LBS., 90 LBS., 95 LBS., 100 LBS., 105 LBS., 112 LBS., 119 LBS., 125 LBS., 130 LBS.,135 LBS., 140 LBS., 145 LBS., 152 LBS., 160Lbs., 171 Lbs.,189 Lbs., 215 Lbs., 240 Lbs., >240 Lbs - 285 Lbs.*

## **WRESTLING MATCH TIMES**

1. BEGINNER, NOVICE, AND MIDDLE GROUPS WILL WRESTLE THREE PERIODS LASTING *1 MINUTE EACH PERIOD*.
  
2. JUNIOR GROUP WILL WRESTLE A *TWO-MINUTE FIRST PERIOD*, AND ONE-MINUTE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PERIODS.
  
3. OVERTIME MATCHES WILL HAVE A ONE-MINUTE “SUDDEN VICTORY” FROM THE NEUTRAL POSITION (*THE FIRST WRESTLER TO SCORE WINS THE MATCH*)
  
4. IF A WINNER IS NOT DETERMINED IN THE FIRST OVERTIME, THE REFEREE WILL FLIP A COIN TO DETERMINE THE CHOICE OF TOP OR BOTTOM IN THE SECOND (*30-SECOND OVERTIME*). (WRESTERS WILL CONTINUE TO WRESTLE UNLESS THERE IS A PIN. A PIN WOULD TERMINATE THE MATCH)
  
5. THE WRESTLER THAT DID NOT HAVE CHOICE IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> OVERTIME WILL HAVE CHOICE OF TOP OR BOTTOM IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> (*30-SECOND OVERTIME*). (AGAIN, CONTINUOUS WRESTLING, UNLESS THERE IS A PIN.
  
6. IF ONE OF THE WRESTLERS HAS A SCORE ADVANTAGE AT THIS TIME. THE MATCH WOULD END, AND HE WOULD BE THE WINNER. IF THE WRESTLERS ARE STILL TIED, A 4<sup>TH</sup> OVERTIME WOULD BE NECESSARY. (*The wrestler that scored the 1<sup>st</sup> points in regulation time would have the choice of top or bottom for this 30-second period*)
  - a) IF THE WRESTLER IN ADVANTAGE POSITION RIDES THE BOTTOM WRESTLER FOR THE ENTIRE 30-SECOND PERIOD OR SCORES THE FIRST POINTS, HE WOULD BE THE WINNER OF THE MATCH.
  - b) IF THE DISADVANTAGE WRESTLER ESCAPES, REVERSES OR GAINS THE FIRST POINTS, HE IS THE WINNER OF THE MATCH.

## **LENGTH OF SEASON**

1. THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE MONTANA STATE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT IS THE FIRST DAY FOR WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PRACTICES.
2. THE SEASON WILL LAST SIX WEEKS.
3. THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF THE SEASON WILL BE USED FOR DUAL MEETS, MULTI-CLUB MEETS, AND INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.
4. THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE SEASON WILL BE THE DATE FOR THE FOUR UNIT TOURNAMENTS.
5. THE FIFTH SATURDAY OF THE SEASON WILL BE THE DATE FOR THE TWO INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS.
6. THE SIXTH SATURDAY OF THE SEASON WILL BE THE DATE FOR THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

## **CONDUCT OF MEETS AND INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

1. DUALS, MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS, AND INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED BY LITTLE GUY WRESTLING CLUBS IN THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF THE SEASON
2. THE DATES FOR THESE COMPETITIONS MUST BE POSTED BY THE JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.
3. OFFICIALS WILL BE PROVIDED BY BOTH THE HOST CLUB AND VISITING TEAMS FOR THESE EVENTS. **(ONE OFFICIAL FOR EVERY 20 WRESTLERS)**
4. WEIGH INS FOR THESE EVENTS WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE HOST CLUB. (HONORARY WEIGH INS ARE ACCEPTABLE)
5. WRESTLERS UNDER THE AGE OF 7-YEARS OLD WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO WRESTLE IN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS. (COMPETITIONS FOR PEE WEES MUST BE SCHEDULED AT A DIFFERENT TIME)
6. COMPETITION FOR BEGINNER AND NOVICE GROUPS IN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS THAT ARE CONDUCTING COMPETITION WITH ALL FOUR GROUPS (Beginner, Novice, Middle, & Junior) WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE HOURS OR LESS.

7. COMPETITION FOR MIDDLE AND JUNIOR GROUPS IN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS THAT ARE CONDUCTING COMPETITION WITH ALL FOUR GROUPS (Beginner, Novice, Middle & Junior) WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE HOURS OR LESS.

## **CONDUCT OF UNIT, INTER-VALLEY, AND WMC TOURNAMENTS**

*\*COMPETITION WILL START WITH THE BEGINNER AND NOVICE GROUPS IN ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT FORMATS*

### **1. SITE:**

1. THE SITE FOR THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY AND WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS WILL CHOSEN ON A BID BASIS. INTERESTED CLUBS MAY SUBMIT A BID OR BIDS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION TO HOST ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE SEASON-ENDING TOURNAMENTS.

### **2. BIDDING:**

1. BIDS ARE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF THE GATE RECEIPTS THE HOST CLUB WILL SHARE WITH VISITING CLUBS.
2. MEDALS, AND TEAM TROPHIES WILL BE PAID FROM THE HOST TEAM'S BID SHARE FOR THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY AND WMC TOURNAMENTS.
3. BIDS FOR THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED AND ASSIGNED IN THE SPRING BOARD MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
4. BIDS FOR THE UNIT AND INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED AND ASSIGNED IN THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING FOR THAT YEAR.
5. ALL TOURNAMENT SITES WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UTILIZING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
  - 1) LOWEST BID (CLUB WILLING TO SHARE THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF THE GATE RECEIPTS WITH VISITING TEAMS)
  - 2) FORMAT FOR COMPETITION (ONE OR TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT)
  - 3) ADEQUATE MAT SPACE
  - 4) PAST HANDLING OF OF TOURNAMENT
  - 5) ADEQUATE SEATING CAPACITY (FOR THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP, A LIMIT OF 2000 SEATS MUST BE AVAILABLE IN THE FACILITY)
  - 6) BY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
6. THE PERCENTAGE OF THE SHARE WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE CLUBS BY

THE NUMBER OF WRESTLERS COMPETING FROM EACH CLUB.

7. THE HOST CLUB GETS NO PERCENTAGE OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GATE TO BE SHARED WITH VISITING CLUBS.

10. THE BIDS FOR THE UNIT AND INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN EARLY JANUARY AND THESE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

### **3. WEIGH INS:**

1. WEIGH INS FOR THE UNIT TOURNAMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE ON SPECIFIC TIMES WITH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO STAGGERED STARTS ON SATURDAY.

2. WRESTLERS WILL BE GIVEN ONE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN ON THE OFFICIAL SCALE.

1) A CHECK-SCALE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WRESTLERS TO CHECK THEIR WEIGHT BEFORE CHECKING WEIGHT ON THE OFFICIAL SCALE.

2) IF A WRESTLER DOES NOT MAKE WEIGHT, THEY WILL BE MOVED TO THE NEXT HIGHER WEIGHT CLASS.

3. THE FEDERATION RULES GOVERNING USE OF SWEAT MECHANISMS WILL BE ENFORCED.

4. WEIGH INS FOR THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY NIGHT AFTER 5:00 PM AT THEIR HOME SCHOOLS ON THE WEEK OF THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT. *(CLUBS WILL EXCHANGE COACHES WITH A NEIGHBORING CLUB TO CONDUCT THESE WEIGH INS)*

5. A UNIFORM FORM WILL BE USED ON WHICH THE CLUB WILL LIST ALL ENTREES

6. THE VISITING COACH WILL CONDUCT THE WEIGH IN AND SIGN THE FORM. THIS

FORM WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BEFORE COMPETITION BEGINS.

7. THE VISITING COACH WILL MAKE A LIST OF THOSE WRESTLERS THAT DO NOT

MAKE WEIGHT

1) THE WRESTLERS THAT DO NOT MAKE WEIGHT WILL HAVE ONE CHANCE TO MAKE WEIGHT AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE ON SATURDAY MORNING.

8. THE RULES GOVERNING ON-SITE WEIGH INS FOR THE UNIT TOURNAMENT

WILL BE USED IN CONDUCTING THESE WEIGH INS.

9. WEIGH INS FOR THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY NIGHT AFTER 5:00 PM AT THEIR HOME SCHOOLS THE WEEK OF THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. (***CLUBS WILL EXCHANGE COACHES WITH NEIGHBORING CLUBS TO CONDUCT THESE WEIGH INS USING THE SAME RULES FOR WEIGH INS AT THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT***)

#### **4. TEAM SCORING:**

1. THERE WILL BE NO SCORING FOR TEAM COMPETITION IN THE UNIT TOURNAMENTS.
2. TEAM SCORING AT THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT WILL INCLUDE BEGINNER, NOVICE, MIDDLE AND JUNIOR GROUP PLACERS

*TEAMS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO A SMALL@, AMEDIUM@, AND ALARGE@ DESIGNATION FOR THE TEAM COMPETITION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ENTREES A CLUB HAS IN THE UNIT TOURNAMENT. THE TOP 1/3 (MOST NUMBERS ENTERED) WILL BE DESIGNATED AS "LARGE TEAMS" FOR THE INTER-VALLEY & WMC TOURNAMENTS. THE MIDDLE 1/3 WILL BE DESIGNATED AS "MEDIUM TEAMS", AND THE LOWER 1/3 WILL FALL INTO THE "SMALL TEAMS" COMPETITION.*

3. THE TOP 15 PLACERS WILL DETERMINE A CLUB=S TEAM SCORE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF FINISH:  
*1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE = 7 POINTS*  
*2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE = 5 POINTS*  
*3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE = 3 POINTS*  
*4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 1 POINT*
4. PLACERS MUST BE OPPOSED BY A WRESTLER FROM ANOTHER CLUB, AND MUST ALSO HAVE AT LEAST THREE OTHER OPPONENTS IN THEIR WEIGHT BRACKET TO SCORE POINTS FOR THEIR TEAM.

#### **5. GATE SHARING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

1. BID SHARE CHECKS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SHOULD BE MAILED IN A TIMELY FASHION TO ALL VISITING TEAMS ON THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE TOURNAMENT BY THE TOURNAMENT HOST DIRECTOR.
2. FORMS FOR THE TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LITTLE GUY WRESTLING BOARD SECRETARY.
3. The share-checks must be postmarked no later that than one week following the tournament
4. Failure to comply with rule #8 will result in a \$100.00 fine assessed to the host club, going to the program "Working Fund".
5. In the case of a two-week tardiness in distributing the share-checks, the host club will forfeit the right to bid for the Unit, Inter-Valley, or WMC Tournaments the following season.
6. Promptness in completing the financial statement and distributing share-checks will also

be a consideration for bid assignments by the board of directors.

## **6. MEDIA RELEASE:**

1. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS MUST SUBMIT THE TOURNAMENT RESULTS TO THE VARIOUS MEDIA SOON AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOURNAMENT THEY ARE HOSTING.

## **7. LARGE CLUBS BRING ADULT REFS TO WMC**

**The designated "Large Group" wrestling clubs will be responsible for bringing an adult (18 or Older) referee to the Western Montana Championship tournament. These adult referees will be paid \$75.00 for working the tournament. The funds for this expense will come off of the top of the gate receipts for that tournament.**

## **8. AWARDS:**

### **1. TOURNAMENT HOST COSTS:**

- 1) THE COST OF THE MEDALS FOR THE NOVICE, MIDDLE AND JUNIOR GROUPS AT THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY, AND WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS WILL BE OFFSET BY UTILIZING 20% OF THE TOTAL GATE RECEIPTS.
- 2) ANY MEDALS THAT ARE NOT UTILIZED BY THE HOST TEAM IN THESE TOURNAMENTS CAN BE TURNED BACK TO THE UNIT REPRESENTATIVE. THE COST OF THESE MEDALS WILL BE PRORATED AND CLUBS WILL BE REIMBERSED. THESE GENERIC MEDALS WILL BE USED AGAIN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- 3) HOST TEAMS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING AND PAYING FOR TROPHIES.

### **2. UNIT TOURNAMENT AWARDS**

- 1) MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST FOUR PLACERS IN EACH WEIGHT IN BEGINNER, NOVICE, MIDDLE AND JUNIOR GROUPS.
- 2) EACH PARTICIPANT THAT DOES NOT PLACE IN THE TOP FOUR WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPATION RIBBON
- 3) THERE WILL BE NO TEAM COMPETITION AT THE UNIT TOURNAMENT.

### **3. INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT AWARDS**

- 1) THE TOP FOUR PLACERS AT EACH WEIGHT IN THE BEGINNER, NOVICE, MIDDLE AND JUNIOR GROUPS WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL.
- 2) FIRST PLACE TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CLUB WINNING ASMALL@, AMEDIUM@, AND ALARGE@ TEAM COMPETITIONS AT THE INTER-VALLEY.

#### 4. WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AWARDS

- 1) THE TOP FOUR PLACERS AT EACH WEIGHT IN THE NOVICE, MIDDLE AND JUNIOR GROUPS WILL RECEIVE A MEDAL.
- 2) COMPETITION IN THE JUNIOR GROUP MAY INCLUDE A AB@ BRACKET (EXTRA BRACKET). THE TOP FOUR PLACERS IN EACH WEIGHT BRACKET IN THE AB@ BRACKET WILL RECEIVE A PLACE RIBBON OR MEDAL.
- 3) FIRST AND SECOND-PLACE TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CLUBS WINNING ASMALL@, AMEDIUM@, AND ALARGE@ TEAM COMPETITIONS AT THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.
- 4) INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AT THIS TOURNAMENT WILL BE PRESENTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF A BRACKET WITHOUT STOPPING COMPETION.

#### 9. MOVING RESULTS TO NEXT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

1. THE FIRST AND LAST NAMES, AND TEAM DESIGNATION OF EACH OF THE TOP FOUR PLACERS IN EACH WEIGHT/AGE GROUP MUST BE SENT ALONG TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-VALLEY (FOLLOWING UNIT TOURNAMENTS) AND WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP (FOLLOWING INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS).

#### 10. SIZE OF MATS FOR JUNIOR GROUP

1. THE JUNIOR GROUP WILL WRESTLE ON MATS NO SMALLER THAN ONE-HALF THE SIZE OF A REGULATION MAT FOR COMPETITION IN THE WMC TOURNAMENT
2. ALTHOUGH THIS MAT SIZE IS NOT REQUIRED IN OTHER TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIONS, IT IS STRONGY ENCOURAGED BY THE BOARD.

#### **ADMISSION PRICES FOR MEETS AND TOURNAMENTS**

1. PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE CHARGED AN ENTREE FEE FOR ANY COMPETITION IN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM.
2. DUAL, MULTIPLE TEAM MEETS, AND INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT HOSTS WILL CHARGE NO MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM \$2.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$1.00 FOR ALL OTHERS TO BE ADMITTED AS SPECTATORS TO THESE COMPETITIONS.
3. UNIT AND INTER-VALLEY ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS WILL BE \$2.00 FOR

ADULTS AND \$1.00 FOR ALL OTHERS. IN TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT FORMATS,

4. THE SPECTATORS WILL PAY ONE ADMISSION FOR BOTH DAYS IN A TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT FORMAT
5. ADMISSION PRICES FOR THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL BE \$3.00 FOR ADULTS, AND \$1.00 FOR ALL OTHERS.
6. CONCESSIONS, RAFFLES, AND OTHER FUND-RAISERS ARE NOT REGULATED

BY

THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY PROGRAM.

## **OFFICIALS**

1. QUALIFIED OFFICIALS FOR ALL COMPETITION IN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM ARE:

1) M.O.A.=s (OFFICIALS REGISTERED AS MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WRESTLING REFEREES)

2) HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS

3) WRESTLING COACHES

4) OTHER PERSONS WITH GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF FOLK-STYLE WRESTLING RULES

2. EACH CLUB WILL FURNISH ONE OFFICIAL FOR EVERY 20 WRESTLERS THE TEAM ENTERS IN DUALS, MULTIPLE MEETS, INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

3. CLUBS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR BEST OFFICIALS TO WORK THE UNIT TOURNAMENT THEIR TEAM IS ENTERED IN.

4. THE OFFICIALS AT THE UNIT TOURNAMENTS AND INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS WILL BE EVALUATED BY THE COACHES, AND THE WORTHY REFEREES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ADVANCE TO THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT.

5. A LIST OF THE TOP VOTE-GETTERS AMONG THOSE REFEREEING THE UNIT AND INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE HOST DIRECTOR TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS.

6. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL CONTACT CLUB REPRESENTATIVES TO SEE WHO WILL SPONSOR M.O.A. OFFICIALS (PAY \$75.00 PER OFFICIAL FOR THE DAY) FOR THAT TOURNAMENT.

7. CLUBS WITH NO EXPERIENCED OR QUALIFIED OFFICIALS MAY BORROW THEIR QUOTA FROM OTHER CLUBS ATTENDING THE TOURNAMENT OR COMPETION.
8. THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY AND WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS WILL APPOINT A **AHEAD OFFICIAL** WHO WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES.
- 1) MONITOR ALL OF THE OTHER OFFICIALS
- 2) MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON ALL DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN COACHES AND OFFICIALS IN THE COURSE OF TOURNAMENT COMPETITION.
- 3) **CONDUCT** A PRE-TOURNAMENT SESSION TO HELP PREPARE THE REFEREES ON GENERAL RULES AND CONDUCT.
9. POLL COACHES AT THE TOURNAMENT ON EVALUATION OF REFEREES AT THE UNIT AND INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENTS.
- 1) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CLUB WILL RECEIVE AN EVALUATION FORM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COMPETITION WITH THE NAMES OF ALL PARTICIPATING REFEREES
- 2) THE EVALUATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE HEAD OFFICIAL OR THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT.
10. THE HEAD OFFICIAL CAN NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE PARTICIPATING CLUB'S COACHING STAFFS
11. THE HEAD OFFICIALS AND TOURNAMENT MARSHALS WILL HAVE A YELLOW CARDS AND A RED CARDS TO HELP MONITOR SPORTSMANSHIP AND BEHAVIOR OF PARTICIPATING COACHES.
12. YELLOW CARDS CAN BE ISSUED TO INDIVIDUAL COACHES OR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES AS A WARNING FOR INFRACTIONS SUCH AS A MORE THAN ONE COACH AT A MAT, OR UNDUE HARASSMENT OF OFFICIALS.
13. FOR REPEATED INFRACTIONS OR NON-COMPLIANCE, A RED CARD CAN BE ISSUED.
14. A RED CARD WOULD RESULT IN EJECTION OF THE COACH IN VIOLATION, AND LOSS OF 1 TEAM POINT IN THE INTER-VALLEY OR WMC TOURNAMENTS.
15. THE YELLOW AND RED CARD SYSTEM MAY BE EMPLOYED AT DUAL AND INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS BY HOST CLUB'S CHOICE.

## **CROWD CONTROL AND COACHES RULES**

1. ONE COACH IS ALLOWED PER WRESTLER IN THE OPPOSITE CORNER OF THE MAT AS THE OPPOSING WRESTLER=S COACH. (UPON VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, THE MAT OFFICIAL SHOULD STOP THE MATCH AND ASK FOR COMPLIANCE. IF THE COACHES DO NOT COMPLY, THEIR COMPETITOR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE MATCH)
2. AT THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY AND WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS, COACHES WILL WEAR IDENTIFICATION BADGES WHILE IN THE MAT AREA.
3. ALL CLUBS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPORTSMANSHIP AND GENERAL CONDUCT OF PARENTS AND FANS REPRESENTING THEIR CLUB. (EACH CLUB SHOULD TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN HELPING CONTROL THEIR FANS)
4. COOLERS AND FOOD CONTAINERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE EVENTS FACILITY FOR THE UNIT, INTER-VALLEY OR WESTERN MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS.
5. A TOURNAMENT MARSHAL WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE HOST CLUB TO HELP MONITOR AND ENFORCE THE ABOVE RULES.

## **PROGRAM INCORPORATION**

1. THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM IS REGISTERED WITH THE STATE OF MONTANA AS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.
2. THREE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SATISFY THE STATE CORPORATION REQUIREMENT.
3. AN ANNUAL FEE OF APPROXIMATELY \$800.00 WILL BE APPROPRIATED BY THE PROGRAM FOR CORPORATION EXECUTIVE OFFICER INSURANCE.
4. THE CORPORATION PAPERS WILL BE HELD BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.
5. THE OFFICIAL CORPORATION NAME IS ***WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING INC.***

## **CLUB LIABILITY INSURANCE**

1. THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING PROGRAM WILL ENLIST AN INSURANCE CARRIER TO PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR CLUBS TO COVER LIABILITY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
  - 1) ACCIDENTS BY WRESTLERS AND COACHES IN PRACTICES
  - 2) ACCIDENTS BY WRESTLERS IN COMPETITIONS
  - 3) ACCIDENTS BY FANS AND SPECTATORS AT LGW COMPETITIONS
  - 4) ACCIDENTS WHILE TRANSPORTING WRESTLERS TO AND FROM COMPETITIONS
2. THE PREMIUMS FOR THE LIABILITY INSURANCE WILL BE SHARED BY ALL THE PARTICIPATING CLUBS.
3. EACH CLUB WILL PAY AN ASSESSED AMOUNT PER WRESTLER THAT IS ENROLLED IN THEIR PROGRAM.

## **PROGRAM "WORKING FUND" SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

1. A SAVINGS ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE WHITEFISH CREDIT UNION BANK IN POLSON TO HANDLE FUNDS IN THE PROGRAM. EACH CLUB WILL BE ASSESSED \$25.00 EACH YEAR TO HELP PAY FOR INCORPORATION INSURANCE AND OTHER PROGRAM COSTS.
2. EACH CLUB WILL BE LEVIED UP TO \$50.00 EACH YEAR FOR THE MONTANA SPORTS.NET INTERNET SERVICE THAT IS PURCHASED BY THE OVER-ALL PROGRAM.

## **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

1. THE HOST TEAM FOR EACH UNIT TOURNAMENT, INTER-VALLEY TOURNAMENT AND WMC WILL PAY 10% OF THEIR GATE RECEIPTS TO A SCHOLARSHIP FUND THAT WILL SPONSOR ONE OR MORE FORMER WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLERS THAT WRESTLES FOR MONTANA STATE NORTHERN OR THE UNIVERSITY OF GREAT FALLS.
2. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO INCOMING FRESHMEN TO THESE PROGRAMS. VETERAN WRESTLERS MAY APPLY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIP

MONIES AS WELL.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PROGRAM

WEB-SITE (montanasportsline.com).

4. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND SELECT THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AT THE ANNUAL SPRING BOARD MEETING.

## **COACHES LIST**

1. EACH CLUB WILL SEND THEIR UNIT REPRESENTATIVE A LIST OF THE COACHES THAT WILL BE ALLOWED TO COACH IN THEIR PROGRAMS  
1) THIS LIST WILL BE SENT BEFORE THE FIRST COMPETITION OF THE SEASON

2. THE UNIT REPS WILL SEND THE COMPILED LIST OF COACHES IN THEIR UNIT TO THE PROGRAM SECRETARY.

3. THE SECRETARY WILL PLACE A LIST OF ALL ELEGIBLE COACHES ON THE PROGRAM WEB-SITE.

4. COMPETITION HOSTS WILL ACCESS THE WEB-SITE FOR COACHES LISTS AND ISSUE WRIST BANDS TO LISTED COACHES ONLY.  
1) ONLY COACHES WITH OFFICIAL WRIST BANDS CAN COACH AT MAT-SIDE FOR COMPETITIONS.

## **SANCTIONS**

1. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO APPLY THE FOLLOWING

SANCTIONS TO CLUBS THAT ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES THAT

ARE LISTED IN THIS BY-LAW DOCUMENT.

1) LETTER OF REPRIMAND TO INDIVIDUAL OR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE  
FINES LEVIED ON CLUBS UP TO \$500.00

2) LOSS OF BIDDING PRIVILEGES ON UNIT, INTER-VALLEY, AND WMC  
TOURNAMENTS FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS

3) LOSS OF PROGRAM CHARTER (CLUB WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY PROGRAM.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP CREED**

The success of our Western Montana Little Guy Wrestling Program is totally dependent on the conduct of the adults that work in the program. The teaching of sportsmanship is a top priority for coaches and parents. Coaches must set an example

for the young competitors by refraining from profanity, verbalizing positive reinforcement, and maintaining control when dealing with officials.

We cannot allow our egos as coaches, parents, and fans to get in the way of our goal to make this a positive and rewarding experience for these young athletes@.

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