Saskatchewan Wrestling
Officials Development Program Policy

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For the purpose of developing future officials within the province, the following policy shall be instituted and enforced.

Teams travelling to Sask Wrestling sanctioned events will be required to supply a developmental official or officials to work the attended event. The purpose of this policy is to recruit and train prospective future officials in all regions within Saskatchewan. The goal is to develop more officials from across the province who can gain enough experience to then return to their region and continue to work and develop other local officials.

Teams will be required to supply an official at the club/team's cost (travel, accommodations, etc.) based on the team's athlete entries. Any athlete entries over 10 wrestlers will require a Developmental Official. The official's name will be included on the athletes' registration listing and/or weigh in sheet when submitted to the tournament director. The number of developmental officials will be decided by number of athlete entries made by the participating team.

Teams attending the tournament will be responsible for the travel and accommodations of officials based on the quota of athlete entries (10+). Failure to supply the necessary numbers will result in a $100.00 development fee for the official not supplied – to be payable to Saskatchewan Wrestling.

Tournament directors/hosts will not be required to follow this policy but will be required to make arrangements with SAWOA for the required number of certified SAWOA officials.

Benefits:

- Development of local officials who can then train other local officials in hopes that eventually a town or region might have enough officials to staff tournaments without having to bring in officials. Thus, saving the host/club money on mileage and hotels.
- Adding more officials to the 'officials pool' who can be called upon for other tournaments throughout the province and country.
- Increased knowledge of the rules in all regions of the province
- MAP grant benefits to clubs
- Decreased tournament costs for host clubs

Notes to clubs:

- It would be beneficial for the purpose of this policy that clubs attempt to use the same individual for all attended events. This will allow them to gain more experience and develop faster. Thus, allowing them to eventually be able to officiate more independently and train future officials. It would also be strongly encouraged that the person selected is used for all attended events because this shows their dedication to developing as an official.
- The goal is to develop officials that will continue to officiate year after year, so clubs are asked to carefully select

people who will continue with officiating beyond one tournament or even the one season • Teams will have until the completion of provincial championships to pay any incurred development fees or the club will be designated as a “member not in good standing”.

- Teams requiring to supply officials have the option to supply people interested in pairing master duties instead of on mat officiating.