

## ONTARIO AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I                      GENERAL

1.1     Purpose – These By-laws relate to the general conduct of the affairs of the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association.

1.2     Definitions – The following terms have these meanings in these By-laws:

- a) *Act* – the Ontario Corporations Act or any successor legislation including the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (upon becoming law).
- b) *Registered Participant* – Any individual registered with the Corporation as an amateur wrestler, a coach, an official, or a supporter and meets the definition of such role as defined in the Corporation's governing documents
- c) *Auditor* – an individual, partnership, or corporation appointed by the Members at the Annual Meeting to audit the books, accounts, and records of the Corporation for a report to the Members at the next Annual Meeting in accordance with the Act.
- d) *Board* – the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- e) *Corporation* – the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association.
- f) *Days* – days including weekends and holidays.
- g) *Director* – an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board pursuant to these By-laws.
- h) *Officer* – an individual elected or appointed to serve as an Officer of the Corporation pursuant to these By-laws.
- i) *Ordinary Resolution* – a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast on that resolution.
- j) *Special Resolution* – a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast on that resolution or signed by all the voting Members entitled to vote on that resolution.

1.3     Registered Office – The registered office of the Corporation will be located within the Province of Ontario.

1.4     No Gain for Members – The Corporation will be carried on without the purpose of gain for its Members and any profits or other accretions to the Corporation will be used in promoting its objects.

1.5     Ruling on By-laws – Except as provided in the Act, the Board will have the authority to interpret any provision of these By-laws that is contradictory, ambiguous, or unclear, provided such interpretation is consistent with the objects of the Corporation.

1.6     Conduct of Meetings – Unless otherwise specified in these By-laws, meetings of the Members and meetings of the Board will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (current edition).

1.7     Interpretation – Words importing the singular will include the plural and vice versa, words importing the masculine will include the feminine and the neuter and words importing the feminine will include the masculine and the neuter, and words importing persons will include bodies corporate. Words importing an organization name, title, or program will include any successor organizational name, title, or program.

**Temporary - Bylaw #2**  
**Phased Implementation Plan and Election of Directors**

1. On Saturday September 26, 2020 at the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association Annual Meeting, a motion for the approval of the new Bylaws and this Phased Implementation Plan will be placed before the voting Members.
2. Upon the approval of the motion to accept the new Bylaws and this Phased Implementation Plan, the new Bylaws will be implemented effective immediately except for the composition and elections of directors which will be implemented in accordance with this Phased Implementation Plan.
3. Current Directors whose terms continue will continue to hold office until the next members meeting schedule to elect directors (2021). Current Directors continuing in office will be as follows:
  - a) President
  - b) Vice-President Technical
  - c) Vice-President Women's Development
  - d) Vice-President Coaching
  - e) Vice-President Communications
  - f) Officials' Representative
  - g) Athletes' Representative
4. Elections will occur as follows:
  - a) At the 2020 Annual Members Meeting for a two (2) year term (unless stated otherwise):
    - i. Secretary
    - ii. Treasurer
    - iii. Vice-President Administration
    - iv. Athletes' Representative
  - b) At the 2021 Members Meeting for a two (2) year term (unless stated otherwise):
    - i. President (2-year term)
    - ii. Vice-President, Technical (2-year term)
    - iii. Director, Communications, Marketing and Promotion (2-year term)
    - iv. Special Director (Optional – 1-year term)
    - v. Officials' Representative
5. All subsequent elections will proceed in accordance with the new Bylaws.

This by-Law will be redundant after the close of elections at the 2021 Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association Annual General Meeting and will be removed. This will be noted in the minutes of that meeting.

**ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 Categories – The Corporation has the following two (2) categories of Members:
  - a) Active Club Member – An amateur wrestling club that is registered as a member of the Corporation for more than one (1) year, meets the conditions of membership described in Appendix “A”, and has agreed to abide by the Corporation's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
  - b) Associate Club Member - An amateur wrestling club that is registered as a member of the Corporation for less than one (1) year, meets the conditions of membership described in Appendix “A”, and has agreed to abide by the Corporation's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
  - c) Note: The Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials is considered to be an Active Club without the Conditions laid out in Appendix A.

**Authority of Members**

- 2.2 Membership Authority – The Members of the Corporation with voting rights will have the following powers:
  - a) To appoint the Auditor
  - b) To amend the Bylaws
  - c) To elect Directors; and

d) As provided in the Act and in these Bylaws

### **Admission and Renewal of Members**

- 2.3 Admission of Members – Any candidate will be admitted as a Member or renewed as a Member if:
- a) The candidate member makes an application for membership in a manner prescribed by the Corporation;
  - b) The candidate member was at any time previously a Member, the candidate member was a Member in good standing at the time of ceasing to be a Member;
  - c) The candidate member has paid dues as prescribed by the Board;
  - d) The candidate member agrees to uphold and comply with the Corporation's governing documents;
  - e) The candidate member meets any other condition of membership determined by the Board;
  - f) The candidate member has met the applicable definition listed in Section 2.1; and
  - g) The candidate member has been approved by Ordinary Resolution by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board.

### **Membership Dues and Duration**

- 2.4 Year – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the membership year of the Corporation will be April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 2.5 Dues – Membership dues will be determined annually by the Board.

- 2.6 Duration – Membership duration is accorded on an annual basis and Members will re-apply for membership annually. Memberships automatically expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. No notification of expiry of membership is required to be provided to the members.

### **Transfer, Suspension, and Termination of Membership**

- 2.7 Transfer – Membership in the Corporation is non-transferable.

- 2.8 Suspension – A Member may be suspended, pending the outcome of a discipline hearing in accordance with the Corporation's policies related to discipline, or by Special Resolution of the Board at a meeting of the Board provided the Member has been given notice of and the opportunity to be heard at such meeting.

- 2.9 Termination – Membership in the Corporation will terminate immediately upon:
- a) The expiration of the Member's annual membership, unless renewed in accordance with these By-laws;
  - b) The Member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership described in Section 2.1 of these By-laws;
  - c) Resignation by the Member by giving written notice to the Corporation;
  - d) Dissolution of the Corporation;
  - e) A decision made by a panel in accordance with the Corporation's applicable discipline policies;
  - f) The Member's dissolution; or
  - g) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board or of the Members at a duly called meeting, provided fifteen (15) days' notice is given and the Member is provided with reasons and the opportunity to be heard. Notice will set out the reasons for termination of membership and the Member receiving the notice will be entitled to submit a written submission opposing the termination.

- 2.10 May Not Resign – A Member may not resign from the Corporation when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action by the Corporation.

- 2.11 Arrears – A Member will be expelled from the Corporation for failing to pay membership dues or monies owed to the Corporation by the deadline dates prescribed by the Board. Any dues, subscriptions, or other monies owed to the Corporation by suspended or expelled Members will remain due.

- 2.12 Discipline – A Member may be disciplined in accordance with the Corporation's policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members.

## **Good Standing**

2.13 **Definition** – A Member will be in good standing provided that the Member:

- a) Has not ceased to be a Member;
- b) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed;
- c) Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Corporation;
- d) Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Corporation;
- e) Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Corporation, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
- f) Has paid all required membership dues.

2.14 **Cease to be in Good Standing** – Members that cease to be in good standing, as determined by the Board or a Disciplinary Panel, will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing.

## **ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

3.1 **Annual Meeting** – The Corporation will hold meetings of Members at such date, time and place as determined by the Board within the Province of Ontario. The Annual Meeting will be held within fifteen (15) months of the last Annual Meeting and within six (6) months of the Corporation's fiscal year end. Any Member, upon request, will be provided, not less than fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting, with a copy of the approved financial statements, auditor's report (if any) or review engagement report (if any).

3.2 **Special Meeting** – A Special Meeting of the Members may be called at any time by Ordinary Resolution of the Board or upon the written requisition of ten percent (10%) or more of the Members for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Corporation that does not fall within the exceptions listed in the Act or is otherwise inconsistent with the Act, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the deposit of the requisition.

3.3 **Participation/Holding by Electronic Means** – Any person entitled to attend a meeting of Members may participate in the meeting by telephonic or electronic means that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting if the Corporation makes such means available. A person so participating in a meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting. The Directors or Members, as the case may be, may determine that the meeting be held entirely by telephonic or electronic means that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

3.4 **Notice** – Written or electronic notice of the date of Members Meeting will be given to all Members in good standing, Directors, and the Auditor (if appointed) at least ten (10) days and not more than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the meeting. Notice will contain a reminder of the right to vote by proxy and a proposed agenda.

3.5 **Waiver of Notice** – Any person who is entitled to notice of a meeting of the Members may waive notice, and attendance of the person at the meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting, unless the person attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting was not lawfully called in accordance with these By-laws.

3.6 **New Business** – No other item of business will be included in the notice of the meeting of the Members unless notice in writing of such other item of business, or a Member's proposal, has been submitted to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Members in accordance with procedures as approved by the Board. Copies of all such proposals together with copies of any amendments thereto then proposed by the Board and copies of all resolutions put forward by the Board shall be sent to all Members with the agenda and the notice calling an Annual Meeting. An item of business may be heard, considered and decided at a Meeting of Members upon the approval of the voting members by way of Special Resolution. The debate on whether to add an item of business will be limited to two (2) minutes.

3.7 **Quorum** – Fifteen (15) Voting Members present or by proxy will constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present at the opening of a meeting of the Members, the Members present may proceed with the business of the meeting, even if a quorum is not present throughout the meeting.

3.8 **Agenda** – The agenda for the Annual Meeting will at least include (not listed in any specific order):

- a) Call to order
- b) Establishment of quorum
- c) Appointment of scrutineers
- d) Approval of the agenda
- e) Approval of minutes of the previous Annual Meeting
- f) Presentation of reports
- g) Report of Auditors (if any)
- h) Appointment of Auditors (if any)
- i) Business as specified in the meeting notice
- j) Election of new Directors
- k) Adjournment

3.9 **Scrutineers** – At the beginning of each meeting, the Voting Member present or by proxy may appoint two (2) or more scrutineers who are not voting members or Delegates, who will be present at the meeting and be responsible for ensuring that votes are properly cast and counted. The scrutineers will be responsible for ensuring that voting has been conducted properly and will report the results of the vote to the chair of the meeting and will not disclose the results to any other person.

3.10 **Adjournments** – With the majority consent of the Members present and after quorum is ascertained, the Members may adjourn a meeting of Members and no notice is required for continuation of the meeting if the meeting is held within thirty (30) days. Any business may be brought before or dealt with at any adjourned meeting which might have been brought before or dealt with at the original meeting in accordance with the notice calling the same.

3.11 **Attendance** – The only persons entitled to attend a meeting of the Members are the Members, delegates representing Members, the Directors, the auditors of the Corporation (or the person who has been appointed to conduct a review engagement, if any), individuals possessing a proxy on behalf of a Member, and others who are entitled or required under any provision of the Act to be present at the meeting. Any other person may be admitted only if invited by the Chair or with the majority consent of the Members present.

3.12 **Chair** – The President will be the Chair of all meetings of Members unless designated by the President or deemed otherwise by the Board of Directors or Members by way of Ordinary Resolution.

### **Voting at Meetings of Members**

3.13 **Voting Rights** – Members (As defined in Article 2.1) have the following voting rights at all meetings of the Members:

- a) **Active Club Members** may attend meetings of Members and are entitled to vote as described below and to be exercised by the Club's Delegate:
  - i. 5 – 20 Registered Participants with the Corporation – 1 Vote
  - ii. 21 – 50 Registered Participants with the Corporation – 2 Votes
  - iii. 51 or more Registered Participants with the Corporation – 3 Votes
- b) **Associate Club Members** may attend meetings of Members but are not entitled to vote.

3.14 **Eligibility of Votes** – On a specific date, the Board will determine the list of Members who are eligible to vote at a meeting of the Members. The date will be no more than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

3.15 **Delegates** – Members will appoint in writing (inclusive of electronic notice) to the Corporation, seven (7) days prior to the meeting of Members, the name of the Delegate(s) to represent the Member. Delegates must be at least eighteen years of age, of sound mind, and be acting as the Member's representative.

3.16 Proxy Voting – Every voting Member may appoint a proxy holder to attend and vote on behalf of the Member. A proxy must:

- a) Be signed by the Member;
- b) Be in a form that complies with the Act;
- c) Comply with the format stipulated by the Corporation; and
- d) Be submitted to the Registered Office of the Corporation at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting of the Members.

3.17 Proxy Holder – A proxy holder will only hold a maximum of two (2) proxies.

3.18 Absentee Voting – There is no absentee voting.

3.19 Determination of Votes – Votes will be determined by a show of hands, orally, or electronic ballot, except in the case of elections which require a secret ballot, unless a secret or recorded ballot is requested by a Member.

3.20 Majority of Votes – Except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, the majority of votes will decide each issue. In the case of a tie, the issue is defeated.

3.21 Written Resolution – A resolution signed by all the Members entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the Members is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Members.

## **ARTICLE IV GOVERNANCE**

### **Composition of the Board**

4.1 Directors – The Board will consist of a minimum of seven (7) Directors and a maximum of eleven (11) directors. The number of Directors will be fixed by the Members via ordinary resolution.

4.2 Composition of the Board – The Board may consist of the following:

- a) President
- b) Vice President Administration
- c) Vice President Technical
- d) Vice-President Coaching
- e) Vice-President, Diversity and Inclusion.
- f) Secretary
- g) Treasurer
- h) Director, Communications, Marketing and Promotion
- i) Director, Officials
- j) Director, Athletes' Representative
- k) Past President

### **Eligibility of Directors**

4.3 Eligibility – To be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must:

- a) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- b) Not have been found under the *Substitute Decisions Act*, 1992 or under the *Mental Health Act* to be incapable of managing property;
- c) Have the power under law to contract;
- d) Have not been declared incapable by a court in Canada or in another country; and
- e) Not have the status of bankrupt.

### **Election of Directors**

4.4 Nominations Committee – The Board will appoint a Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee will be responsible to solicit and receive nominations for the election of Directors.

4.5 Nomination – Any nomination of an individual for election as a Director will:

- a) Include the written consent of the nominee by signed or electronic signature;
- b) Comply with the procedures established by the Nominations Committee; and

- c) Be submitted to the Registered Office of the Corporation seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This timeline may be extended by Ordinary Resolution of the Board.

4.6 Circulation of Nominations – Valid nominations will be circulated to Members at the Annual Meeting prior to the elections.

4.7 Nominations from the Floor – Notwithstanding Section 4.5, nominations for the election of directors will be accepted from the floor.

4.8 Election – The election of directors will take place at each bi-Annual Meeting of Members:

- a) The President, Vice-President Technical, Vice-President Diversity and Inclusion, and Secretary will be elected at alternate bi-Annual Meetings to those listed in sub-section (b).
- b) The Vice-President Administration, Vice-President Coaching, Treasurer and Director, Communications, Marketing and Promotion will be elected at alternate bi-Annual Meetings to those listed in sub-section a.

4.9 Elections – Elections for each non-Director-at-Large position will be decided by Ordinary Resolution of the Members in accordance with the following:

- a) One Valid Nomination – Winner declared by Ordinary Resolution.
- b) Two or More Valid Nominations – The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected. In the case of a tie, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees and a second vote will be conducted. If there continues to be a tie and more nominees than positions, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees until there remains the appropriate number of nominees for the position(s) or until a winner is declared.

4.10 Terms – Elected Directors will serve terms of two (2) years and will hold office until they or their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these By-laws, unless they resign, or are removed from or vacate their office. Directors may serve two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms before being elected to a different Board position or leave the Board.

#### **Director, Officials**

4.11 Director, Officials – The Director, Officials will be the Chair of the Officials Committee appointed pursuant to the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials Committee Terms of Reference.

#### **Director, Athletes' Representative**

4.12 Director, Athletes' Representative – The Director, Athletes' Representative will be the Chair of the Athletes' Council appointed pursuant to the Athletes' Council Terms of Reference.

#### **Past President**

4.13 Past President – The immediate Past President may be deemed a Director provided that this individual is interested in serving in the position and has been approved by Ordinary Resolution of the Board.

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#### **Resignation and Removal of Directors**

4.15 Resignation – A Director may resign from the Board at any time by presenting his or her notice of resignation to the Board. This resignation will become effective the date on which the notice is received by the Secretary or at the time specified in the notice, whichever is later. When a Director who is subject to a disciplinary investigation or action of the Corporation resigns, that Director will nonetheless be subject to any sanctions or consequences resulting from the disciplinary investigation or action.

4.16 Vacate Office – The office of any Director will be vacated automatically if:

- a) The Director no longer becomes eligible to serve as a Director;
- b) The Director resigns;
- c) The Director is found to be incapable of managing property by a court or under Ontario law;
- d) The Director is found by a court to be of unsound mind;



- e) The Director charged and/or convicted of any criminal offence related to the position;
- f) The Director becomes bankrupt or suspends payment of debts or compounds with creditors or makes an authorized assignment in bankruptcy or is declared insolvent; or
- g) The Director dies.

4.17 **Removal** – An elected Director may be removed by Ordinary Resolution of the Members at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting provided the Director has been given reasonable written notice of, and the opportunity to be present and to be heard at, such a meeting.

#### **Filling a Vacancy on the Board**

4.18 **Vacancy** – Where the position of a Director becomes vacant for whatever reason and there is still a quorum of Directors, the Board may appoint a qualified individual to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

#### **Meetings of the Board**

4.19 **Call of Meeting** – A meeting of the Board will be held at any time and place as determined by the President, or by written requisition of at least two (2) Directors.

4.20 **Chair** – The President will be the Chair of all meetings of the Board unless designated by the President or deemed otherwise by the Board of Directors.

4.21 **Notice** – Written notice, served other than by mail, of meetings of the Board will be given to all Directors at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Notice served by mail will be sent at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. No notice of a meeting of the Board is required if all Directors waive notice, or if those absent consent to the meeting being held in their absence. If a quorum of Directors is present, each newly elected or appointed Board may, without notice, hold its first meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

4.22 **Board Meeting With New Directors** – For a first meeting of the Board held immediately following the election of Directors at a meeting of the Members, or for a meeting of the Board at which a Director is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly elected or appointed Director(s).

4.23 **Number of Meetings** – The Board will hold at least four (4) meetings per year.

4.24 **Quorum** – At any meeting of the Board, quorum will be a majority of Directors.

4.25 **Voting** – Each Director is entitled to one vote. Voting will be by a show of hands, written, or orally unless a majority of Directors present request a secret ballot. Resolutions will be passed by Ordinary Resolution.

4.26 **No Alternate Directors** – No person shall act for an absent Director at a meeting of the Board.

4.27 **Written Resolutions** – A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board.

4.28 **Closed Meetings** – Meetings of the Board will be closed to Members and the public except by invitation of the Board or by approval of the Board upon receipt of a written request describing the rationale for attendance in advance of the meeting. The Board will have the authority to close the meeting at any time per its discretion.

4.29 **Meetings by Telecommunications** – A meeting of the Board may be held by telephone conference call or by means of other telecommunications technology. Directors who participate in a meeting by telecommunications technology are considered to have attended the meeting.

### **Duties of Directors**

4.30 Standard of Care – Every Director will:

- a) Act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation; and
- b)** Exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

### **Powers of the Board**

4.31 Powers of the Corporation – Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these By-laws, the Board has the powers of the Corporation and may delegate any of its powers, duties, and functions.

4.32 Empowered – The Board is empowered, including but not limited to:

- a) Make policies and procedures or manage the affairs of the Corporation in accordance with the Act and these By-laws;
- b) Make policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members, and have the authority to discipline Members in accordance with such policies and procedures;
- c) Make policies and procedures relating to the management of disputes within the Corporation and deal with disputes in accordance with such policies and procedures;
- d) Employ or engage under contract such persons as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Corporation;
- e) Determine registration procedures, determine membership dues, and determine other registration requirements;
- f) Enable the Corporation to receive donations and benefits for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;
- g) Make expenditures for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Corporation;
- h) Borrow money upon the credit of the Corporation as it deems necessary in accordance with these By-laws; and
- i) Perform any other duties from time to time as may be in the best interests of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE V                      OFFICERS**

5.1 Composition – The Officers will be comprised of the President, Vice President Administration, Secretary, and Treasurer.

5.2 Term – The term of the Officers will be two (2) years or until they or their successors are elected or appointed.

5.3 Duties – The duties of Officers are as follows:

- a) The President will be the chair of the Board, will preside at the Annual and Special Meetings of the Corporation and at meetings of the Board unless otherwise designated, will be the official spokesperson of the Corporation, and will perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.
- b) The Vice President Administration will, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and will perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.
- c) The Vice-President Technical will be responsible for the sport related business of the Corporation and such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.
- d) The Secretary will be responsible for the documentation of all amendments to the Corporation's By-laws, will ensure that all official documents and records of the Corporation are properly kept, cause to be recorded the minutes of all meetings, will prepare and submit to each meeting of the Members and other meetings a report of all activities since the previous meeting of the Members or other meetings, will give due notice to all Members of the meeting of the Members of the Corporation, and will perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.

- e) The Treasurer will, subject to the powers and duties of the Board, keep proper accounting records as required by the Act, will cause to be deposited all monies received by the Corporation in the Corporation's bank account, will supervise the management and the disbursement of funds of the Corporation, when required will provide the Board with an account of financial transactions and the financial position of the Corporation, will prepare annual budgets, and will perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.

5.4 Delegation of Duties – At the discretion of the Officer and with approval by Ordinary Resolution of the Board, any Officer may delegate any duties of that office to appropriate staff or committee of the Corporation, or to another Director.

5.5 Removal – An Officer may be removed by Ordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Board or of the Members, provided the Officer has been given notice of and the opportunity to be present and to be heard at the meeting where such Ordinary Resolution is put to a vote. If the Officer is removed by the Members, his or her position as a Director (if applicable) will automatically and simultaneously be terminated.

5.6 Vacancy – Where the position of an Officer, excluding the President, becomes vacant for whatever reason and there is still a quorum of Directors, the Board may, by Ordinary Resolution, appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant position's term of office. If the President position becomes vacant, the Vice-President Administration shall become President and the Board may appoint a replacement for the position of Vice-President Administration from among the Directors.

5.7 Other Officers – The Board may determine other Officer positions and appoint individuals to fill those positions. Other Officers need not be Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES**

### **Standing Committees**

6.1 Standing Committees – The Corporation will have the following standing committees and will prescribe their composition and duties in terms of reference:

- a) Management Committee
- b) Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials' Association
- c) Regional Council Committee
- d) Women's Development Committee
- e) Coaching Development Committee
- f) Athlete Development Committee
- g) Athletes Council Committee

### **Other Committees**

6.2 Appointment of Committees – The Board may appoint such other committees as it deems necessary for managing the affairs of the Corporation and may appoint members of committees or provide for the election of members of committees, may prescribe the duties and terms of reference of committees, and may delegate to any Committee any of its powers, duties, and functions.

6.3 Vacancy – When a vacancy occurs on any Committee, the Board may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the Committee's term.

6.4 President Ex-officio – The President will be an ex-officio non-voting member of all Committees of the Corporation.

6.5 Removal – The Board may remove any member of any Committee.

6.6 Debts – No Committee will have the authority to incur debts in the name of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

7.1 Fiscal Year – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the fiscal year of the Corporation will be April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

7.2 Bank – The banking business of the Corporation will be conducted at such financial institution as the Board may determine.

7.3 Auditors – At each Annual Meeting the Members may appoint an auditor to audit or conduct a review engagement of the books, accounts and records of the Corporation in accordance with the Act. The auditor will hold office until the next Annual Meeting. The auditor will not be an employee, Officer, or Director of the Corporation and must be permitted to conduct an audit or review engagement of the Corporation under the *Public Accounting Act*, 2004, as amended.

7.4 Annual Financial Statements – The Directors will approve financial statements (evidenced by signature of one or more Directors) of the Corporation of the last fiscal year of the Corporation but not more than six (6) months before the Annual Meeting and present the approved financial statements before the Members at every Annual Meeting.

7.5 Books and Records – The necessary books and records of the Corporation required by these By-laws or by applicable law will be necessarily and properly kept. The books and records include, but are not limited to:

- a) The Corporation's articles and By-laws;
- b) The minutes of meetings of the Members and of any committee of Members;
- c) The resolutions of the Members and of any committee of Members;
- d) The minutes of meetings of the Directors or any committee of Directors;
- e) The resolutions of the Directors and of any committee of Directors;
- f) A register of Directors;
- g) A register of Officers;
- h) A register of Members; and
- i) Account records adequate to enable the Directors to ascertain the financial position of the Corporation on a quarterly basis.

7.6 Signing Authority – Contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, mortgages, charges, conveyances, transfers and assignments of property, leases and discharges for the payment of money or other obligations, conveyances, transfers and assignments of shares, stocks, bonds, debentures, or other securities, agencies, powers of attorney, instruments of proxy, voting certificates, returns, documents, reports, or any other instruments in writing to be executed by the Corporation will be executed by at least one (1) of the Officers or other individuals, as designated by the Board. In addition, the Board may direct a manner in which the person or persons by whom any particular instrument or class of instruments may or will be signed.

7.7 High Value Contracts – All financial instruments and contracts with a value larger than \$10,000 must be signed by two (2) Officers or other individuals as designated by the Board that hold the signing authority of the Corporation.

7.8 Property – The Corporation may acquire, lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of securities, lands, buildings, or other property, or any right or interest therein, for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

7.9 Borrowing – The Corporation may borrow funds under such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, as permitted by the Act.

7.10 Borrowing Restriction – The Members may, by Special Resolution, restrict the borrowing powers of the Board but a restriction so imposed expires at the next Annual Meeting.

## **Remuneration**

7.11 **No Remuneration** – All Directors, Officers and members of Committees will serve their term of office without remuneration (unless approved at a meeting of Members) except for reimbursement of expenses as approved by the Board. This section does not preclude a Director or member of a Committee from providing goods or services to the Corporation under contract or for purchase. Any Director or member of a Committee will disclose the conflict/potential conflict in accordance with these By-laws.

## **Conflict of Interest**

7.12 **Conflict of Interest** – A Director, Officer or member of a Committee who has an interest, or who may be perceived as having an interest, in a proposed contract or transaction with the Corporation will disclose fully and promptly the nature and extent of such interest to the Board or Committee, as the case may be, will refrain from voting or speaking in debate on such contract or transaction, will refrain from influencing the decision on such contract or transaction, and will otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act regarding conflict of interest.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

8.1 **Voting** – These By-laws may only be amended, revised, repealed or added to under the jurisdiction of the *Ontario Corporations Act*, by a Special Resolution of the voting Members present at a meeting duly called to amend, revise or repeal these Bylaws. Any amendments, revisions, addition or deletions will be effective immediately.

8.2 **Effective Date** – By-laws amendments are effective from the date of the resolution of the Directors unless rejected or amended by the voting Members at a meeting of the Members.

## **ARTICLE IX NOTICE**

9.1 **Written Notice** – In these By-laws, written notice will mean notice which is hand-delivered or provided by mail, fax, electronic mail or courier to the address of record of the individual, Director, Officer, or Member, as applicable. Posting of the Notice on the Corporation Web site is acceptable, but should ideally be accompanied by direct written or electronic Notice.

9.2 **Date of Notice** – Date of notice will be the date on which receipt of the notice is confirmed verbally where the notice is hand-delivered, electronically where the notice is faxed or emailed, or in writing where the notice is couriered, or in the case of notice that is provided by mail, five (5) days after the date the mail is post-marked

9.3 **Error in Notice** – The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting of the Board or of the Members, the failure of any Director or Member to receive notice, or an error in any notice which does not affect its substance will not invalidate any action taken at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION**

10.1 **Dissolution** – Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, any funds or assets remaining after paying all debts and liabilities will be distributed to one or more not-for-profit corporations with similar objectives as the Corporation, as determined by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION**

11.1 **Will Indemnify** – The Corporation will indemnify and hold harmless out of the funds of the Corporation each Director and any individual who acts at the Corporation's request in a similar capacity, their heirs, executors and administrators from and against any and all claims, charges, expenses, demands, actions or costs, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, which may arise or be incurred as a result of occupying the position or performing the duties of a Director or and any individual who acts at the Corporation's request in a similar capacity.

11.2 **Will Not Indemnify** – The Corporation will not indemnify a Director or any individual who acts at the Corporation's request in a similar capacity for acts of fraud, dishonesty, bad faith, breach of any statutory duty or responsibility imposed upon him or her under the Act. For further clarity, the Corporation will not indemnify an individual unless:

- a) The individual acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation; and

- b) If the matter is a criminal or administrative proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the individual had reasonable grounds for believing that his or her conduct was lawful.

11.3 Insurance – The Corporation will maintain in force Directors and Officers liability insurance at all times.

#### **ARTICLE XIII ADOPTION OF THESE BY-LAWS**

12.1 Ratification – These By-laws were ratified by a Special Resolution vote of the Members of the Corporation at a meeting of Members duly called and held on **September 26, 2020**.

12.2 Ammendment – The minutes were amended **October 2, 2021**.

12.3 Repeal of Prior By-laws – In ratifying these By-laws, the Members of the Corporation repeal all prior By-laws of the Corporation provided that such repeal does not impair the validity of any action done pursuant to the repealed By-laws.

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Signatures – witnesses to the adoption of the by-Laws:

Jason O'Neil, President



Tim MaGarrey, Provincial Director



## Appendix A:

1. In order to be deemed an Active Club Member, the Club must meet the following minimum standards:
  - a) Completed at least one (1) year as an Associate Club Member.
  - b) At least one registered Head Coach with the Corporation who has completed the required background check and is NCCP Certified to Competition/Introduction or better.
  - c) The Head Coach, on behalf of the Club, has agreed to abide by the Corporation's bylaws, policies, procedures, rules, regulations and directives.
  - d) The Club's Head Coach is only registered as head coach with one Club.
  - e) The Club has registered all its coaches with the Corporation and all coaches have completed the required background check as directed by the Corporation.
  - f) Provide an undertaking that the Club will ensure that a coach with minimum NCCP Competition/Introduction 'in training' will be present at all Club events, practices, competitions, etc.
  - g) The Club's Head Coach has designed a Yearly Training Plan in accordance with Long Term Athlete Development ("LTAD") and submit the Yearly Training Plan to the Corporation immediately upon the Corporation's request.
  - h) Provide an undertaking to the Corporation that the Club's training environment meets minimum safety training standards:
    - o All mats are in good repair, properly secured, disinfected at least weekly, no dangerous objects nearby (e.g. posts).
    - o Any other training equipment used by the Club is in good repair.
  - i) The Club has registered a minimum of five (5) Athletes with the Corporation.
  - j) The Club undertakes to participate and participates in a minimum of two (2) OAWA sanctioned events, or OAWA co-sanctioned events (with OFSAA or OUA) and there are other club members competing at the event. OAWA sanctioned events include Regional Championships, OAWA camps, clinics and other events listed as sanctioned by the OAWA.
2. In order to be deemed an Associate Club Member, the Club must meet the following minimum standards:
  - a) At least one registered Head Coach with the Corporation who has completed the required background check and is NCCP Certified to Competition/Introduction or better.
  - b) The Head Coach, on behalf of the Club, has agreed to abide by the Corporation's bylaws, policies, procedures, rules, regulations and directives.
  - c) The Club's Head Coach is only registered as head coach with one Club.
  - d) The Club has registered all its coaches with the Corporation and all coaches have completed the required background check as directed by the Corporation.
  - e) Provide an undertaking that the Club will ensure that a coach with minimum NCCP Competition/Introduction 'in training' will be present at all Club events, practices, competitions, etc.
  - f) The Club's Head Coach has designed a Yearly Training Plan in accordance with Long Term Athlete Development ("LTAD") and submit the Yearly Training Plan to the Corporation immediately upon the Corporation's request.
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    - o Any other training equipment used by the Club is in good repair.
  - h) The Club has registered a minimum of five (5) Athletes with the Corporation.
  - i) The Club undertakes to participate and participates in a minimum of two (2) OAWA sanctioned events, or OAWA co-sanctioned events (with OFSAA or OUA) and there are other club members competing at the event. OAWA sanctioned events include Regional Championships, OAWA camps, clinics and other events listed as sanctioned by the OAWA.