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Sanctioning of Competitions:

To view the Government of Ontario's guidelines/requirements for sanctioning of Combative Contests, please visit the following Government Web site:

Combative Events

The Government of Ontario has determined that Contests in sports that are not sanctioned by a provincially-recognized Provincial Sport Organization are illegal.

View this link to see how the Government defines a 'Contest' under the legislation. Contest

OAWA Defines a Wrestling Competition requiring OAWA Sanctioning as an event with Four Clubs or more participating and meeting any of the following:

- Entry Fee paid to the Tournament Host
- Awards provided (medals, etc.).
- Advertised event (media, social media, etc.).
- Not a school event. *

* Under the Government definition:

"In the case of wrestling, amateur contests may also be held by a school or university with the permission of a school, or university athletic association or its affiliate, and would adhere to the full competition requirements mandated under the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association."

OAWA Member Clubs or other Groups interested in hosting a sanctioned Wrestling event can contact OAWA at admin@oawa.ca to learn how.