

USA / FAWA-FOLKSTYLE TOUR OF FLORIDA POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Purpose

The purpose of the Tour of Florida Folkstyle Series, commonly referred to as “TOF” is to provide high-quality wrestling events across the state of Florida. The goal of the series is to promote competition, sportsmanship, organization, and consistency for all wrestlers, coaches, officials, and families.

The series will start the first weekend in November (7th & 8th) and will conclude with the youth FAWA Folkstyle State Championships { 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U } on January 10, 2027 @ Jensen Beach High School.

1. Host Site Requirements

To be eligible to host a Tour of Florida event the facility and tournament staff must meet the following minimum standards:

- Venue must be capable of running a minimum of four (4) wrestling mats simultaneously.
- The facility must provide adequate seating, parking, restrooms, and concessions.
- Tournament directors must provide a head table and table workers for each mat. Each mat will require necessary equipment to run tournament digitally (should have laptop and proper monitor)
- Events should begin on time and maintain efficient tournament flow.
- All events will charge a flat \$5 spectator fee (10 & under free)
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- The tournament director will be responsible for all host requirements including communication of these requirements with other event staff.
- Hosts will be provided with the TOF standard operating procedure manual

2. Tournament Software & Bracketing

All Tour of Florida events are required to use:

- USA Bracketing software
- USA Wrestling age and weight classifications
- Weights will be adjusted from USA weights.
- Period length
 - 6U 1-1-1
 - 8U (B&G) 1-1-1
 - 10U (B&G) 1:30-1:30-1:30
 - 12U (B&G) 1:30-1:30-1:30
 - 14U (B&G) 1:30-1:30-1:30
- When building bracketing 5 or less entries will be a round robin
- When building brackets 6 or more entries will be a bracket
- When building brackets 2 or less will block weights
- Team affiliation will not be changed on site at the tournament. Club affiliation must be done in the USA membership. For an athlete to be on the official club roster; the athlete will request to be on the team using the “club affiliation” tab in their profile, the club director will then manage the approvals.
- Each tournament should offer a “Rookie Division. 2 years or less USA card holder.

3. Entry Fees

- Standard Entry Fee \$25
- **PRE-REGISTRATION & PREPAY mandatory for ALL wrestlers to receive standard \$25 entry fee**
- Walk ups are strongly discouraged. If host of event accepts walk up registration, the entry fee will be \$50
- <https://www.usawmembership.com>

4. Coaches Admission Policy

- Coaches are admitted FREE with a valid USA Wrestling Leader Card
- All Coaches/Team Leaders require background check and Safe Sport certification through USAW to be eligible for Team Leader Card
- Coaches must present credentials during check-in
- Tournament directors reserve the right to remove coaches or spectators at any time for unsportsmanlike behavior. No refunds will be given if you or your party is removed from any FAWA event. Repeat offenders can/will be banned from all TOF events

5. Awards Policy

All Tour of Florida events must provide:

- Uniform awards throughout the series. Size and design is preset through Hasty Awards: 1- 800-448-7714 ext. 148 Caleb Blakesley
- Consistent placement awards 1-3 at local events
- TOF Championships will medal top (3).

6. Weigh-Ins & Eligibility

Tournament directors must:

- Clearly communicate weigh-in times before the event
- Verify wrestler eligibility through USA membership.
- Enter the weights into USA Bracketing for everyone to see.
- Ensure fairness and consistency during weigh-in
- ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A 2026-2027 USA Card
- Wrestlers can enter multiple weight classes or age divisions (2 Max/Tournament director discretion).
- A wrestler can only go up in weight class and age divisions.
- Eligibility for the 2026-2027 Folkstyle TOF series will be based on your USA Membership (birth year)

- Out-of-state USAW cardholders are permitted to wrestle in the TOF series but not the FAWA Folkstyle State Championships.
- Each wrestler must attend 1 TOF event to be eligible for the TOF Championship (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- ONLY 1 ENTRY will be accepted for the FAWA Folkstyle State Championships
- Please note, athletes' age group eligibility will change every year on January 1, per USAW rules and procedures.

7. Officials & Mat Operations

Each mat should have:

- Certified officials with a current USAW officials card
- Half of your officials shall be a USA official or a FHSAA sanctioned official. Example: If a tournament has 4 mats, 2 certified officials are mandatory to run the event. All officials should be USA Wrestling card holders.
- Competent table workers
- Proper scorekeeping equipment i.e. computer, screen/monitor
- The tournament host will pay the USA officials (Based on a standard \$200/8 hour max day)

8. Sportsmanship Expectations

The Tour of Florida promotes:

- Respect
- Discipline
- Integrity
- Sportsmanship

All participants, coaches, and spectators are expected to:

- Treat officials respectfully

- Display proper conduct
- Support a positive environment for youth wrestling (Read script)

Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in:

- Removal from the event
- Disqualification from FAWA Folkstyle State Championships
- Suspension from future events - Safe Sport reporting

9. Safety & Medical

Host sites should provide:

- Access to athletic trainers or medical personnel
- Access to AED, all administrators/coaches at event should know where it is stored
- Emergency contact procedures
- Safe wrestling surfaces
- Clearly marked emergency exits

10. Communication Standards

Tournament directors should communicate:

- Registration deadlines
- Weigh-in times and dedicated area
- Start times
- Admission policies
- Free parking
- Parking information (if applicable) / special instructions / no charge

Information should be distributed clearly through:

- Social media (Dan Ward)

- Email (USA Membership)
- Wrestling Platforms (Social Media)
- Flyers/events director-information needs to be sent to Dan Ward well in advance.

11. FAWA Folkstyle State Championships - Team Scoring

- Entry fee for wrestlers will be \$45. Wrestler entry:
- Base: \$45
- Week of: \$55
- The day before the event: \$75
- There will be a “Rookie” division. **You can only participate in either the regular championship or the rookie division.**
- Spectator fee will be \$15 daily Spectator: Adult(18+) \$15 one day, \$25 two days
(11+) \$7 one day, \$12 two days
- Coaches - Free entry with Team Leader card
- Split sessions (if need be) *Must be posted and communicated before event starts

Championships will use FAWA Team Scoring Protocol:

- 1st-10 points
- 2nd-6 points
- 3rd-4 points
- 4th-2 points