



Northern Virginia Wrestling Officials Association, Inc.



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TO: Activities and Athletic Directors
FR: Dave Sisson, Assigning Commissioner
RE: 2009-10 Wrestling Season

While school is just winding down for summer vacation, some things must continue. While wrestling season is still a few months away, there is still the “paper trail” that seems to have invaded everything in life. Last season marked the end of our three- year contract and I would like to consummate the new agreement BEFORE the fall to eliminate some of the confusion and last minute panic at the start of the new school year. This season we have 68 officials returning and eight new recruits. Cooperation with time frames and procedures is essential to ensure that we will be able to meet the officiating needs of all of our client schools.

As we are all aware, there is a budget problem for nearly every person and business on the planet. Schools and our Association are no different. We are attempting to cut our costs while trying not to pass them on to you, as much as possible.

To start, I am not including a copy of the contract. Big saving on postage. You should go to www.nvwoa.org, click on “forms” scroll down to “schools” click on “AD only contract”, enter user name and password, scroll down to “download file” Call or email for password and login.

There you should print a copy for your records AND MUST return the signature page ONLY to me. FAX preferred but you may also send via snail mail. Before the end of this school year greatly appreciated. The signature page does NOT apply to Northern Region HS or Arlington County MS programs as they are covered by master contracts.

Changes to our last contract are highlighted. Major changes are the fee schedule (7.6% increase over the contract life as opposed to 12.8% last contract), new Middle School schedule and revised travel fee schedule.

1. Fees. The match and tournament fees are up 7.6% over the three-year life of the current contract. This year’s fee for Varsity matches will increase to \$80 and JV fees increase to \$64. The surcharge for events starting prior to 4:00 p.m. has been changed to 5:00PM on weekdays and will remain \$20, as the number of officials available to cover these events is extremely limited and usually requires officials taking leave from their regular jobs..
2. The administrative fee for contacts made by the Association to clarify details not clear on your submitted schedule will remain \$20. This can easily be avoided by providing all relevant details on multi-school events on your schedule paperwork.

3. The deadline for schedules being sent to us is moved up from November 10 to October 15 or 30 days prior to the first home event. The 10% administrative fee for late schedules still applies. The extra days are necessary to complete our assignment process, as the season gets pushed forward. The earlier the better.
- The scheduling form is designed to assist you with reporting your **home** wrestling events. If this document is completed in its entirety, we should have all of the information needed to adequately assign officials to your events. While sending your home schedule on this form is not required, its use should eliminate unnecessary contact calls from us to you, thus avoiding extra administrative fees being charged to you. It is not required that you use our form as long as all the necessary information is included. This form can be found at www.nvwoa.org under the forms tab. Fax or return email preferred.

One other scheduling suggestion. If your school is hosting a round robin tournament, or other “exotic” formats, please send a grid of matches with number of mats for each round and the projected time for each round. This will facilitate having the correct number of officials there at the correct times. This is the best way to report a round robin event without causing a clarification return call to you.

- Please completely fill out the Information Directory. This document is crucial for communication with you and your school, especially in inclement weather situations. Please be sure to include your fax numbers and email addresses, as these improve the speed of communication. **We will not assign officials without this document. Please send it prior to or with your schedule.**
- I would also remind you that your contract stipulates that officials are to be given a private, secured dressing area with shower access. Many of our officials travel some distance to the meets and would like to scrub the “wrestling stuff” before taking it home to their families. Please assign someone to let the official in and out of the dressing area and see that there is hot water for the shower. Many schools also still provide a clean towel for the official to use, which is greatly appreciated by us.
- And finally a billing request. **If your school is hosting an event for which you are not paying the bill (i.e. District and Regional tournaments and dual events) please note to whom the bill should be forwarded.**
- **A cost saver for you.** Many teams do not have full JV squads and JV “duals” frequently have 4 to 6 matches. If that is communicated to us ahead of time (48 hrs.) you can start later and call the bouts “exhibitions.” \$4.50/bout up to 7 (as opposed to \$64), later travel and weigh-in, and the official gets extra travel time....everyone wins.

Thank-you in advance for your help with these matters.

My contact information is as follows:

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.