



Northern Virginia Wrestling Officials Association, Inc

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This agreement is made between the Northern Virginia Wrestling Officials Association, Inc., hereinafter called the "*Association*," and the NOVA Holiday Open Wrestling Tournament, hereinafter called the "*Tournament*".

A. The Association Agrees:

- (1) That it will provide current and certified (Virginia High School League) officials to support the tournament.
- (2) That it will designate one of those officials as the tournament head official.
- (3) That the official abides by and enforces the rules of the match and any special regulations promulgated by the Tournament which may differ from the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) rules but follow USA Wrestling folkstyle rules modifications. In addition, the Association and its members further agree to meet in the spirit of good sportsmanship any situation that should develop unexpectedly.

B. The Tournament Agrees:

- (1) That all matches will occur on a single mat. Multiple matches on one mat is prohibited and will be immediate grounds for termination of this contract and the departure of the referees.
- (2) That the Tournament Director and Staff permit no more than two personnel in the corner of each wrestler. Further, the Tournament Director is responsible for cordoning off the mat area from spectators.
- (3) To provide a representative with appropriate disinfectant, disposable towels and disposable rubber gloves to clean up any blood or fluids from participating wrestlers or officials which may be on the mat, wrestlers or officials. Officials will not clean up blood or fluids at any time.

C. It is mutually agreed between the Association and the Tournament as follows:

- (1) As stipulated in Rule 7, Section 5 of the *National Federation of State High School Associations Rules Book (NFHS)*, the referee may require that the home management (Tournament) remove spectators, coaches or participants who become offensive. Any verbal abuse or physical assault upon an official by an individual shall result in the removal of that

individual. The official reserves the right not to continue the match until the offending individual is controlled or removed to his/her satisfaction.

(2) In the event of any verbal or physical assault upon an official by a wrestler, coach, manager or any other official or representative of the Tournament, the Association may refuse to furnish officials for the remainder of the event until appropriate action is taken in regard to such incident and is satisfactory to the Head Official.

(3) In situations where the spectators are not controlled, resulting in excessive abuse or assault upon the officials, the Association reserves the right to refuse to officiate the remainder of the event and depart the facility with payment.

D. Schedule of Fees and Expenses

(1) Booking Fees. The standard five percent (5%) Commissioner booking fee will not be charged.

(2) Tournament Fees. Officials will be compensated at a rate of \$12 per hour per official. The Tournament will still owe officials this rate if the official's depart the facility as described in section B (1) and C.

(3) Travel Fees. No additional fees for travel will be charged.

(4) Cancellation Fees. There will be no cancellation fee for this event.

E. Rules.

(1) The Tournament is sanctioned by USA Wrestling and the Northern Virginia Wrestling Federation. National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) scoring rules with USA Wrestling modifications will govern the competition. These USA Wrestling modifications include the following:

- Headgear is MANDATORY for all competitors schoolboy and younger
- Mouth guards are not required for wrestlers (even wrestlers with braces)
- Rest time in between matches is a minimum of 15 minutes
- A match can be started when a wrestler does not have a coach
- The three-quarter nelson with leg hook IS legal in USAW Folkstyle Events
- The double arm bar with sit out is illegal

(2) The length of periods may be modified by the Tournament.



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**Ed Rawlins, Commissioner
Fredericksburg, Virginia**

Contract Agreement

This agreement made this 10th day of December 2018 between Northern Virginia Wrestling Officials Association, Inc. (*Association*)

And _____ (*Tournament*)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their seals and signatures.

FOR THE ASSOCIATION:

FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Edward K. Rawlins 12/10/18
Edward K. Rawlins (Date)

(Date)