

RHODE ISLAND WRESTLING ASSOCIATION
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PREAMBLE

The Objectives of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA) are

1. To promote wrestling at all levels throughout the State of Rhode Island.
2. Ensure the continuation of, and improvement upon opportunities for safe competition with maximum exposure to various styles of wrestling.

It is the intent of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA) to meet these objectives by creating opportunities in wrestling for competitors of all ages and, along with their coaches, parents, and fans, encourage their continued participation in the sport of wrestling as they advance through their lives.

The control and direction of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA) shall be placed in the hands of those individuals who are now working with Rhode Island's wrestlers.

The Goals of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA) shall include,

- I. The development of responsible wrestling administrators from the ranks of the Rhode Island wrestling program at the local club state and national levels who will provide leadership and direction to their membership.
2. To develop an attitude of sincere concern among all coaches towards the improvement of all levels and aspects of wrestling from elementary through Olympic levels of competition.
3. To provide channels of communication within Rhode Island and with the various other States, furthering the exchange of ideas and experience to the benefit of all wrestlers.
4. To develop an attitude of unity within the State of Rhode Island towards program development and achievement.
5. To increase the positive attitudes of educators, wrestlers and the general public toward the art and science of wrestling.
6. To assist with those activities which can best be developed on a statewide basis.
7. To provide a system for democratic representation of all competitors, coaches and concerned people in local, state and national organizations and activities dedicated to the sport of wrestling.
8. To establish patterns of organization and objectives within the State of Rhode Island, providing continuity of effort as wrestlers and coaches step forward from the elementary level to the most advance and successful endeavors for which they may strive.

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ARTICLE I — AFFILIATION

The Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA) shall operate under the guidance, auspices and in accordance with the by—laws of USA Wrestling (USAW), and shall conduct its business and activities in such a manner that it may be considered a charter member of that body. including benefits thereby entitled to, and responsibilities liable for.

ARTICLE II — OFFICE

The principal office of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA) shall be located in the city of residence of the current State Chairperson and such address shall be attached to these by—laws at Appendix A.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERS

1. Membership,

All USAW registered coaches, officials or athlete members from a duly authorized USAW chartered wrestling club in the State of Rhode Island are entitled to membership in the Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA).

2. Voting Membership:

The members of The Rhode Island Wrestling Association (RIWA) who shall possess voting rights shall include:

- 1.) All duly elected Board of Director members.
- 2.) Each and every duly authorized USAW chartered wrestling club in Rhode Island may also designate one registered club member as their club’s voting representative to any and all (RIWA) Board of Directors meetings. Each chartered club shall designate its voting representative at the annual meeting

No individual may hold or exercise a right to more than one vote at any RIWA Board of Directors meeting. All voting members must be residents of the State of Rhode Island, unless they are a high school, college or USAW registered coach or official.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting,

1. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Board of Directors of RIWA shall be held during the fourth week of September, or at the call of the State Chairperson, in the month of September, for the purpose of nominating officers for the current year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board of Directors of RIWA. Election and nominations for officers will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting in the month of October.

2. Regular Scheduled Meetings

Regular scheduled meetings of the RIWA Board of Directors may be held during the fourth week of each month from October through March, or at the call of the State Chairperson, during the months of October through March, for the transaction of any such business as may come before the Board of Directors.

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2. Special Meetings:

Special meetings of the members of RIWA, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by these by-laws, may be called by the State Chairperson, by not less than 50% of the Board of Directors by the Executive Committee, or by the State Chairperson or any Board of Director at the request of not less than 2/3 members from the general membership.

3. Place of Meetings:

The State Chairmen shall designate the place of any regular or special meeting. In the absence of the State Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall designate such place of meeting. A waiver of notice signed by a majority of the members may designate a place of meeting for any regular or special meeting.

4. Notice of Meetings:

Written notice stating the place, day and hour of regular or special meetings, and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, must be provided not less than ten days prior to the date of the meeting by the state secretary or at the direction of the State Chairperson or Vice Chairperson to the Board of Directors.

5. Proxy Voting at Meetings:

Voting by proxy at any meeting shall not be allowed.

6. Order of Business at Meetings:

The order of business at all meetings of the RIWA shall be as follows:

- 1). Call to order by the State Chairperson or his delegate
- 2). Roll Call, designation of Club representatives
- 3). Reading of minutes of preceding meeting
- 4). Financial report
- 5). Report of Executive Committee
- 6). Directors Reports
- 7). Reports of Committees
- 8). Old Business
- 9). New Business
- 10). Adjournment

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. General Powers:

Its Board of Directors and executive Committee shall manage the business and affairs of the RIWA. The Board of Directors shall in all cases act as an entity and they may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the RIWA, as they deem proper to carry out the objectives of the RIWA, not inconsistent with these by-laws, the rules and regulations of USAW, and the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The Executive Committee shall function to coordinate the activities of the RIWA as defined by these by-laws and as

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directed by the Board of Directors of RIWA

2. Structure of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following Officers and Directors as listed in Appendix B, Organizational Chart.

3. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors:

A. State Chairperson

Initiate and provide leadership for all state programs, act as liaison to the national office and keep the state organization informed of all events and policies, coordinate activities between and within the various levels of the state program, oversee all Officers and Board of Directors, act as liaison to the RI High School Wrestling Coaches Association and the RI interscholastic League and Chair the Board of this association. Monitor the USAW membership system, and approve as applicable, club charter and tournament sanction requests.

B. Vice Chairperson

Provide leadership and coordination for the administrative staff, handle all public relations responsibilities for the organization, serve as Chair of the Board of Director in the absence of the State Chairperson, and oversee all tasks as designated by the State Chairperson.

C. Secretary

Responsible for maintaining a written record of all Board of Directors, Executive Committee and special meetings conducted by the RIWA. Maintain a current statewide mailing list of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Club representatives. Notify all Board of Directors, Executive Committee and or Club Representatives of any meetings of this association in accordance with these by-laws.

D. Treasurer

Maintain current accounts and records of all monies received and expended for the RIWA. Maintain current data pertaining to all accounts with the national office. Provide an annual financial statement of the Association and conduct the financial business of the RIWA as directed by the Board of Directors.

E. Kids/Cadet Division Director

Provide leadership to the Kids/Cadet wrestling program. Schedule, coordinate and sanction all Kids statewide tournaments, clinics and other special events. Assist with the promotion of Regional and National Kids programs and tournaments. Direct the Kids State Championship tournament.

F. Junior/Open Division Director

Provide leadership to the RIWA Junior and Open wrestling programs. Schedule, coordinate and sanction all Junior and Open statewide tournaments, clinics and other special events, assist with the promotion of Regional and National Junior and Cadet programs and tournaments. Assist the National Team Director with the National Team Program.

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G. Mat Officials Director

Provide leadership and direction for all mat officials within the RIWA program. Maintain a current listing of all USAW certified mat officials, ensure the competency of mat officials through clinics, test and observation of performance. Working through the State Officials Association, to assign certified officials who will provide assistance at local club tournaments. Serve as senior mat official at all RIWA State Championship tournaments.

H. Pairing Officials Director

Provide leadership and direction for all pairing officials within the RIWA program. Maintain a current listing of all USAW certified pairing officials, ensure the competency of pairing officials through clinics, test and observation of performance. Assist member clubs with listings of statewide-certified pairing officials who would be willing to provide assistance at the local club tournaments. Serve as senior pairing official at all RIWA state championship tournaments.

I. Cultural Exchange Director

Provide leadership and direction to the coordination and planning of cultural exchange trips for the Kids, Juniors, Cadets and Open division. Assist the Division Directors and National Team Director with all out of state trips.

J. National Team Director

Provide direction and leadership for the Kids, Junior and Cadet National Team Programs, including the scheduling of Regional training centers throughout the state in the spring and summer and statewide training camps for the National Teams, in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman. Work closely with the Kids, Junior and Cadet division directors in promoting the National Team program.

K. National Coaches Education Program Director.

Provide direction and leadership to this association in the National Coaches Education Program. Responsible for the certification of current and future coaches in accordance with the Nationally approved program. Provide this association with continuing education and technical assistance for the betterment of the association.

L. Executive Committee Club Representative.

At the first annual meeting of the state association the newly appointed club representatives for the current year will meet and appoint among themselves their official representative to the Executive Committee. Only an official club representative can hold this position and the term of appointment is for one year or unless removed by a majority vote of the Club representative who elected him to this position. The Executive Committee Club

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Representative cannot hold another state office. The Executive Committee Club Representative has an official vote on the Executive Committee.

M. Media Director

Interact with local media (Newspapers, Radio, Television) and maintain Social Media to provide exposure of the association's activities to the general public. Promote a positive respectful image of the association to the general public. Provide current information concerning association events and activities for members of the association.

N. Official Club Representative

Each chartered club of this association shall have only one (1) official-voting representative on the Board of Directors. Each chartered club's Board of Directors or governing body must submit in writing before the association's annual meeting the name of its official representative. The names of each representative will be listed at Appendix C. The club representative cannot hold another office on the association's Board of Directors. In the event a club representative is elected to a State office the individuals club can resubmit the name of its newest representative

4. Meetings of the Board of Directors:

A. Authority to Call Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors may, be called by or at the request of the State Chairperson or by any three members of the Executive Committee. The person or persons thus duly authorized to call a meeting may fix the place and time of any meeting called by them provided Notice of Meeting is adhered to.

B. Notice of Meeting

The Secretary of this association or the person shall give notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors in writing or persons thus duly authorized to call a meeting at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

C. Quorum

At any meeting of the RIWA, fifty percent (50%) of the voting members plus one shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business that may come before the board. The only exception is the business of changing the constitution or by-laws of this organization. For change to the By-laws see Article X.

D. Manner of Acting

The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

5. Establishment of the Board of Directors:

A. Election of the Board of Directors

The election of the Board of Directors shall be from the voting membership of this association at the time the elections are held. A majority vote shall constitute an election. An Election of members to this association shall occur at the annual meeting of this association.

B. Term of Office

The term of office of the members of the Board of Directors shall be for one year or from the annual meeting/election of officers of one calendar year to the annual meeting/election of officers of the following year.

C. Interim Vacancies

An interim vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled majority vote of the entire board of directors then in office at an official meeting of the Association. A director so elected shall hold office for The duration of the unexpired term of the predecessor.

D. Removal of Directors

1. The State Chairperson may ask for the resignation of any director or directors for failure to
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2. perform their assigned duties as specified in these by-laws. Any director who refuses to give their resignation after being requested to do so, can be removed at the request of the State Chairperson by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
3. A director can submit a letter of resignation with or without cause to the State Chairperson at any time.
4. Any Director may ask for the resignation of any director or directors for just cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

6. Committees of the Association:

The Board of Directors, by resolution, may designate from its members, committees as the State Chairperson or board deems necessary, to carry out the functions of this association, and such committees shall serve at the pleasure of the State Chairperson or board under the general guidance of the State Chairperson. However, no committee, except the Executive Committee, shall have the power to act upon its own, enter into contract, or incur a debt on behalf of this association without prior approval from the Board of Directors.

7. Structure of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of this association shall consist of the following, members. (See Organizational Chart — Appendix B)

- (1) State Chairperson — who shall be the ranking member.
- (2) Vice Chairperson
- (3) Secretary
- (4) Treasurer
- (5) Kids/Cadet Division Director
- (6) Junior/Open Division Director
- (7) Executive Committee Club Representative

All Executive Committee members will serve a one-year term of office provided they retain their elected position on the Board of Directors.

8. Responsibilities of the Executive Committee:

- A. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the State Chairperson or any two (2) Executive Committee members, at such times and places deemed necessary to ensure the continued coordination and proper conduct of this association within the scope and intent of this charter Notice of all Executive Committee meetings shall be made by written or voice notification, by the State Secretary/Treasurer. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of not less than (four) half of the members or the Executive Committee.
- B. The Executive Committee has the power to act on behalf of the entire Board of Directors

concerning all matters for this association. Any and all business brought before the Executive Committee, the Secretary must record and those recordings made available to the Board of Directors at its' next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Directors must confirm all decisions made by the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VI - FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

1. Contracts.

The Board of Directors by majority vote may enter into any contact or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the RIWA. The Board of Directors may authorize the Executive Committee, Board member(s) or other agents to enter into contract or execute and deliver an instrument in the name of, or on behalf of the RIWA, and such authority may be general in nature or confined to a specific instances or matters.

2. Loans:

No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

3. Checks and Drafts:

All checks, drafts or other orders for payment of monies, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued it, the name of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association shall be signed by the Treasurer and one (I) other member of the Executive Committee or in the absence of the Treasurer any two (2) members of the Executive Committee to be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

4. Deposits:

All funds of the RIWA shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of RIWA in such banks, trust companies, savings and loans or in other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

5. Fiscal Year:

The fiscal year of the RIWA shall begin the first day of September of each year and end the last day of August of the following year. At the beginning of each fiscal year the financial status or balance of the total assets of the RIWA program shall not reflect in its savings, checking, certificates, or any other account(s) of the RIWA to exceed \$250,000. Any funds exceeding \$250000 shall be dispersed to only a Rhode Island nonprofit organization(s) deemed by the RIWA as to need, and may or may not set forth a written proposal of that need, or may be nominated at the Annual Meeting of the RIWA as recipient or recipients to such excess funds, as determined by majority vote of the RIWA the amount (s) organization (s).

6. Provisions of Liquidation

In the event of Termination of the Rhode Island Wrestling Association by resolution of the RIWA Board of Directors, all assets and funds of this association to include, it's savings, checking, certificates of deposit, and or any other account(s) or instrument(s) of the RIWA will be dispersed in accordance with section 6a and 6b of this

article after all indebtedness incurred by the RIWA, to include liabilities, contracts, accounts payable(s) and account receivable(s) have been fully discharged.

- a. All tangible property(s) will either be donated to a Rhode Island non-profit youth organization(s) deemed by a majority vote of the RIWA Board of Directors or sold and monies generated from the sale(s) of these be placed in the treasury of the RIWA for disbursement as set forth in section 6b of this article.
- b. All funds at the time of termination will be dispersed to only a Rhode Island non-profit youth organization(s) deemed by a majority vote of the RIWA Board of Directors and/or to the National

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- c. Organization that governs this association at the time of its' liquidation and/or perpetual funds, existing or ones established, by a majority vote of the RWP Board of Directors provided they directly benefit the youth of the State of Rhode Island.

ARTICLE VII — SANCTIONS

All events conducted under the auspices and control of the RIWA shall be sanctioned by the RIWA and where applicable, sanctioned by USA Wrestling. All sanctioned events must meet the following requirements:

1. All participants must be a current registered member of USAW.
2. A USAW sanction request must be completed through the USAW membership system, along with the sanction fee, to the State Chairperson of RIWA, such that it may be approved and forwarded to the National office of USAW a minimum of 30 days prior to the event.

ARTICLE VIII — ELIGIBILITY

All competitive members of the RIWA shall be current members of "USA Wrestling" and shall conform to the rules and regulations of the current edition of the International Rule Book and Guide to Wrestling (as modified by USA Wrestling), and HFHS Wrestling rules book, including all age requirements for determination of eligibility for participation in KIDS, CADETS, JUNIORS, ESPOIR and OPEN division programs and activities.

ARTICLE IX — CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Application of the Rules:

The rules of conduct shall apply to all competitive members, affiliated members, officials, coaches, chartered clubs and individuals associated with the RIWA. That all individuals and/or organizations affiliated with RIWA in any manner shall conduct themselves in the most honorable, courteous and sportsmanlike fashion.

2. Rules of Conduct:

- A. Neither the bylaws, Constitution of the RIWA, the Charter of USA Wrestling, or any segment thereof shall be violated.
- B. No person or organization shall perform or allow willful, flagrant or repeated destruction of personal or private property.
- C. No person, organization shall use or permit the use of abusive or threatening language or conduct

- toward any tournament official, RIWA officer, USAW official or USAW officer.
- D. No person or organization shall conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike fashion or allow unsportsman-like conduct to exist.
 - E. No person or organization shall conduct an act of theft, or allow an act of theft to be perpetrated.
 - F. No alcohol, drugs or smoking will be allowed by any competitive member in or on the premises of any and all facilities where RIWA or USAW sanctioned events are in progress. Drugs approved or prescribed by a proper medical personnel for use by a competitive member shall be exempted provided it meets the USAW rules and guidelines for prescribed drugs and medication for competition.

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- G. No person or organization shall falsify or permit the falsification of any document relative to the RIWA, USAW, or the activities of either.
- H. No person or organization shall participate in or permit the act of cheating, fighting or the act of physical, mental or verbal abuse.
- I. No person or organization shall conduct any act, or permit any act to be conducted, not specifically stated herein or in the Rules of the USAW, that may endanger any person or property tangible or intangible.

Any violation or infraction of these Rules of conduct are subject to disciplinary action as set forth by the International Rule Book and Guide to Wrestling, NFHS Wrestling rules book, and those specified by these by-laws.

3. Rules for Traveling Teams:

All competitive members, coaches, managers, trainers or Adult leaders, who participate in any sanctioned trip sponsored by RIWA shall be required to supply a document, initially prepared by the RIWA and signed by the participant, a parent or legal guardian if under the legal age of consent, defining the rules of conduct and the behavior required of each competitive member, coach, manager, trainer or adult leader, prior to departure on the trip.

4. Disciplinary Actions:

A. Reporting Infractions

Any infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or rules and regulations of USAW, shall be reported to the appropriate Head Coach, State Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or any Board of Director of RIWA, if any uncertainty exists pertaining to the proper reporting channels. Each report shall contain all pertinent names, dates, locations and a detailed accounting of the infraction(s) prepared by the Head Coach or Director of the event where the infraction occurred, or by a Board Member, or any member of the RIWA. In the event that the infraction involves one or more minors, a copy of the initial report shall be mailed to the appropriate Head Coach and parent(s) or guardian (s) of the involved minor by the State Chairperson.

B. Minor Infractions

In the case of a minor infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or the rules and regulations of USAW, the Head Coach, or the Director of the event where the infraction occurred, shall first comply with the rules for disqualification as defined in the USA Wrestling International Rule Book, and NFHS Wrestling rules book if applicable, and secondly shall notify the appropriate State Director or State Chairperson in writing, of the infraction and the disciplinary action taken, at the earliest opportunity.

C. Major Infractions

In the case of any major or serious infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or the rules and regulations of USAW, the Head Coach or the Director of the event where the infraction occurred shall first comply with the rules for disqualification as defined in the USA Wrestling International Rule Book, and NFHS Wrestling rules book if applicable, and secondly shall eliminate the offender or offenders from the event and notify the appropriate State Director or State Chairperson, in writing, of the infraction, at the earliest opportunity.

In the event of major infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or the rules and regulations of USAW, the offender or offenders may not participate in any sanctioned event(s) sponsored by RIWA or USAW until an official review has been held.

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D. Official Review and Discipline Action

The appropriate Director and State Chairperson shall review all major infractions and take disciplinary action based on the merits of each case. Such actions may include, but not be limited to, reprimands, suspensions or revocation of competitive memberships, coaches memberships, officials licenses and or membership, club charters as applicable, or elimination from any and all activities within the RIWA.

E. Discipline of Minors

In the case of disciplinary action taken against a minor or minors resulting from an Official Review by the RIWA, the Head Coach the parent(s) or guardian(s) of such minor or minors shall be notified in writing by the appropriate Director or the State Chairperson in case of an appeal.

F. Appeals

Any person or organization may appeal the decision of an Official Review by a Director or State Chairperson to the Executive Committee of RIWA for final review. Any such appeal must be made in writing to the State Chairperson, who shall place the request for review on the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting. The applicant may request, but shall not be guaranteed, a special meeting of the Executive Committee to review the appeal, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the RIWA and the members of the Executive Committee to convene such as special meeting. A deposit of \$100 dollars shall be required of the appellant prior to convening such special meeting of the Executive Committee. Any portion of the deposit unused to defray expenses shall be returned to the appellant following the conclusion of such special meeting. In any case the outcome of such special meeting shall not be made known to the appellant until all expenses incurred by the Executive Committee have been reimbursed. The outcome of all appeals will be made in writing and posted to the official minutes of this association by the State Secretary, a copy will be furnished to the appellant, the chartered club of the appellant and each member of the Appeals Committee.

G. Reinstatement

Any member, coach, official or club shall automatically reinstated following the conclusion of any assessed suspension. Any Club that has been suspended shall be required to have the Director who imposed the suspension or a member of the Executive Committee, present club's first event following the suspension to monitor the event, and the club shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Director or Executive Committee member to attend the event.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be altered, amended or repealed and a new Charter may he adopted by a three-fourth vote of the members of the RIWA at any regularly scheduled meeting, or any special meeting, when the proposed

amendment(s) have been set forth in the proper written notice of 10 days prior any such meeting, to all members of the Board of Directors. (See Appendix D)

ARTICLE XI - QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL TEAMS

A qualifying event is required to constitute a RIWA sponsored or sanctioned Special Team. Qualifications for Special Team include, but are not limited to: International Exchange Team, International Festival Team, and Domestic Cultural Exchange Team. If there is more than one (1) wrestler applying for the same weight class then wrestlers shall be ranked and a ladder tournament will be held to determine the number one wrestler. Ranking order

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will be determined by the appropriate Director or Executive Committee. If a weight class has no applicant entered, then the Executive Committee reserves the right to select a candidate for the open position.

ARTICLE XII - QUALIFICATION FOR NATIONAL TEAMS

A qualifying event is required to constitute a RIWA sponsored National Team. Qualification for National Teams include but are not limited to; Kids, Cadet. and Junior National Teams. Any RIWA wrestler who wishes to compete for a National team is required to attend one of the RIWA Folkstyle, Freestyle, Greco- Roman sponsored events held during the tournament season. If there is more than one wrestler applying for the weight class on a National Team, then wrestlers shall be ranked and a qualifying ladder tournament will be held to determine the number one wrestler. Ranking order will be determined by the National Team Director or the Executive Committee. If a weight class has no applicant entered, the National Team Director reserves the right to select a candidate subject to Executive Committee approval, for the open position. National Junior and Cadet team members are required to attend the Regional Tournament or the Kid/Cadet/Junior regional Tournament.

A. National or Traveling Team Contract

Every wrestler who earns a spot on a RIWA sponsored National or Traveling Team must sign a contract, along with his parent(s) or guardian(s) attesting to the fact that they understand the monetary and time commitment required of a National or Traveling Team member. As part of the contract a deposit with an amount to be determined by the National Team Director, must be paid at the time of the signing of the contract. The deposit is non- refundable. The contract must also contain a clause that binds a wrestler and his parent(s) or guardian(s) to any additional monetary responsibility contracted on behalf of their child that are non- refundable whether their child attends the event or not.

ARTICLE XIII - SELECTION OF COACHES AND OFFICIALS FOR TRAVELING TEAMS

The selection of coaches and officials for any RIWA sanctioned National or Traveling Team to include Special Teams, International Exchange Teams, International Festival Teams or Domestic Cultural Exchange Teams will be made by members of the Executive Committee. Only current members of RIWA are eligible to participate as coaches or officials on a National or Traveling Team. An announcement with application regarding the selection of coaches or officials for a RIWA sanctioned traveling team shall be posted and distributed to the general membership, no later than 30 days prior to the selection date. All applications must be received by the State Chairperson prior to the selection date deadline, to be considered. If a coaching or officials position for a National or Traveling Team has no qualified applicant entered, the Executive Committee reserves the right to select a qualified candidate from the RIWA general membership. All coaches, officials, and team leaders must have a current USAW membership.

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APPENDIX A

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2014-2015 PRINCIPAL OFFICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II • OF THE BY - LAWS OF THIS ASSOCIATION THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE RIWA FOR 2015 - 2016 WILL BE:

RIWA
72 King Philip Ave.
Bristol. RI 02809

APPENDIX B

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. STATE CHAIRPERSON
- B. VICE CHAIRPERSON
- C. SECRETARY
- D. TREASURER
- E. KIDS/CADET DIVISION DIRECTOR
- F. JUNIOR/OPEN DIVISION DIRECTOR
- G. MAT OFFICIALS DIRECTOR
- H. PAIRING OFFICIALS DIRECTOR
- I. CULTURAL EXCHANGE DIRECTOR
- J. NATIONAL TEAM DIRECTOR
- K. NATIONAL COACHES EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR
- L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE
- M. OFFICIAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES
- N. MEDIA DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. STATE CHAIRPERSON
- 2. VICE CHAIRPERSON

3. SECRETARY
4. TREASURER
5. KIDS/CADET DIVISION DIRECTOR
6. JUNIOR/OPEN DIVISION DIRECTOR
7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE

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2015-2016 CHARTERED CLUBS

- 1) Bears Wrestling Club
- 2) Beat the Streets Providence
- 3) CLCF CRANSTON REC WRESTLING
- 4) Coventry Renegades Wrestling Club
- 5) East Bay ATC
- 6) John Clarke All-American Wrestling Academy
- 7) Johnston Youth Wrestling Club
- 8) Lincoln Wrestling Club
- 9) Mayo Quanchi Wrestling Club
- 10) Middletown Youth Wrestling Club
- 11) Moses Brown Wrestling
- 12) North Kingstown
- 13) North Providence Youth Wrestling Club
- 14) Northwest Wrestling
- 15) Providence County Wrestling Club (PCWC)
- 16) RISE Wrestling
- 17) South County Youth Wrestling Club
- 18) Warren Wrestling Club
- 19) Warwick Pal Wrestling Club
- 20) Westerly Wrestling Club Inc

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- FIRST ADOPTED - 19 NOVEMBER 1990
- FIRST AMENDMENT ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CHANGE: The mat official or pairing official was dropped from the executive Council and the Junior Division or Cadet/ Open Division Director was added.
APPROVED: Voice vote on – February 1991.
- SECOND AMENDMENT ARTICLE XII - SELECTION OF NATIONAL TEAM COACHES AND OFFICIALS
NEW ADDITION TO THE BY- LAWS:
APPROVED: Voice vote on - November 1991
- THIRD AMENDMENT ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2. STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHANGE: The following position was added to the board of directors, National Coaches Education Director.
3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NEW ADDITION OF PARAGRAPH M: National Coaches Education Director's responsibilities.
APPROVED: Voice vote on 28 September 1992
- FOURTH AMENDMENT ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS
1A. ANNUAL MEETING
CHANGE: The election procedures were changed to allow only nominations for Officers, to the board of directors, at the first meeting with additional nominations and elections to be held on the second meeting of the year.
APPROVED: Voice vote on 29 September 1993
- FIFTH AMENDMENT ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS
5. TERM OF OFFICE
CHANGE: The term of office was changed to read from the annual meeting/election of officers of one year to the annual meeting /election of officer of the following year.
7. STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CHANGE: The secretary/treasure was made a full voting member and the Membership Director was added to the Executive Committee making a total of seven members.
8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

CHANGE: The quorum was established at 4 members present at an Executive Committee meeting to conduct business.

ARTICLE II — OFFICE

CHANGE: The principal office of this association was changed to the address of the State Secretary for incorporation purposes.

APPROVED: Voice vote 29 November 1993

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SIXTH AMENDMENT

ARTICLE I - AFFILIATION

ADD - Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles. The organization is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501 (c) (3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

APPROVED: Voice vote on 29 October 2001

SEVENTH AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VII- FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

6B ADD, Such organization receiving funds from dissolution shall be organized under IRC 501 (c)(3).

NEW - 6C. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member trustee, officer of the organization or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets on dissolution of the organization.

NEW -7. In any taxable year in which the corporation is a private foundation as described in IRC 509 (a), the organization shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942, and the organization shall not (a) engage in any act of self —dealing as defined in IRC 4941 (d), retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC 4943 (c). (b) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the organization to under IRC 4944. or (c) make any taxable expenditures as defined in LRC 4945 (d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

APPROVED: Voice vote on 29 October 2001

EIGHTH AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX - CODE OF CONDUCT

NEW - J. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda. or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided in IRC 501 (h) and does not participate in. or intervene in (including the publication and distribution of statements). any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office.

APPROVED: Voice vote on 29 October 2001