

OFFICIALS CODE OF ETHICS

OBJECTIVES

The wrestling official exists;

- to ensure that the competitors act within the letter and intent of the laws governing the sport as interpreted by the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association.
- to help encourage and instill an attitude of determination and drive for competitive excellence while promoting a spirit of good sportsmanship
- to conduct a bout smoothly, efficiently, and in a manner compatible with the concept of "Total Wrestling".
- to award points based on the actions of the wrestlers
- to ensure the safety of the wrestlers

The officials of the BCWA must present themselves in an exemplary manner in order to provide a positive image of the BCWA and wrestling both on and off the mat. In general, to the relevant publics including the media, general public, athletes and other publics that you may be exposed to. Any official who, in the opinion of the BCWA Executive, willfully misrepresents himself, or his athletes at any time, will be held responsible for his action and can be disciplined by the BCWA Executive.

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A referee shall;

- be totally fair, honest and impartial
- maintain an emotional calm and poise in any and every situation
- take pride in doing the best job possible
- respect the rights of the wrestlers, coaches and spectators
- cooperate fully with the other officials
- give complete attention to the task at hand
- dress appropriately and be well groomed
- refrain from unsportsmanlike or uncouth behaviour
- act in a manner which entitles the respect of wrestlers, coaches, fellow officials and spectators

A referee shall not;

- publicly criticize the actions or appearance of another official or agree with negative comments about other officials
- argue with coaches, wrestlers, or spectators
- let personal feelings affect the way the job is performed on the mat.

SANCTIONS

Any grievance against an official should be directed to the BCWOA President. Following a hearing, disciplinary procedures may include a reprimand by the BCWOA President, a suspension of the member for one major tournament, suspension for a term of 3,6,12 months or life, of demotion of the referee to a lower category. Sanction may be appealed in writing through the President within 30 days of the hearing.

b) ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

Coaches, wrestlers and officials are all involved to promote the sport of wrestling. Therefore, officials cannot be expected to tolerate abusive or unsportsmanlike behaviour by wrestlers, coaches or anyone closely involved in the action.

Anyone not adhering to this philosophy may be ejected from the competition area. After such action has been taken, the referee must (at the earliest convenience) submit a written report of the incident to the provincial officials chairman and the tournament director with a brief description of the incident. The Provincial Chairman and/or director will then be responsible for deciding what further action is necessary.

All contact with the B.C. Wrestling Association must be through the BCWOA President.