

Pairing Advisory Council Meeting
Fargo, North Dakota
Friday July 16th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Members present: Board Members - Jeff Jones, LeeAnn Johnson, and Sue Hesser, West Reg - Debbie Kelly and Geni Johnshoy, Southern Plains - Monica Shommer, Central Reg - Jean Whetstone, SE Reg - Kelli Shuffler, Northern Plains - Darcie Larrieu and Mark Bullington, NE Reg - Paul Defosse and Ed Gould

Additional Members Present: Pete Isais, USAW Staff and Chris Kallai, State Chair Rep

Absent Members: SE Reg - Eve Duncan, Central Reg - Teela Hardin

Additional members present: Danielle Dalton

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

LeeAnn read minutes from the 2019 meeting. **Motion** to accept by Jeff Jones; **second** by Darcie Larrieu. **Approved** as amended.

ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY:

Nomination by LeeAnn Johnson to recommend Kelli Shuffler; **Second** by Monica Shommer. **Approved**

OLD BUSINESS:

1)- Policy & Procedure changes (report from the P&P Committee)

Items with a strikethrough are being removed. Underlined items are a change. Items in red are changes approved during the 7/16/2021 meeting.

2.1 Pairing officials must have ~~paid their a current pairing official dues to~~ **USWOA membership** in order to pair any regional or national tournament. **2.1 - Change to wrestling leader membership**

We must have background check and Safe Sport now as well as paying the dues.

4.2.1.1 TSO-Trackwrestling (TSO-T) is the designation of the pairing official who has demonstrated technical expertise and has passed testing on the hardware and software involved in running a tournament using Trackwrestling.

This is the official designation and abbreviation for a Track TSO.

4.2.1.2 TSO-Flo (TSO-F) is the designation of the pairing official who has demonstrated technical expertise and has passed testing on the hardware and software involved in running a tournament using FloArena.

This is the official designation and abbreviation for a Flo TSO.

4.2.2 A pairing official may hold both TSO certifications. The TSO certification will be added to the pairing category, e.g., P2 TSO-T.

This is how the TSO certification will be shown.

5.6 The addition of Tournament Systems Operator Certification (TSO-Trackwrestling and/or TSO-Flo) to the existing pairing category of a pairing official should be recommended by the Pairing Advisory Council and must be confirmed by the USWOA Executive Board.

These are the official designations for the TSOs.

6.2, 11.2, 13.3.4, Appendix A, and Appendix B

These change the name of the age group from Cadet to 16U.

7.4.1 ~~Maintenance requirements for TSO certifications are being developed.~~ The TSO certified pairing official must accept and complete a TSO assignment at least once every other year.

This establishes the maintenance requirements for a TSO.

7.5 Waivers of maintenance requirements shall be considered by the Pairing Advisory Committee (PAC) for the following reasons: a. personal health, b. family, c. job, d. financial, e. other reasons may be taken into consideration.

This clarifies what is being waived.

10.1.2 He or she must ~~continue to pay membership dues and maintain his or her background check.~~ maintain an active membership.

This is more general to allow for additional changes in membership requirements such as Safe Sport.

11. National and Regional Maintenance and Qualifying Tournaments

The listed tournaments count for both maintenance and qualifying for test taking and upgrade.

11.1 Regional and national upgrade and qualifying tournaments for pairing officials are listed in Appendix A. Those for TSOs are listed in Appendix B. 11.1 - Pete would like some discussion on what is a qualifying tournament. Create an additional outlet for upgrades. Events based on # of participants instead of just regional/national if you have a P1 in your state. Create a adhoc committee to reach out to states not using pairers for state events and see why, and try to bridge the gap. Grassroots recruitment committee. **Motion** to accept made by Monica Schommer; **Second** by Darcy Larrieu. **Approved.**

This is clarification that Appendix A is for pairing officials. We added Appendix B because we added TSOs.

13.1.1.1 The Chief Pairing Official must have thorough knowledge of Trackwrestling and/or FloArena and must have successfully completed a Trackwrestling and/or FloArena certification.

13.1.1.2 The Chief Pairing Official will communicate with USAW and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) at least two weeks prior to the event to confirm schedules and setup.

13.1.1.3 The role of the Chief Pairing Official is to lead and mentor the assigned pairing officials and TSO. This is accomplished by allowing them to do tasks rather than doing the tasks for them. Teaching and close observation continues throughout the event.

13.1.2 The Chief Pairing Official is responsible for working with the other assigned officials to make sure that every effort is made to start the tournament on time and to complete the tournament or tournaments according to the time schedule printed by USAW.

13.1.X The Chief Pairing Official shall print a United States Wrestling Association Clinic sign-in sheet, have all pairing officials sign in, and submit the form to the designated personnel in a timely fashion.

13.1.X The Chief Pairing Official is responsible for answering all questions or directing the inquirer to the appropriate person.

All the items beginning with 13 are clarification of the duties of the Chief Pairing Official.

16.7 The Pairing Advisory Council may take action by ~~telephone-conference calls~~ teleconference meetings as long as two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members of the council participate therein.

This allows meetings by other teleconference platforms than just telephone.

17.2 ~~The pairing representative on the nominating committee of the USWOA~~ The secretary of the Pairing Advisory Committee will convey the designated person's name to the USWOA Steering Committee. **17.2 - remove completely**

This concerns the PAC's recommendation for National Pairing Director. There is no USWOA Nominating Committee now. Nominations are handled by the USWOA Steering Committee.

18.1.2 Pairing Official Data Committee: The Pairing Official Data Committee shall devise a record keeping system to keep track of the tournaments worked by each individual pairing official and all other relevant information about each individual.

This makes the name of the committee more descriptive.

18.1.3 Pairing Official Education Program Committee: The Pairing Official Education Program (OEP) Committee shall develop the syllabi for the Pairing OEPs and other educational activities. They shall

communicate with the computer programmers concerning any issues that occur at tournaments for possible resolution.

This expands the educational programs beyond the OEPs.

18.1.5 Clinic and Computer Committee: The Clinic and Computer Committee shall develop clinic outlines for basic clinics, advanced clinics, and computer clinics.

This simplifies the name of the committee.

19.6.1 The TSO-Trackwrestling and TSO-Flo certification testing is being developed will consist of the applicant shadowing a current TSO at an event to learn and demonstrate expertise in networking, matside computers, and video set up and maintenance, etc. Upon recommendation of the current TSO, the applicant will be considered for certification.

This makes what is involved in the TSO certification testing more specific.

21.1.2.1 If the question involves an official's ability, ~~an example of an appropriate response might be that the official in question is a P2 official, and his or her work meets the requirements of that category.~~ assure the questioner that an inquiry will be made. **21.1.2.1 - remove completely (all of section 21)**

All of section 21 deals with comporment. Do we need any of this section anymore? Or perhaps the entire section could be made more concise. Discussion is needed.

2) - Should TSO assignments qualify for upgrades? **Motion** made by Jeff Jones to allow them to count; **Second** by Chris Kallai. **Approved** 13-1

3) - Requiring P1E applicants to be TW or Flo certified to upgrade from now on. Approved as part of the general vote but the decision was that P1E applicants must have a chief pairing certification before receiving their upgrade.

4) - Flo or TW Certification for Chief Pairers must be renewed every other year. Danielle disagrees a little, if there have been no changes should they still retest? Should state events be done in membership system too for records? Every other year will begin in 2022. Approved as part of the general vote.

5) - Any other changes? No

6) - Approve changes. **Motion** to approve as amended by Chris Kallai; **Second** by LeeAnn. **Approved.** 7YUHJNN

Committee Reports

Testing

upgraded all tests, communicated with the oep committee. Going digital w/ P2 testing. Would require a change to P&P to no longer say taken at regional or national. **Motion** to approve Kelli; **Second** by Monica. **Approved.**

Clinic-updated all clinics and Debbie Kelly would like for the clinic and testing committees to work together. Darcy thinks there should be a separate p2 and p1 committee for each clinic. Reconvene on Monday at 7:30am.

OEP

Pairing Officials Data

Sue is retiring, Jeff wants to take over.

Assignment

Make the Assignment Committee smaller, 1 per region chosen by Pairings Director.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Award Winners

Alice Riggle Award - Marsha Gould

Bernie Norris Award - Debbie Kelly

Upgrade/Downgrade/Waiver/Scholarship/Emeritus

- Upgrades

*Kelli Shuffler- Upgraded to P1E-

Waivers for 2021

Tammy Bernshausen

-Yvonne Hady

-Teela Hardin

-Sue Hesser

-Debbi Kallai

-Carrie Learn

-Lorraine Smith

-Vickie Tolin

-Deborah Watson

- Scholarships - 4 requests

- Emeritus - **Motion** by Jeff Jones; **Second** by Paul Defosse. **Approved**

-Pat Babi

-Diane George

-Jill Thorson

-Sue Hesser

*Retiring

-De Heyman

Motion to adjourn by Ed Gould; **Second** by LeeAnn Johnson. **Approved** at 3:08pm

Monday Rconvene

Called to order at 7:30AM

Kera Wentzel was upgraded to P1

Further Committee Reports:

Leave all committees as is.

Testing committee - Jeff proposes leaving it as is due to the time it took. Taking out all vertical pairing as only a few places still use it. All test changes and digitizing will be done by 11/30. Clinic committee will be done by January. Debbie Kelly asked if we shouldn't put more Flo on the test. Jeff doesn't want too much Track or Flo on there, more flow chart. As of September 1st, we will be adding more P2, P1 study aids on the website. Pete asked for the committee to take a look at the weigh in process and see what modifications can be made going through the membership system. Geni asked if we could utilize zoom more to share info. LeeAnn asked about the evaluation committee adding the form online for submission as well as printing. Monica asked if there could be a form created to evaluate the chief pairer. Consensus was that there are enough forms but we could speak to the mat officials and let them know if there are any issues to let someone know. OEP will reach out to people who need additional skills and offer more help. Monica advised that the current room wasn't adequate and Pete wants a meeting coordinator to work as a liaison with the Dome. Internet is \$150 per day.

P&P discussion:

5.2.2 The P2 test is an open-book, timed, and proctored examination. It may only be taken at a USA Wrestling regional or national level clinic. The P2 clinic and test are available online and at the following national tournaments: U.S. Open, Kids Freestyle/Greco-Roman Nationals, and 16U and Junior Nationals.

5.2.3 A minimum score of 85% is required on this examination for the official to be considered for upgrade.

5.2.4 An upgrade to Category P2 should be recommended by the Pairing Advisory Council and must be confirmed by the USWOA Executive Board.

5.3 Category P2 Applicant for Upgrade to Category P1 Conditional (P1C)

5.3.1 He or she must have participated actively as a pairing official in at least five (5) events at a USA Wrestling regional or national tournament before taking the Category 1 test. If a pairing official has not worked at a national tournament, he or she must do so at the time of taking the P1 test. The regional and national tournaments are listed in Appendix A.

5.3.2 Category P1C refers to a Category P1 Candidate, an official who has successfully completed the Category 1 test, but who has not completed the remaining requirements for the Category P1 rating.

5.3.3 The Category P1 test is an open-book, timed, and proctored examination that is only offered at national level clinics. the following national tournaments: U.S. Open, Kids Freestyle/Greco-Roman Nationals, and 16U and Junior Nationals.

P1 locations

Motion Chris Kallai
Second Paul Defosse
Approved

P2 locations

Motion Paul Defosse
Second Darcie Larrieu
Approved

Motion to adjourn by Chris Kallai; **Second** by Paul DeFosse. **Approved** at 7:53AM.

PAC Meeting Reconvened 7/23/2021 12:40pm

Reviewed Pairing Exams from the past year.

P3

Kayla Bonte, WI
Kevin O'Brian, IL
Marilee Cardinal, MN

P2

Danielle Loutzenhiser, AK
Cassandra Lowery, CO
Cindy Galey, WY
Sarah Clausen, AK

P1

Hollie Satona, WI
Kali Phoenix, WA

Diana Barkman, NJ Passed P2 exam 7-5-2021. ot enough tournaments for upgrade

Discussion, **Motion** by Monica Schommer; **Second** by Paul Defosse; **Approved**

P1C to P1 Upgrade

Heather Kerr Upgraded to P1

Discussion about certification testing for Flo and Track being held in Fargo. None of the certifications have been reviewed yet.

Talk about adding P2 and P1 clinics and test training materials to the uswoa website.

Communication has been great this year with Jeff emailing keeping everyone updated.

Motion to adjourn by Monica Schommer; **Second** by Sue Hesser; **Approved**.

Meeting Adjourned 1:01pm