



**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

This new constitution of the San Diego County Wrestling Officials Association (herein after referred to as "SDCWOA"), as set forth below, is entered into on this 30th day of January 2023, after receiving the advice and consent of the governing board of the association and a majority vote of the current general membership of the SDCWOA.

**CODE OF ETHICS:**

It is the moral obligation of all high school wrestling officials to conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves and the association of officials they represent. Specific competencies of all member officials are to include thorough knowledge of the Interscholastic Rules and strict adherence to the recommended mechanics of officiating.

**ARTICLE ONE- Name:**

The name of this organization shall be the San Diego County Wrestling Officials Association and may also be referred to by its initials as the SDCWOA.

**ARTICLE TWO – Purpose:**

- A. To provide an educational and instructional program that promotes consistency and professional conduct among wrestling officials throughout the County of San Diego, State of California, and the United States of America.
- B. To form a representative body capable of developing membership opinion on professional matters in order to speak with authority for officials to any other group or individual on problems and concerns of the SDCWOA.
- C. To improve all phases of amateurwrestling.
- D. To ensure the use of the National Federation Rules in all cases unless specifically modified by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).

### **ARTICLE THREE - Membership:**

- A. Membership in the SDCWOA shall be made available to any person 18 years of age or older, provided the individual fulfills the obligations of membership described below:
1. No individual shall be denied membership or participation in the SDCWOA due to race, color, religion, sex, handicap or national origin.
  2. Individuals must satisfy the dues requirement of the SDCWOA as prescribed by the membership.
  3. Prospective and current members may be subject to a background check as directed by the California Interscholastic Federation – San Diego Section (CIFSDS) office.
  4. Individuals must meet all requirements under the SDCWOA Constitution and Bylaws.
- B. Termination of membership in the SDCWOA
1. Individuals may have their membership in the SDCWOA terminated for actions found to be detrimental to the association as deemed by the Executive Board of the SDCWOA.
  2. Terminated individuals have the right to appeal. Their appeals must be presented in writing to the SDCWOA Executive Board within 15 days of their termination. It is then the responsibility of the SDCWOA Executive Board to respond within 30 days to the written notice.
- C. Membership within the SDCWOA is open to officials who are members of other associations. A member of the SDCWOA may join another high school wrestling officials association outside the San Diego County area. It is recommended that an official who holds a position as a member of the SDCWOA Executive Board not participate on an executive board of another high school wrestling association.

### **ARTICLE FOUR - Executive Board:**

- A. An Executive Board (herein after referred to as "Board") shall be selected by a vote of the majority of the SDCWOA general membership attending the last general meeting of the previous wrestling season. Any member of the SDCWOA is eligible for election to the Board provided they meet the following conditions:
1. They are a member in good standing of the SDCWOA.
  2. They are not concurrently a Board member of another high school wrestling association.
- B. The Board shall consist of the following officer positions:
1. President
  2. Vice President
  3. Past President

4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Member(s) at Large

C. The duties of the Board shall be as follows:

1. The SDCWOA Board shall be the principal governing body of this association and it shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the association.
2. The Board shall exercise general supervision of all officers and committees of the association.
3. The Board shall enforce the provisions of these articles and shall make recommendations and decisions with regard to matters effecting the association, which decisions may be reversed only by a majority vote of the Quorum of members of the association.
4. The Board shall govern the expenditure of funds.
5. The Board shall provide a list of qualified members of the SDCWOA to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) upon request for the California State Meet considerations.
6. The Board shall recommend the dollar amount for dues required for membership.
7. The Board shall appoint the Assignment Secretary and the Instructional Chairman.
8. The Board shall hold regular meetings, not less than bi-monthly, during the wrestling season, and may meet at any interval of regularity that the Board finds necessary during the off-season.

**ARTICLE FIVE – Officers:**

**PRESIDENT** - The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association. The president shall preside at all meetings of members of the association and Board. The president may establish committees, and appoint committee chairpersons as appropriate, in order to further the purpose of the association. The president shall be the official spokesperson for the SDCWOA.

**VICE PRESIDENT** - The vice president shall serve in the place of the president in the event of the latter's absence or inability to act as president. The vice president is responsible for the oversight of the instructional chairperson, and they shall sit on the instructional committee. If the vice president is serving as the instructional chairperson, the past president (or president if the past president position is vacant) is responsible for the oversight of the instructional chairperson.

**PAST PRESIDENT** - The past president shall provide continuity of the Executive Board from one administration to the next. The past president shall assume this office for one year after the expiration of their term as president.

SECRETARY - The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all Executive and General Meetings. They shall be responsible for making public the minutes of all meetings. They shall give notice of all meetings of the Executive Board and to all members of the SDCWOA. They shall maintain a current roster listing of all members of the association. They shall issue all correspondence and notices on behalf of the Executive Board and the association itself. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person or can be individually elected.

TREASURER - The Treasurer will keep a record of the business transacted by the association. He (They) shall deposit or hold, in trust, all funds received by him on behalf of the association, accounting for such funds to the association no less than annually. He (They) shall disburse such funds for the benefit of the association as may be directed by the Executive Board. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person or can be individually elected.

MEMBER (S) AT LARGE - There shall be a maximum of three (3) Members at Large representing the general membership. The number of Members at Large shall be determined in a manner that will maintain an odd number of votes on the Executive Board. The duties of the Members at Large are to bring to the attention of the SDCWOA and to the Executive Board the concerns of the membership and to relay all matters of the SDCWOA and its Executive Board back to the general membership. The Members at Large constitute the Professional Relations Committee. The Members at Large may also fill the place of a vacancy in the Past President's position if such a vacancy should arise.

Each position on the Executive Board shall have one vote. Members holding multiple positions shall have only one vote.

#### **ARTICLE SIX - Appointed Positions:**

ASSIGNMENT SECRETARY - The Assignment Secretary shall serve as an administrative agent of the Executive Board under independent contract with the SDCWOA. The Assignment Secretary shall work closely with the Instructional Chair and Evaluation Committee in assigning officials during the current wrestling season. The Assignment Secretary shall be paid for his (their) services by the SDCWOA in an amount (and method) approved by the Executive Board. At the direction of the President, the Assignment Secretary is to be evaluated at the end of the wrestling season. The Assignment Secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years and be provided legal insurance coverage by SDCWOA for such assignment duties and actions during this time.

INSTRUCTIONAL CHAIRPERSON - The Instructional Chairperson is responsible for all SDCWOA training of officials and moderates the Training Committee and Evaluation Committee. The Instructional Chairperson shall report to the Executive Board any and all concerns of unprofessional behavior or lack of knowledge regarding the rules and their interpretations.

The Instructional Chairperson shall serve as the liaison between the SDCWOA and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Official State Rules Interpreter. The Instructional Chairperson, or designee, shall attend Executive Board meetings, and shall attend any meets or tournaments by request of either the Executive Board or an official, to instruct and or

evaluate an official, bringing to the Board the written or video recorded results.

**ARTICLE SEVEN – Dues:**

- A. Annual dues or other fees will be set by the Executive Board.
- B. Dues shall be submitted to the SDCWOA Treasurer no later than ten (10) days before the first general meeting, unless other arrangements have been made with the Treasurer. Dues collected shall purchase the necessary liability insurance and offset the business costs of the association during any fiscal year.
- C. Assessments shall not be imposed for any reason.
- D. A written accounting of all income and expenditures will be made available upon request to the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE EIGHT – Miscellaneous:**

BYLAWS - Upon ratification of this constitution, the Executive Board shall cause a set of bylaws to be created for the SDCWOA. These bylaws shall govern with the authority of this constitution; however, this constitution shall remain the primary governing authority for the SDCWOA. The bylaws shall be approved by the Executive Board and ratified by a simple majority of the general membership.

AMENDMENT - Amendments to this constitution shall only be made valid and enforceable when there has been (1) a majority vote in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment by the Executive Board of the SDCWOA and (2) the proposed constitutional amendment has been ratified by a two-thirds majority of the current general membership of the SDCWOA.

DISSOLUTION – Upon dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state government or local government, for a public purpose.