

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**
(Revised on June 28 2023)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization will be the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association. It will be a voluntary organization, not organized for profit.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The association's objectives shall be to develop and promote high school wrestling to its utmost, to cooperate with and assist the OHSAA in all matters pertaining to the maintenance, promotion and improvement of Ohio's wrestling program to promote sportsmanship, fair play, and good conduct, to sponsor clinics to assist in the clarification and interpretation of rules and the techniques and procedures in coaching, to assist in promoting and setting up Sectional, District, Regional and State Tournaments; and to promote good fellowship and social contact among coaches. This board shall conduct the business of the Association between regular meetings, make recommendations and other suggestions to the OHSAA on sites for tournaments, drawings, rules and all other matters pertaining to inter-scholastic wrestling.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Active and Honorary

1. Active membership will include head coaches, assistant coaches, junior high coaches, athletic directors and others associated with the wrestling program in the high schools.
2. Membership coincides with the fiscal year which runs from the beginning of April through March.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

The annual membership fee shall be \$25.00 for active membership. After the fee is received, the Treasurer will add their name to the active membership list. Those not paid by January 1st of the current year will be assessed a late fee of \$5. Those attending the clinic at Ohio State University will get a discounted rate of \$20 that is included in the cost of the clinic.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD (5)

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All members except the Past President shall be nominated and voted upon by the current Executive Board and all District Representatives. The Past-President shall also be a member of the Executive Board automatically appointed based upon prior service as President. Any officer may be subject to re-election if the executive board so votes. At no time may the president and vice president be from the same representative district. At no time may the

Secretary and Treasurer be from the same district. The Executive Board shall meet *at least twice a year and* at any special meeting called at the discretion of the President.

In order to serve on the Executive Board, an individual must have prior experience on the Executive Board, serve as a District Representative, or serve as an Executive Committee Chair for one year.

Elections of the executive board shall take place at the end of the fiscal year.

The duties of the Executive Board are as follows:

PRESIDENT

- The President shall serve a term of two (2) years.
- The President shall serve on the Executive Board during his term of office and for two (2) years thereafter as Past-President.
- The President shall preside at all special and regular meetings of the Association.
- The President shall appoint committees when necessary.
- The President shall serve as ex-officio member to all committees.
- The President shall serve as the official wrestling representative to the OHSAA Board of Control.

VICE PRESIDENT

- The Vice President shall serve a term of two (2) years.
- The Vice President shall preside as chairman of the OHSWCA meetings in the absence of the President.
- The Vice President shall assume any other duties which may be delegated or assigned to him by the President or the Executive Board.
- The Vice President will automatically become the President at the end of the President's two year term.

TREASURER

- The Treasurer shall serve a term of four (4) years. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 through fiscal year 2024-2025.
- The Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all receipts and expenditures and work and act under the provision of these by-laws as far as OHSWCA funds are concerned.
- The Treasurer shall coordinate the distribution and collection of scholarship applications.
- The Treasurer shall distribute the scholarship awards.
- The Treasurer shall organize all bank statements and receipts by year.
- The Treasurer shall retain all bank statements and receipts not older than three (3) years.
- The Treasurer shall share financial Reports and bank statements with the executive board.
- The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining 501c3 status for the organization.
- The Treasurer shall maintain a list of all members of the association in a file shared with the executive board.
- The Treasurer shall ensure that the president has access to all financial accounts.

- The Treasurer shall assume any other duties which may be delegated or assigned to him by the President or the Executive Board.

SECRETARY

- The Secretary shall serve a term of four (4) years. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through fiscal year 2026-2027.
- The Secretary shall record the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Association.
- The Secretary shall assume any other duties which may be delegated or assigned to him by the President or the Executive Board.
- The Secretary shall share the minutes of all meetings of the association as an electronic document in a file shared with all members of the association.

PAST-PRESIDENT

- The Past-President shall be a voting member of the Executive Committee
- The Past-President shall serve as a resource for the organization.

ARTICLE VI: DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

In order to be a District Representative, an individual must be chosen through their respective district coaches association. Executive board members are not considered representatives from their district.

The current District Representative positions shall be:

Two (2) boy's representatives and one (1) girl's representative from the Northwest District

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Two (2) boy's representatives and one (1) girl's representative from the Central District

Two (2) boy's representatives and one (1) girl's representative from the East/Southeast Districts

Three (3) boy's representatives and one (1) girl's representative from the Northeast District

* Note: East & Southeast are combined.

Each district has the discretion of setting up the length of term for their district representatives.

At large representatives can be added at the discretion of the executive committee.

Responsibilities for district representatives

- Each district must submit a nominee from their district for every OHSAA award, OHSWCA award, and any other wrestling award by a governing body the OHSWCA is submitting an award winner/nominee for prior to the deadline established by the executive board.
- District representatives are responsible for collecting biographies from all award nominees from their respective district and submitting them prior to the deadline established by the executive board
- Each representative must serve on a minimum of one committee (hall of fame, coaches clinic, state duals, or any other committee sponsored by the OHSWCA)

- ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATOR(S)
- Awards Coordinator
- Coaches Clinic
- Hall of Fame
- National Representative (Boys)
- National Representative (Girls)
- State Duals
- Social Media Coordinator
- Website Coordinator
- Any other committee sponsored by the OHSWCA

Any new expenditures for committees need to be approved by the treasurer prior to purchase.

ARTICLE VIII: AWARDS

- Boys OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics And Integrity award
E/SE – 2025, C – 2026, SW – 2027, NW – 2028, NE - 2029
- Girls OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics And Integrity award
C – 2025, SW – 2026, NW - 2027, NE – 2028, E/SE – 2029
- OHSAA Service
NW – 2025, NE – 2026, E/SE – 2027, C – 2028, SW – 2029
- HOF contributor or wrestler that was not a 4-time state champion
SW - 2025, NW – 2026, NE – 2027, E/SE – 2028, C – 2029

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

There shall be two (2) regular meetings each year, plus any special meeting called at the discretion of the President.

1. A general meeting in the preseason.
2. A summer meeting to occur within the first two weeks of June

ARTICLE X: BYLAWS

1. By-laws can be formulated by the Executive Committee or general membership.
2. By-laws can be amended by a majority vote at any meeting of the Executive Board, the District Representatives, and the Girl's Representatives.

ARTICLE XI: VOTING

- Past executive board members will remain a part of the board as non-voting members provided they remain active members of the association and are actively involved in one or more of the committees.
- Boy's representatives and executive committee members will vote for boy's coach of the year, boy's staff of the year, and boy's wrestler of the year
- Girl's representatives and executive committee members will vote for girl's coach of the year, girl's staff of the year and girl's wrestler of the year
- Boy's representatives, girl's representatives, and executive committee members vote for hall of fame