

EAST PENN YOUTH WRESTLING LEAGUE BY-LAWS

1. NAME

- A. The ORGANIZATION shall be known as the East Penn Youth Wrestling League.
- B. The EPYWL shall be divided into two (2) conferences.
Pre-kindergarten to 6th grade and pre-kindergarten to 8th grade.

NOTE: For clarity sake, the capitalized term ORGANIZATION shall refer to the EPYWL. The term organization shall refer to any club, group, association, etc., which fields a team or teams in the EPYWL.

NOTE: The terms "K to 6" and "K to 8" will be used to describe the two conferences. These terms do not prohibit pre-kindergarten boys from wrestling on a team.

2. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the ORGANIZATION shall be to promote amateur wrestling and good sportsmanship among member teams.

3. OFFICERS

- A. The ORGANIZATION shall consist of the following officers of which, not two (2) shall be from the same organization sponsoring a team or teams in the league.

President	(1) from either conference
Secretary	(1) from either conference
Treasurer	(1) from either conference
Vice Presidents	(2) 1 from each conference
Members at Large	(2) 1 from each conference

EXAMPLE: A wrestling club, in the league, with two or more teams, regardless of which conference(s) may only have one officer serving the league.

4. BOARD OF CONTROL

- A. The board of control shall be comprised of the officers and shall serve to interpret and decide upon all issues pertaining to these by-laws.
- B. The board of control can assess a fine against an individual / team for any acts or failures to act that they determine to be detrimental to an individual, team or the ORGANIZATION.

These fines can be assessed alone or in conjunction with any other remedy available to

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the ORGANIZATION, but NOT in place of other remedies.

Failure to pay the fine will result in the expulsion of the offending individual / team from the ORGANIZATION.

NOTE: See Addenda 2 to the By-Laws for the fine amounts.

- C. The board of control may be overruled by a majority of teams present and allowed to vote at a regularly scheduled league meeting. Interim decisions made outside of league meetings may be voted upon and overruled at the next regularly scheduled league meeting.

5. COMMITTEES

- A. All committees shall be appointed by the president on an AD-HOC basis. Each shall contain five (5) members and shall include one officer and the members at large from each active conference, plus one additional member from each active conference.
 - 1. **BY-LAWS AND RULES:** This committee, when appointed, will serve to review the by-laws and present revisions for league consideration, which will alter and or clarify these by-laws.
 - 2. **GRIEVANCE:** This committee, when appointed, shall serve to investigate an alleged grievance or violation and report its findings to the Board of Control for a decision.
 - 3. **TOURNAMENT AND PUBLICITY:** This committee, when appointed shall strive to promote amateur wrestling with a priority given to the "East Penn Youth Wrestling League" through all types and forms of media. They will also perform tasks assigned to them by the President which are deemed "for the good of the league" if these tasks are approved by a majority of the membership.
 - 4. **Other:** In addition, committees may be appointed on an ad hoc basis as deemed necessary by the president. Each shall contain at least five (5) members.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- A. DUES:
 - 1. Each member team shall submit a yearly, reasonable non-returnable entry fee to cover operating expenses, by the date decided and announced at a regularly scheduled meeting, as designated in Addenda 2.
 - a) If an organization has more than one team in the league, each team will be assessed the yearly fee.

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2. Each new organization applying for league membership must submit the specified entry fee plus dues for each team entered by a date acceptable to the Board of Control as per Addenda 2. A team which left the EPYWL in good standing, as determined by the Board of Control, may have the new team entry fee waived provided that team has not competed in the EPYWL for no more than one season.

- a) An EXISTING organization sponsoring more than one team is not required to pay an additional entry fee.

NOTE: The entry fee is a one-time fee for new organizations, sponsoring one or more teams, in our league.

NOTE: Each organization may enter as many teams as they desire as per Rules 6-A and 6-C.

3. Each organization must furnish a copy of a valid liability insurance binder, which covers their team or teams, to the league. It must be given to the board of control by the November meeting or the first meeting following their renewal date.

B. TEAM REPS

Each year, every member team MUST submit to the secretary, the names, addresses and phone numbers of its "MAXIMUM OF FOUR" Team Representative, Alternate(s), Head Coach, and Team Statistician as well as to indicate which individual is to receive league correspondence.

1. ONLY INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN THE YEARLY DIRECTORY WILL BE CONSIDERED AUTHORIZED / ACKNOWLEDGED TEAM REPRESENTATIVES AND PERMITTED TO VOTE.

- C. All member teams must have a varsity squad in the league. This rule states that you MUST fill your varsity slot before you may wrestle a JV AT THE SAME WEIGHT CLASS. Failure to do so is a violation and will result in the JV wrestler losing all points accrued during that dual meet and the offended wrestler will win by forfeit. A varsity default is not a violation of this rule.

1. A JV wrestling at a FORFEITED VARSITY weight, in a DUAL MEET or a TOURNAMENT, is a LEAGUE VIOLATION.

- D. Each new "team" must be accepted by a two-thirds majority vote and shall be on probation for one year.

- E. A member team may be placed on probation for a period of one year if it is decided by a two-thirds majority of the teams present and voting teams that its member(s) have:

1. VIOLATED the by-laws.

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2. INTENTIONALLY taken advantage of the letter of the law to defeat the intent of these by-laws.
3. ACTED in a manner that contradicts the purpose of the East Penn Youth Wrestling League. See Page 1 Rule 2.

F. Teams on probation shall have NO VOTING RIGHTS.

G. At the end of the probation period, a team on probation must be removed from probation by a two-thirds majority of the teams present and voting or have their membership revoked.

7. MEETINGS

- A. League meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, when necessary. The League Secretary will mail cards to all designated team reps, League Statisticians, and Member(s) at large stating the date, time, and place of the meeting. Special meetings may be called to deal with uncovered situations but ***must not be used to circumvent the by-laws.***
- B. A two-thirds quorum is required for a valid League meeting.
- C. Each team is required to have an authorized / acknowledged representative from its organization at each league meeting. Teams will be assessed a fine, designated for this purpose, for each meeting a VALID team rep is not present, as per Addenda 2.
- D. Team voting can only be done by an authorized / acknowledged team rep. The League Secretary will verify this acknowledgment during the roll call at the beginning of each meeting.
- E. The President shall be in charge of meetings at all times. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence.
 1. The President shall appoint which Vice President will be in charge of meetings, in his absence.
- F. The President shall have the tie breaking vote when team voting results in a tie.
- G. Procedure of meeting, point of reference should be referred to Robert's Rules of Order and / or Parliamentary Procedure.

8. ELIGIBILITY

- A. K to 8: A boy shall not have reached the age of FIFTEEN years prior to September 1 preceding our wrestling season. He shall not be beyond the EIGHTH grade.

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K to 6: A boy shall not have reached the age of THIRTEEN years prior to September 1 preceding our wrestling season. He shall not be beyond the SIXTH grade.

B. A boy must be a resident of a state in which an EPYWL organization exists, and must wrestle for a league organization operating in the school district in which he lives OR attends school. If more than one EPYWL organization operates in his district he may choose either organization but must stay with the organization he started with for that year. A boy whose school district does not have an EPYWL organization may wrestle for any organization in our league.

1. If a NEW team enters our league and has a boy on their roster that lives or attends school in another district in our league, he may stay with the new team provided he was on the previous years roster of the NEW team.

If an EXISTING team in our league has any boy that lives or attends school in a NEW teams district, he may stay with the EXISTING team provided he was on the previous years roster of the EXISTING team.

This rule will also pertain to any brothers that this boy may have.

NOTE: This By-Law replaces what had been the leagues verbal "Grandfather Rule".

NOTE: When there are no boys on the roster of either of the affected teams from the family of the boy grandfathered by this By-Law, the "Grandfather Rule" is no longer relevant for this family.

NOTE: If a boy leaves the NEW team in our league for any reason, he can no longer use the "Grandfather Rule" unless one of his brothers is on the team.

2. K to 6 teams may send their 7th and 8th graders to another organization in the EPYWL K to 8 conference, only if their school district does not have an organized team, for which they are eligible.

C. A boy MUST be on the team's roster to compete for that team.

NOTE: A boy must be on a team's final roster as per RULE #9 or he is not eligible to wrestle in our league.

D. A boy may become a member of an EPYWL organization after the FINAL roster cut-off date only if he is already a member of our league and his team eligibility changes after the FINAL roster cut-off date.

Example: The boy moves to a different school district.

E. During our season, from the first dual meet through the last post-season tournament, if a FINAL ROSTERED boy, while still eligible for our league, becomes a member of a wrestling team not in our league, he will be ineligible for our league the remainder of the season and for the following season.

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1. An EPYWL final rostered boy may wrestle both junior high school and in our league provided that these teams operate in the same school district.
 2. A team implies that a boy is on the final roster if the boy wrestles one or more OFFICIAL bouts before the issuance of the final roster. This rule is not a substitute for nor does it relieve any team from compliance with rule 9A or 9B.
- F. **IMPORTANT:** A team permitting a boy to wrestle in violation of ANY eligibility rule must FORFEIT ALL DUAL MEETS in which a violation occurred. The ineligible boy will lose all points accrued through the violation(s) but the records and seed points of his other team members will not be affected.

9. ROSTER

- A. An initial roster **MUST** be submitted by the December general meeting. The December general meeting must be held prior to the first league dual meet. Copies **MUST** be submitted as follows: ONE to each team in the league, ONE to each division statistician and ONE to the league.
- B. A finalized roster **MUST** be submitted by the January general meeting. Copies must be submitted as per Rule 9A. The roster must be finalized by the earlier of the January general meeting or the first dual meet in January. If the first dual meet in January occurs before the January general meeting and there have been changes to the initial roster, prior to the meet a finalized roster must be given to all opponents a team is wrestling in that first January meet.

NOTE: Additions to the initial roster are permitted any time until the roster is finalized. When additions are made to the initial roster copies of the additions **MUST** be submitted to each team you wrestle and all division statisticians **PRIOR** to wrestling any of the added boys.

NOTE: For multiple team organizations, a wrestler may only be on one final roster.

10. SCHEDULES

- A. **IMPORTANT:** An organization must commit their team(s) to next year's conferences at the regularly scheduled April meeting.
- B. Dual meet schedules shall be made out on a yearly basis, and if possible, distributed at the last general meeting of the preceding season.
- C. An attempt should be made to change the sequence teams wrestle each year, and to rotate the home site of teams who are matched up in two successive years.
- D. Divisional set-ups are, arranged each year based on the final standings "TEAM POINTS" from the previous year's varsity league tournament. Teams are assigned in

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the following manner, to each division, in order to achieve an equal distribution of strength. It is important to maintain a balance in the number of teams in each division and to try to rotate shortages year to year. Adjustments may be made by the scheduler with the approval of the Board of Control to keep multiple team clubs in separate divisions.

3 Division Setup			2 Division Setup		1 Division Setup	
RED	WHITE	BLUE	RED	WHITE		RED
1	2	3	1	2		1 2
6	5	4	4	3		4 3
7	8	9	5	6		5 6
12	11	10	8	7		8 7
13	14	15	9	10		9
18	17	16	12	11		
19	20	21	13	14		

**NOTE: SUGGESTED ALIGNMENT - OVER 9 TEAMS = 2 DIVISIONS AND
OVER 14 TEAMS = 3 DIVISIONS**

11. DUAL MEETS

- A. A dual meet in our league consists of a varsity and junior varsity meet. When conducting a dual meet with one opposing team, a boy may not wrestle on the JV and varsity squad in the same meet. This rule exists because the league seeds both JV and varsity wrestlers. If a sanctioned Tri-meet is held, a boy may wrestle JV against one team and varsity against the other. Each weight class forfeited at Varsity must be forfeited at Junior Varsity.
- B. Varsity bout time periods shall be 1, 1½, 1½ minute periods. Junior Varsity bouts shall be the, same unless a shorter time is agreed to, by the coaches FROM BOTH TEAMS.
- C. Overtime in a dual meet shall be 1 minute sudden victory period with no rest. The first to score a point(s) wins the match. If needed, overtime will continue as per National Federation rules.
- D. Each team is required to mail or eMail the results of all varsity and JV matches to their divisional statistician. If a team wrestles a CROSSFIRE match, they are also required to mail or eMail the same results to their opponent's divisional statistician. The results must be postmarked or eMailed NO LATER THAN the Tuesday following the match. Failure to mail or email the results on time will result in the team being assessed the fine designated for this purpose as noted in Addenda 2.
- E. After your week 3, 5, and 7 matches, include in the far right column of the report form, the seed points accrued by each of your wrestlers, to date, including the match being reported. This is to catch any errors before they become serious and will help to notify

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your statistician of your intentions to enter a boy in the varsity or JV tournament. Failure to include the seed points with the results will result in the team being assessed the fine designated for this purpose as noted in Addenda 2.

F. Immediately following your last league match of the season. Telephone or email your division statistician in order to reach an agreement on the seed points for each of your wrestlers.

NOTE: FAILURE TO TELEPHONE OR EMAIL YOUR STATISTICIAN BY 9 P.M. ON THE DAY OF YOUR LAST MATCH WILL RESULT IN A MONETARY FINE AS ASSESSED IN ADDENDA #2.

12. TOURNAMENTS

- A. The conference varsity tournament(s) shall be held at the end of the dual meet season.
- B. The conference junior varsity tournament(s) shall be held, which will include all seeded JV wrestlers and any other rostered boy, who is unseeded and not entered in the varsity tournament.

“SEE TOURNAMENT RULES IN ADDENDA 1 TO THESE BY-LAWS”

C. Championships

- 1. The Conference Championships shall be awarded to the team scoring the greatest number of team points in the Conference Varsity Tournament.
- 2. Division Championships shall be awarded to the team with the best dual meet record, wrestled against teams only within their division. Crossfire's are excluded from consideration.

13. WEIGHT CLASSES

- A. Varsity competition shall be conducted in fifteen weight classes:
45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 80, 85, 92, 100, 115, 150
- B. Junior varsity competition shall be conducted in the same 16 weight classes as varsity and a 42 lb. weight class shall be junior varsity only, for a total of 17 weight classes.
- C. A weight allowance of one pound will be added to each weight class on the first of each month beginning in January. All scheduled matches which fall in the week of the first of the month (from Monday through Sunday) will receive this allowance.

EXAMPLE: January falls on a Sunday. A dual meet wrestled on Saturday, December 31 will receive this allowance.

- D. Coaches should attempt to have the referee weigh in Varsity and Junior Varsity contestants, AT LEAST one half hour before the meet is scheduled to start. A boy has exactly one half hour to make weight after the official start of weigh-ins. Intentional delay of weigh-ins by either team should be brought to the attention of the official and

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the league President, as soon as possible.

EXAMPLE: Weigh-ins start at 1:03 P.M. The scales will close at 1:33 P.M. and NO further attempt to make weight will be allowed.

- E. A boy may wrestle at a weight NO LOWER THAN one weight class BELOW the HIGHEST weight that he had previously wrestled AT ANY TIME DURING THE SEASON. This rule takes precedence over all other weight class rules and applies regardless of his current body weight.
- F. Until the first weight allowance is applied in January, each wrestler is qualified to wrestle at any of the following weight classes, provided rule 13-E is not violated.
 - 1. The weight class of his stripped body weight.
 - or**
 - 2. One weight class above his stripped body weight.
- G. Beginning with the January match, at which time the first weight allowance is applied, each wrestler is qualified to wrestle at the following weight classes provided rule 13E is not violated.
 - 1. The weight class of his stripped body weight provided:
 - a) He has previously wrestled that season at this weight class or at the next lower weight class,
 - or**
 - b) He has the appropriate written weight certification, witnessed by an official and opposing coach, at any sanctioned match, during the normal weigh-in of a "League" December meet, that his stripped body weight qualified him for this weight class.
 - c) Copies of the weight certifications MUST be mailed to your division statistician along with your match results for that week.
 - 2. One weight class above his stripped body weight.
 - 3. If a boy did not wrestle in a December dual meet, he shall be granted the appropriate weight allowance(s), for the month, when he wrestles in his first dual meet or tournament.
- H. **IMPORTANT:** An organization permitting a boy to wrestle in violation of any weight class eligibility rule must FORFEIT ALL DUAL MEETS in which a violation occurred. The ineligible boy will lose all points accrued through the violation(s) but the records and seed points of his other team members will not be affected.

14. MEET OFFICIALS

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- A. The league shall appoint an assignor of officials for all league matches. All assigned officials must be PIAA certified.
- B. Officials shall be paid per assignment as noted in Addenda 2.
- C. League and team statisticians shall comprise a list of unacceptable officials and present this list to the President at the January meeting for future action regarding tournament work, plus team and or league banishment.

15. EQUIPMENT

- A. The use of headgear is mandatory in all league competition.
- B. The use of singlets is optional. If singlets are not worn, tight shorts and shirts must be worn.

16. ADMISSION

- A. Maximum admission charges for matches and tournaments will be designated each year and placed in Addenda 2.

17. RULES NOT COVERED:

- A. Any rules in these by-laws that differentiate from the National Federation Rules are for the safety of the young wrestlers and thereby supersede the National Federation rules. Any rules not covered in these by-laws shall be governed by National Federation Wrestling Rules and / or the Board of Control.

18. DOCUMENTATION

- A. Official league documentation and forms distributed to the membership include the following:
 - 1. By-Laws
 - 2. By-Laws Addenda 1 (Seeding/Tournament Rules)
 - 3. By-Laws Addenda 2 (Monies Due and Payable)
 - 4. Dual Meet Site / Information form
 - 5. Weight Certification form
 - 6. Dual Meet Result form
 - 7. Dual Meet Schedule
 - 8. League Directory
 - 9. Yearly Summary
 - 10. Roster form

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- B. The league secretary will provide forms to all member teams and will distribute the league directory at a general meeting early in the season and the yearly summary prior to the last meeting of the season.

19. DISBANDMENT

- A. Should the league be disbanded, all monies and properties accumulated by the league shall be held by the officers for a period of one year. If the league is not reorganized within this time, all monies and properties shall be divided among teams in good standing during the last year of operation.

20. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

- A. Any by-laws needing clarification or relating to pertinent issues are to be read and discussed each year at the general meetings prior to the first match of the season.
- B. Amendments to the by-laws may be made when one-third of the team present propose a change. The proposed change(s) shall be read at three meetings and shall be voted upon after the reading at the third meeting. Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority roll call vote of the teams present and voting to be incorporated into these by-laws.
- C. Amendments to the by-laws addenda are to be similarly proposed, but only need to be reread once at the next meeting prior to voting.
- D. Proposed changes to the by-laws or addenda(s) must be submitted in writing, one copy to each team and two to the league.