

Governor Wrestling Bylaws

I. Name

The name of this organization is Governor Wrestling

II. Articles of Organization

This organization exists as a non-profit organization. The period of existence of the Governor Wrestling program will be ongoing and continuous. Its “articles of organization” comprise these bylaws, as from time to time, may be amended. In the absence of separate articles of association, the bylaws shall be deemed to be the articles of association. In the event of any conflict between these bylaws and the articles of association, these bylaws shall govern.

III. Purpose

The purpose of the Governor Wrestling Program is to promote, teach, instruct, and develop the capabilities of youth wrestlers in the sport of wrestling along with promoting and encouraging good sportsmanship.

IV. Basic Policies

- A. This organization will hold all or some of its activities at the wrestling facilities in T.F. Riggs High School or Georgia Morse Middle School unless these bylaws are otherwise amended by the board of directors.
- B. This organization may cooperate with other organization for the promotion of wrestling.
- C. This organization may accept, for the organization, private donations and may engage in fund raising events to support wrestling. This organization may host invitational youth or middle school wrestling tournaments, State AAU district or regional tournaments, and State USA tournaments at a site desirable for these events.
- D. This organization may donate to other organization (other than political) for their help and support of youth wrestling activities.
- E. This organization may hold an “end-of-the-season” banquet for all members.
 - 1. Certificates of participation may be given to all youth members, but it will be the policy of this organization that no youth member or members will be singled out for any reason and all youth members will be treated equally.
 - 2. Each year the Governor Wrestling program will provide a State Tournament T-shirt to all state qualifiers, and separate pictures of state qualifiers and then state place winners will also be taken.
- F. This organization shall have power to purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve use and otherwise deal in and with, real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- G. This organization shall have power to make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money, or invest money only resulting from approval by the Board of Directors.
- H. This organization shall not—directly or indirectly—participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political

campaign on behalf, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or attempt to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.

- I. This organization will maintain a registered agent for the organization who is a resident of this state and the board of directors upon termination or resignation of registered agent.

V. Membership & Dues

- A. Members in the Governor Wrestling program will include all youth wrestlers pre-school thru 12th grade residing in the Pierre, SD area who wish to be members. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten aged youth wrestlers are encouraged to join, but a parent must actively participate in practice sessions.
- B. Members may also consist of parents, coaches, or other interested individuals who have interest in wrestling and are willing to help with the instruction and promotion of wrestling.
- C. The annual membership fee (paid only by youth wrestlers members pre-school thru 12th grade) will be determined by the board members prior to annual registration and sign-up. Membership fee will be determined by expected expenses for administrating the sport of youth wrestling.
 1. The membership fee may be waived with approval of board members due to financial constraints facing participating families.
 2. Active members of the varsity and junior varsity wrestling program at T.F. Riggs shall have the membership fee waived for purposes of competing in postseason events, or summer camps.
- D. Each youth wrestler, in order to participate in organized tournaments, will be required to purchase a membership to the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (AAU Card) or USA Wrestling (USA Card). The AAU or USA cards are required for participation in all AAU or USA sanctioned wrestling events in the State of South Dakota and throughout the United States for liability purposes and covers during AAU or USA sanctioned events.
- E. The Governor Wrestling program will pay an annual fee to become an AAU and/or USA sanctioned organization so that liability insurance coverage is assured for youth members.

VI. Officers and Board of Directors

- A. The election of officers shall occur at the conclusion of the AAU state wrestling tournament each year resulting in elections for:
 1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Secretary
 4. Coordinating Secretary and Treasurer
- B. Restrictions and Election Process
 1. It will be the policy of this organization that the Pierre High School Head Wrestling Coach will not hold an office in this organization but shall be a board member and serve as a consultant.
 2. Officers will be determined by the volunteering for the office, nominated and elected by the board, (providing consent of candidate), or appointed by

the board (providing consent of candidate), with the approval by designated board meeting.

3. A board members term will be determined by their son(s) involvement in one of the respective areas and the ongoing interest in the organization. A board member may resign at any time and remaining board members may appoint a successor by majority vote of remaining directors.
4. A person shall be able to serve more than a one year consecutive term in the same office if so willing or re-elected and approved by voice vote of the majority of board members present at designated board meeting. However, officers may not serve more than three consecutive terms, in the same office, from date of organization as a non-profit organization. A person may also be elected for another office so if elected and willing to hold office.

C. Board of Director Duties & Responsibilities

1. A Board of Directors will consist of the elected officers and twelve active members from the Governor Wrestling program which will include representatives from each of the following areas:
 - a. Group one level wrestlers – Two Representatives
 - b. Group two level wrestlers – Two Representatives
 - c. Group three level wrestlers – Three representatives
 - d. Middle school & high school level wrestlers – Three representatives
 - e. Coaching staff – Head varsity and Head Middle School coaches
2. The initial bylaws and guidelines of the organization shall be adopted by its board directors. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors.
3. The affairs of this organization shall be managed by the board of directors with only board members with voting rights.
4. One member of the Board of Directors will serve as the communication director responsible for all communication with active members of the organization. This Board member will work with the President and elected officers to provide routine communication to keep all members informed about practice, competition, and general information related to new and experienced wrestlers.
5. Board of Directors will hold an organizational meeting prior to the wrestling season; hold an end-of-the season meeting concluding the wrestling season and hold board meetings whenever they are necessary for the organization and management of wrestling activities.
6. Any member of the organization may attend a face-to-face meeting of the Governor Wrestling program as exofficio members.
7. Notice of meetings with all adult members may be made by letter, publication, email, or radio announcement explaining date, time, and place that meeting will be held. Board meetings will be held wherever an appropriate site is available.

D. Compensation, Expenditures & Reporting

1. No part of the net income or profit of this organization will be paid to any directors, officers, coaches or board members in the form of salary except for

reimbursement for expenses pertaining to operating and management of wrestling activities.

- a. An amount approved by the Board of Directors will be made available to the high school wrestling program each year for the purchase of equipment and/or apparel as determined by the head wrestling coach. The designated funds are provided in lieu of compensation for the middle/high school coaching staff to manage the summer wrestling series annually.
 - b. No loans shall be made by this organization to its directors, board members, or officers.
2. No director, board member, or officer serving without compensation, other than reimbursement for actual expenses, is liable for damages resulting from judgment or discretion in connection with the duties or responsibilities of such director, board member, or officer while acting in his (her) official capacity unless the act of omission involved willful or wanton misconduct.
 3. This organization will be required to submit an annual report (or as required) to the Secretary of State Office on forms prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of State. A report shall be delivered to the Secretary of States Office before the first day of the 2nd month following the anniversary month (which is April) of each year or pursuant to the Secretary of States required filing.

VII. Member Benefits

- A. Any member of the Governor Wrestling program will be allowed to participate in sanctioned practices and camps coordinated by the organization.
- B. Group 1, 2, 3, and 4 level practice sessions will be managed by volunteer coaches assigned by the Board of Directors. Designated lead coaches will have sole responsibility for assigning members to the appropriate session based on:
 1. Wrestler skill level and mastery of the appropriate group level technique;
 2. Years of wrestling experience; and
 3. Age, weight, and suitable practice partners
- C. Group 3 and 4 level practices will be scheduled as closed sessions.
- D. Three technique camps will be scheduled each year to include a two-day event during the months of May, June and July. Designated camp clinicians will include current collegiate coaches or certified SDHSAA coaches selected by the Board of Directors. Camps will include two sessions consisting of K-5 wrestlers, and then middle and high school wrestlers. Active membership with the Governor Wrestling program is required to participate.
- E. High school wrestling coaches will host wrestling series sessions on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer.

VIII. Disposal of Assets

- A. The board members shall have power to sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer and otherwise dispose of all or part of its property and assets. Any assets shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of this organization whether for profit or non-profit.

B. This organization may dissolve and wind up affairs by a meeting of the board of directors with a resolution to dissolve this organization. The dissolution shall be adopted upon receiving a two-thirds majority of the directors in office.

Signed:

President - Chancey Scharke _____

Vice President - Chad Uhrig _____

Treasurer - Tiffany Stoeser _____