

MONTANA USAW (MT-USAW)
May 3rd & 4th, 2015 - Convention Minutes
Holiday Inn, Billings MT

MT-USAW President John Stillwagon
MT-USAW Vice President Steve Komac, Head Wrestling Coach
MT-USAW Secretary appointed by President
MT-USAW Treasurer Jason Wiers
MT-USAW Law & Legislator Mike Challeen
MT-USAW Registration Chair Angie Buckley
MT-USAW State Official Blake Love
MT-USAW Head Pairing Official Dusty Mikalatos
MT-USAW Coaches Chairman Jeremy Shields
Junior Chairman Jeremy Laporte
Espoir Chairman Caleb Schaeffer

The following list is the motions and the 2016 Schedule:

For honor weigh-ins: A wrestler cannot go down a weight class from their last on-site weigh-in without weighing in at the tournament.-Kalispell- PASS

Vertical pairing will be utilized in Freestyle and Greco tournaments. Five or less wrestlers will run a round robin.-Anaconda-PASS

The Matrix and wrestling list will remain closed to the public until the tournament starts.-Anaconda-PASS

Double bracketing will be allowed at invitational tournaments, if there are 3 or less wrestlers on a card and only one bracket will be allowed to score team points.-Anaconda-PASS

Girls that choose to double bracket will only be charged one assessment fee.-Butte-PASS

To incentivize clubs hosting a tournament, MTUSAW will pay up to \$500 should the hosting club show a financial loss. The club will need to apply for the financial assistance, show the loss incurred and the MTUSAW board will vote before providing this financial assistance. -Bozeman-PASS

For the 2015/2016 season, MTUSAW approved the 1 year position of a USA Wrestling Advocate. This position will help to set coaches curriculum, educate parent, athletes and coaches about the sport, oversee and advise the to promote wrestling and organize the Regional Training Camps.-Bozeman-PASS

Officials pay: Combine items C and D on page #9-Missoula-PASS

MTUSAW to host its own Folkstyle State Tournament-Butte-Failed

Decrease MTUSAW tournament assessment fees to \$2.00.-Failed

Fine clubs who bid a tournament and do not follow through.-Failed

Raise invitational fee to \$10.00 and state fees to 15.00.-Failed

Institute a rookie division for the first two years.-No 2nd - Individual clubs hosting tournaments can do this.

Revamp the mid-year meeting. No 2nd-The mid-year meeting will be open forum.

How to hold more "family friendly tournaments": Split sessions, Satellite weigh-ins, 2nd Chance tournaments, and Onsite activities? - No 2nd-Individual clubs hosting tournaments can do this.

Convention budget lowered to \$1000-PASS-Previously \$1500

Cadet Junior National Budget increased to \$12,000 (cost to include clinicians)-PASS

Coach's budget increased to \$1500-PASS-Previously \$1000

Gordon Smith scholarship budget increased for this year-PASS-Two scholarships were given this year

Marie Hatcher award budget \$100-PASS-Might not be given each year.

Training camp (UFG) for JR Duals (can include Regional wrestlers) \$2,000-PASS

Regional Training Clinics budget remain the same at \$4,000-PASS

\$500 loss covered by MTUSAW no cap set-PASS-MTUSAW must approve payment

Decrease Athlete aid from \$4,000 to \$3,000-Failed-Qualifying tournaments to be added to the web site

2016 Schedule:

January 3-Billings Wrestling

Jan 9-10th-Helltown

Jan 16-17th-Open

Jan 23-24th-Open

Jan 30th-Sudden Victory

Jan 31st-Blitzkreig

February 6-7th-High School Divisional

Feb 12-14th-High School State

Feb 20-21-Cyclops

Feb 27th-Bozeman/Kalispell

March 5th-Blitzkreig

Mar 11-13th-AAU State

Mar 19th-Anaconda-Folkstyle

Mar 20th-Anaconda-Freestyle

Mar 25th Brodie Gorder Memorial Elementary Duals

Mar 26th-Brodie Gorder Memorial Elementary Duals

April 2-3rd -MT Open

April 8th Kalispell-Duals

April 9th Kalispell-Duals

Apr 16th-Smith/McCarthy

Apr 23-24th-Helena Freestyle/Greco

Apr 30th-May 1st-USAW State Freestyle/Greco-Livingston

May 7th- USAW State Convention-Kalispell