

IKWF

Subject: IKWF Deadlines / Required NCEP Certification for Coaches

Club Administrators and Coaches,

First, THANK YOU for your hard work and dedication to the young boys and girls who join our organization. To me, the IKWF is the best kids wrestling organization in the country because of what you do for them. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you and our kids.

Second, this email is going to be rather lengthy. **Please** read all the information provided, it will help reduce the questions and stress over the next three weeks.

The [2016-17 IKWF by-laws](#) are available on our website. Also, the specific 2016-17 by-law additions and changes are available as well. Click this link to read them: <http://www.ikwf.org/forms/by-lawChanges2017.pdf>.

Currently we have 1,782 active coaches and 5,330 active wrestlers in the IKWF database. By the time we get to 12/3/2016, we should have close to 3,000 coaches and 10,000 wrestlers. Yes, things are getting extremely busy at the IKWF office. Processing and response time to phone calls and emails is going to slow down but please have patience, we will do our best to get things done for you.

Pending Clubs:

There are, possibly, two reasons why clubs are still listed as “Pending” on the [Clubs page](#) of the website:

- 1) We need their [Charter Form Supplement](#).
And/or
- 2) The primary contact of the club needs to purchase a USAW coach’s membership.
 - a. This is a new by-law for the 2016-17 season (**See by-law 15.2**).

Those clubs should have received an email from me requesting the applicable information from above. If you are unsure, please send me an email and I’ll find out why your club is still listed as pending.

Only ACTIVE clubs are in the list on the [Rosters page](#).

11/19/2016 Postmark Deadline:

By-law 19.2.5 states: “Registration forms and online purchases must be postmarked two weeks in advance of competition to eligible to compete in any IKWF/USAW sanctioned event.”

If you mail your applications to the IKWF office, if it is postmarked on or prior to 11/19/2016, the coaches and wrestlers will be eligible to coach and compete in IKWF events starting on 12/3/2016.

If membership cards are purchased at www.usawmembership.com, purchase must be on or prior to 11/19/2016 for coaches and wrestlers to be eligible for IKWF events starting on 12/3/2016.

Please Note: Coaches must also have NCEP certification to coach at any IKWF event. More information below.

National Coaches Education Program (NCEP) certification Requirement:

To coach at any IKWF event, all coaches must have the following:

- 1) Active USAW coach’s membership.
- 2) One of the NCEP certifications (copper, bronze, silver, or gold).
 - a. This is a changed by-law for the 2016-17 season. Previous seasons, this requirement was for the IKWF State Series only.

Click this link for NCEP Information: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/coaches/ncep-certification>

Click this link for the Online NCEP copper certification course: http://www.asep.com/asep_content/org/USAW.cfm

Please note! Coaches need the following to take this course:

- 1) Active USAW coach's membership.
- 2) Their USAW ID (NOT their 6-digit card number).

Please send me an email if any of your coaches have completed the NCEP certification as we DO NOT receive automatic updates from USA Wrestling.

Only those coaches who a) have a current USAW coach's membership and b) have one of the required NCEP certification levels will be listed on a club's ACTIVE roster.

11/26/2016 Deadline:

By-law 16.2.20 states: "If a wrestler has purchased a USA Wrestling athlete membership prior to the IKWF competition season (1st weekend of December through the IKWF State Series) and a) is not attached to an IKWF club or b) purchased their card for preseason training purposes, they have until the last Saturday in November to declare their IKWF club affiliation. If they do not declare an IKWF club prior to this date, they will be listed as unattached for the remainder of the IKWF season and will not be able to compete in any IKWF State Series event...."

Please check your club roster and make sure all wrestlers are properly listed. If you have a question about a wrestler or wrestlers, please send me an email and we will look into it.

Good luck and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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