

# **ORWAY Valley League**

## **2017-2018 By-Laws**

### **Article I: Name**

**1.1** The name of this youth wrestling league shall be known and incorporated as the ORWAY Valley League.

### **Article II: Purpose**

**2.1** The objective of the League is to provide K-8 boys and girls and their families with a positive experience learning and competing in the sport of wrestling. The first priority of the League is to develop the participants socially, physically, and mentally. The League strives to provide opportunities of growth for all stakeholders including participants, families, coaches, and officials.

**2.2** The League strives to create one of the premier wrestling leagues in Oregon that provides a fun, competitive environment for all participants.

**2.3** All coaches and League officials strive to represent the League and the sport of wrestling by practicing professionalism and sportsmanship, providing a safe, learning environment and contributing to the overall growth of wrestling in our area.

### **Article III: Membership**

**3.1** The number of teams shall be determined by a majority vote of the representatives attending the first meeting of the fiscal year.

**3.2** Teams with full membership status for the 2017-2018 season include: Springfield, Thurston, Willamette, Crow, North Eugene and South Eugene.

**3.3** All new teams must be voted (must receive 3/4 vote from general counsel of teams) on to one probationary season at the first meeting of the fiscal year. All probationary teams must be voted on at the end of their probationary season to receive full membership status (must receive 3/4 vote from general counsel).

**3.4** All member teams shall be held accountable for issues dealing with unsportsmanlike conduct, cheating, and other issues that are detrimental to the mission of the League. An emergency Executive Board meeting shall be held within 7 days of any incident to discuss any serious issue and its consequences.

**3.5** All member teams shall be required to host a League tournament every other year.

**3.6** Emergency matters not covered in the by-laws may be decided by the Executive Board. Such matters shall be reassessed at the next Executive Board meeting.

**3.7** The League shall abide by the individual membership fee set by the ORWAY State Director.

**3.8** All non-member wrestlers participating at all League events shall pay the Board-approved entry fee, and must have an ORWAY membership card. Non-member wrestlers are subject to be denied entry to any League event.

#### **Article IV: League Governance**

**4.1** The League shall be under the direction and control of the Executive Board and its Officers as well as a general counsel including one representative from each league member team.

**4.2** The Executive Board shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**4.3** The Officers whose terms have expired shall be nominated, seconded and voted upon at the first meeting of the fiscal year. The voting process shall include a ballot.

**4.4** The Officers term of service shall be two years unless reelected to their current position. The President and Vice President cannot be from the same team.

**4.5** Duties and powers of the Officers shall be as follows:

**a.** The President shall act as the chief executive officer of the League. The President shall call meetings and conduct them in accordance with the By-Laws. The President shall be empowered to sign checks, contracts, and other obligations on behalf of the League.

**b.** The Vice President shall assist the President in all aspects of the League. The Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President.

**c.** The Secretary shall assist the President in assuring that all League meetings are effectively organized and recorded through accurate minutes. The Secretary shall help assist the President in upholding legal requirements of all governing documents and laws. The Secretary shall assist with all communication efforts and correspondence.

**d.** The Treasurer shall oversee the finances of the League. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing or facilitating the preparation of the annual budget as well as regularly monitoring revenues and expenses. The budget shall

be reviewed and approved by the Executive Board and its Officers. The Treasurer shall provide financial reports for all Executive Board Officers.

**4.6** The Executive Board shall meet quarterly (once every three months) as well once within a month before the start of the season and once within a month after the end of the season. Only Officers of the Executive Board shall be present at Executive Board meetings.

**4.7** The General Counsel shall meet once within a month before the start of the season and once within a month after the end of the season.

## **Article V: Voting Rights**

**5.1** Any team with full membership status shall have full voting rights when adding new teams, removing teams, electing new Officers, or removing Officers from the Executive Board.

**5.2** Each member team shall be granted one vote, and may be cast by any team appointed representative.

**5.3** The Executive Board shall decide By-Law amendments, budget approvals, season scheduling, and other day-to-day operations of the League, and must be passed with a 3/4 vote.

**5.4** For all decisions made by the Executive Board, all Officers have one vote, while the President shall break any tie.

## **Article VI: Tournament Formats**

**6.1** The hosting member shall provide a flyer with relevant tournament information to all member teams.

**6.2** The League shall provide awards for all League tournaments.

**6.3** The League shall provide contracted officials for all League tournaments.

**6.4** The hosting member shall abide by the Board-approved entry fees for participants, spectators and families.

**6.5** The hosting member shall be responsible for providing tournament staff.

**6.6** The hosting member shall be responsible for the wrestling format of the tournament.

**6.7** The hosting member shall abide by the Board-approved start times for each age division.

**6.8** The League shall follow the registration protocol set by the ORWAY State Director.

**6.9** Member teams shall provide the hosting member with a list of coaches that will be coaching at the League event. There shall only be two coaches permitted in the corner for their wrestler.

## **Article VII: Divisions and Eligibility**

**7.1** The League shall have the following age divisions:

- a. 6 & under (Wrestlers born in 2010 or later)
- b. 8 & under (Wrestlers born in 2009 to 2010)
- c. 10 & under (Wrestlers born in 2007 to 2008)
- d. 12 & under (Wrestlers born in 2005 to 2006)
- e. Middle school division (open for all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students)

**7.2** The age group cut-off date shall be January 1<sup>st</sup>

## **Article VIII: Misconduct**

**8.1** Member teams, coaches, and participants shall be responsible for following the rules, protocols and policies of these By-Laws and representing their team and the League positively.

**8.2** For all ejections at League events, the Executive Board shall meet within 7 days to discuss the appropriate consequence. The Executive Board shall produce a formal written document outlining the incident and consequence.

**8.3** An automatic \$100 fine shall be placed on a member team that has a coach, wrestler, parent or team representative ejected from any League event.

**8.4** Member teams shall be placed on probation or removed from the League with a 3/4 vote from the General Counsel at the last meeting of the season. Member teams in discussion of removal or probation may be in the meeting with up to two representatives speaking on the behalf of the team.