



## FARMINGTON WRESTLING CLUB

### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I NAME

**Section 1:** The organization shall be known as Farmington Wrestling Club located in the city of Farmington, State of Minnesota.

#### ARTICLE II PURPOSE (aims and objectives)

**Section 1:** To promote interest in the sport of wrestling among parents and the youth of Farmington.

**Section 2:** To supervise, sponsor and financially assist a disciplined and competitive program of wrestling.

**Section 3:** To develop in members, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for authority.

**Section 4:** To stress the concept of parents and children working and playing together in all club activities so that the family may be strengthened in the process.

#### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1:** A youth (PreK-12) is considered a member of the club after being officially registered and paid or approved scholarship each school year/season. If a wrestler has graduated or moved out of the district those families are not eligible to vote.

**Section 2:** Each registered wrestling family will be allowed up to a maximum of 2 votes per family to be cast by parents or legal guardians at club elections.

**Section 3:** Membership period shall be from September 1 through the close of the next registration cycle.

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

The officers shall be voting members of the club in good standing and shall be the governing body of the club. All officers must have a child registered in the wrestling program at the time of elections to be eligible to hold an officer position. If an officer's child graduates during the officer's term, they will be allowed to complete their term.

### **SECTION 1**

The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four constitutional officers, along with the gambling manager and 4 members-at-large, will govern the Farmington Wrestling Club and will have voting privileges at Board of Directors meetings. All board members are subject to background check.

**SECTION 2:** Elections shall be held annually each September and shall be decided by members who meet the criteria under Article III. Ineligible votes will not be counted. Absentee voting will not be allowed.

**Section 3:** Officers shall serve two-year terms, which will be staggered (President, Secretary, Gambling Manager and 2 members at large shall be elected during each even year; Vice-President, Treasurer, and 2 members at large shall be elected during each odd year).

**Section 4:** Officers shall hold office until: (a) the successor is duly elected, (b) death or disability, (c) resignation or (d) removed from office by a 2/3 majority of all voting members.

**Section 5:** A vacancy for any reason shall be filled by majority vote cast by all remaining voting board members.

## **ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** President: The president shall supervise all the business affairs and enforce all the rules of the club. He/she shall preside at all business meetings and assure that an orderly and complete meeting is conducted. The president, along with the treasurer, shall be a signer on all checks issued on behalf of the club.

**Section 2:** Vice-President: The vice-president shall assist the president in the performance of his duties. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president. The vice-president shall also perform other duties as assigned by the president. The vice-president may be a signer on all checks issued on behalf of the club.

**Section 3:** Secretary: Records the minutes of all meetings and prepares a copy of such minutes for the permanent record before the next meeting or club publication. The secretary is responsible for membership lists, updating records, and correspondence of the club.

**Section 4:** Treasurer: Maintains the financial records of the club and prepare checks as directed by the board or president. The treasurer shall make deposits and give a current financial report at each meeting. The treasurer shall ensure that the club's checking account balance does not fall below \$5000. The Treasurer, along with the president, shall be a signer on all checks issued on behalf of the club.

**Section 5:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Organization, Gambling Manager and 4 members at large.

## **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** The club shall meet monthly as necessary to conduct the orderly business of the club. The expectation is that board members are required to attend  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the board meetings.

**Section 2:** Upon notification by the President, a member at large shall notify members of the time and the place of all open meetings other than those regularly scheduled.

**Section 3:** All meetings shall be run in an orderly manner. No member may have the floor for discussion unless recognized by the chairman. Robert Rules of Order should be followed as close as possible.

## **ARTICLE VII QUORUM**

**Section 1:** A quorum shall consist of three of the four executive board members (president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer) to conduct ordinary business. A 2/3-majority vote is necessary to amend, add, or replace any article in these by-laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS**

**Section 1:** Elections for new officers will be held in September of every year.

**Section 2:** Open board positions will be posted publically. Interested and eligible individuals should contact the board President no less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled election to communicate their interest in a single open position.

**Section 3:** The Gambling Manager shall be appointed by voting members of the board of directors upon completion of prerequisites required by Minnesota Gambling Control Board.

**Section 4:** An election will be held for each contested office with the President and Secretary responsible for the counting of the votes.

## **ARTICLE IX FINANCES**

**Section 1:** Contracts: Only the Board of Directors may authorize contracts on the part of the organization.

**Section 2:** Loans: No loans may be contracted on behalf of the Club and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Officers. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 3:** Checks: All checks from the general fund will be signed by the Treasurer or the President.

**Section 4:** Deposits: All funds of the Club not otherwise employed for its purpose shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Club in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

**Section 5:** Financial Audit: The Board of Directors will appoint a qualified member or agent to conduct an annual audit of the income and expenses of the organization.

**Section 6:** Funding requests: All funding requests must be submitted to the board for review by a head coach or voting board member.

## **ARTICLE X DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1:** Method of Procedure: Any member or members having a complaint against another member for the infraction of any provision of these by-laws or club rules, as for conduct injurious to the welfare of the Club, may report the same in writing to the Board of Directors. Such complaint shall set forth the facts of the case, together with the names of the witnesses, if any. After receiving such complaint, a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held as soon as practicable to investigate same. The complainant or complainants, and the member complained of, shall receive at least seven (7) days notice, of such meeting, and may be heard with their witnesses. The statements and evidence shall be reduced to writing and filed with the Secretary, and they shall mail copies thereof to the complainant or complainants, and to the member complained of. An appeal from the decision of the Board of Directors may be taken to the Club general membership within seven (7) days thereafter, by serving upon the Secretary a written notice of such appeal. A special meeting shall thereupon be called for the consideration of the case, and a two-thirds vote shall be necessary to reverse the decision of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote interest in the sport of wrestling among parents and the youth of Farmington and to supervise, sponsor and financially assist a disciplined and competitive program of wrestling. We will endeavor to develop in the members' the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for authority and to stress the concept of parents and children working and playing together in all club activities so that the family will be strengthened in the process.