

Area Chairman Report – Guelph-Wellington

Area: Guelph-Wellington

Wrestling Season: 2018-2019

Area Chairman: Marcia Chiasson

Summary:

- 3 regular high school tournaments
- 1 district local championships
- 2 middle school tournaments
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School, Bishop Macdonnell Catholic High School, Center Dufferin District High School have all started programs again

List of Officials Registered:

- Marcia Chiasson Prov A Nat AE UWWII
- Albert Runstedler Prov AE Nat AE
- Brandon Eyer Prov A Nat C
- Nicole Mazara Prov A
- Maddison Bragga Prov B
- Cody Airdrie Prov B
- Laurie Policarpio Prov C

List of Upgrades from Provincial C to Provincial B:

N/A

List of Clinics:

November 27, 2018, CORE Fitness, Gary Bird. Rules & modifications for different age groups, safety, registration process, inclusivity

November 28, 2018, Centre Wellington District High School, Marcia Chiasson. Rules & modifications for different age groups, safety, registration process, inclusivity

List of Events:

November 21, 2018 – Erin District High School

November 28, 2018 – Centre Wellington District High School

January 10, 2019 – John F Ross High School

February 13, 2019 – Erin District High School (District 10 Championships)

February 16, 2019 – Guelph Youth Tournament

April 30, 2019 – Fergus Youth Tournament

Highlights:

After taking a break from school to travel, Laurie Policarpio returned to Guelph for the last half of the season.

Concerns:

The 2018/2019 season was plagued with issues regarding OAWA's requirement for police background checks for referees. Two of the referees in the G-W area had significant issues in getting checks due to their names being shared with individuals with a criminal record. These individuals were at first told that they were not allowed to referee despite not having a criminal record and being delayed due to having to be fingerprinted. Once they had finally provided evidence of completed background checks, the records were not being effectively maintained by the OAWA and I was informed that they had not met the requirements when in fact they had. Moving forward to the 2019-2020 season, these sorts of issues are going to become even worse with respect to the new training requirements for National level referees (which many be decided to be implemented at the national level as well).