OAWOA AGM Report 2017

Area: Northwestern Ontario

Chair: Robert St. Jean

The N.W.O. region had a successful season, with lots of positive growth, some of the highlights of the development were:

* utilizing a 3 ref system whenever possible at all high school events
* Successfully utilized the travel fund to send Cesar to cadet/ juv provincials.
* Implemented video review at NWOSSSAA

For the 2015-2016 season we had a total of 5 on-mat officials, down 4 from the previous year. With dwindling numbers in the wrestling community in thunder bay it has been difficult to recruit new official. 3 of the 5 of us had the opportunity to travel to tournaments in other parts of the province .

I have no one to put forward for upgrade this year.

We held one university dual, seven high school aged meets, and three elementary aged tournament. Dryden held one high school aged tournament.

I held one rules and safety clinic at the beginning of the season for all OAWOA sanctioned officials. I also invited all coaches to attend the rules part of the clinic. I also held another clinic at NWOSSSAA.

Another clinic was given for JR. officials (high school & club wrestlers) before each elementary meet. Due to the size of the events (Gord Garvie memorial tournament is 4 mats, district school board meet is 9) we rely heavily on their volunteer work. We also utilized university wrestlers, local coaches & local OAWOA officials as supervisors for the officials during the event.

My goals for the region for the upcoming year are:

* Continue to utilize the travel fund to assist young officials in the region in covering some of the cost of travel.
* Continue to recruit new officials & develop my team of current officials