



Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials Association Communications Report

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Officials,

The executive met on three occasions during the 2018-2019 wrestling season: October 13, 2018, January 19, 2019 and June 15, 2019.

The past season had some interesting challenges and opportunities but we strive to continue to move the association in a positive direction. With the frequent changes being handed down by both the OAWA and WCL, the difficulty associated with the role of communications has increased.

The OAWOA website is being utilized more effectively and is being updated on a more frequent basis. This includes new selections under "[links and resources](#)" where referees can find presentations from past clinic and links to videos summarizing rule changes. The streamlined registration process also available on the website continues to be a success. The implementation of the provincial systematic travel assignment process (STAP) for trip selections has received both positive and negative criticism from the membership and the process was reviewed by an OAWOA sub-committee. After reviewing the feedback from the membership, the executive voted to continue with the STAP system. This was supported by 58% of the membership who responded to the survey.

We are aware of the complaints from the membership with respect to the frequency of email correspondence and we are working to try and address your concerns. This includes trying to work more closely with OAWA and WCL to comply with the additional requirements placed on us by those associations.

Thank you all for your continued volunteer service supporting the sport of wrestling.