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Re: NE/NW Region meeting





Oklahoma wrestling begins here...

Coaches & Board members

I would like to personally invite you to our annual NE/NW tournament sanction and region meeting. Please join us at the <u>Wyndham Hotel</u>, 10918 E. 41st Tulsa 74146, a 1:00 pm on Sunday August 30th. The meeting will cover all tournament scheduling as well as discussing new items for the upcoming season. Our 38th annual open class state, regional, and novice state tournaments have already been scheduled.

Please bring your facility use letter for your tournament

As some of you are aware USA wrestling is attempting to enter youth wrestling in Oklahoma. There have been several misleading comments conveyed of which we will address at our meeting. We hope this distraction will not disrupt the great season *OKWA* already has scheduled.

OKWA is the model organization, for all states, to maintain state and local control of their sports organization. We are honored to serve everyone involved not just a selected few. **OKWA** does not allow your clubs to exist, you allow our organization to exist. Elected directors, voted in by their peers, ensures that all policies reflect the best conditions for Oklahoma wrestlers. We have a responsibility to keep all decisions local, keep costs at their absolute minimum, and to keep your money in the state. Our mutual respect and cooperation ensures future success while continuing the proud traditions of Oklahoma wrestling.

This years freestyle National championship teams from Oklahoma came from all parts of our great state. They came up through the current system in place, *OKWA*. An amazing feat considering that of the 25 largest wrestling states, Oklahoma is 5th from the bottom in terms of population. A further testament to our amazing athletes. *OKWA* in its 38th year of proud wrestling tradition will keep working with everyone to improve "The toughest sport in the world" for all Oklahomans.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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