



**SOUTH AFRICAN  
WRESTLING FEDERATION  
REFEREES' COUNCIL**

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**ATT: SAWF Wrestling Associations and Club  
SAWF Referees**

**RE: Important Information 2019**

Dear all

Firstly, a big welcome back to everyone and all the best for 2019. It promises to be an exciting year for wrestling in South Africa and we are looking forward to working with everyone to raise awareness of wrestling rules and all things referee related to improve the standard of refereeing in the country.

Please take note of the following important information and distribute to all your members.

### 1. Registrations

eTMS will make provision for referees who only wish to participate as Judges. There will be 2 separate referee registrations from 2019, namely:

- Referee – utilised for all roles during tournaments and championships depending on Grading
- Judge - will only be utilised as judge and scoreboard official during tournaments and championships.

Judges wishing to convert to referees can do so by adding a new registration. This registration will be free of charge if done in the same year.

### 2. Grading

Provincial Gradings will remain the same except for the naming.

Provincial C, Provincial B and Provincial A will become Provincial 1, Provincial 2 and Provincial 3.

Associations to please make the necessary changes to their rules and grading systems. National Gradings will change as follows:

- National 2 and National 1 – Combine into National 1
- Category 2 and Category 1 – Combine into National 2
- Exceptional and Exceptional (H) – Combine into National 3

There will therefore only be 6 Grading Levels from 2019 onwards.

Attached revised grading with the above changes applied.

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### 3. Changes to evaluation system

Evaluation at SAWF National Championships will be based on broader criteria and over the course of the day rather than only a selected number of matches.

It will also be task specific for judges and referees focusing more on the duties of each position on the panel and scoring the person's competency at each of these duties/tasks.

I have attached the draft evaluation forms that will be used during 2019. We will evaluate these forms and make improvements if necessary.

These forms will also be available to everyone so that referees are aware of what they are being evaluated on and can use this to improve on their performance.

### 4. Changes to Grading Requirements

The required %'s to improve or maintain a grading have been revised in line with the new grading levels and with some thought to United World Wrestling standards which are more realistic.

- Provincial 3 to SA1 – 75%
- National 1 to National 2 – 80%
- National 2 to National 3 – 85%
- Maintain National 3 – 85%

The % will be calculated as follows:

- Practical Evaluation – 80
- Completing on-line Modules – 10
- Video examination at course – 10

Note – the modules need only be completed and a minimum % of 75 per module obtained to score 10, the results are for information purposes only and are to assist the referees in understanding the rules.

### 5. 2019 Courses

The two national courses are scheduled for the 19th and 26th of January 2019 in Pretoria and Cape Town respectively. Please ensure that entries are done on eTMS and we would like to remind all referees that in order to participate at a national championship a referee must have attended a course in that year to qualify.

The timekeeper and scoreboard courses held before national championships were a huge success in 2018 and we will be expanding on these during 2019

The cost of the national Courses will be R350.00 and includes a light lunch.

The cost of the Scoreboard courses will be R175.00 – no refreshments included.

### **SAWFRC National Course - Pretoria**

Date: 19/01/2019

Venue: Gauteng North Wrestling Hall

26th Street

Menlopark

Pretoria

Time: Registration between 8:30 & 9:00

Entries on eTMS and close 17/01/2019 @ 22:00

### **SAWFRC National Course - Cape Town**

Date: 26/01/2019

Venue: Oakdale Club

80A Bloemhof Str

Bloemhof

Bellville

Time: Registration between 8:30 & 9:00

Entries on eTMS and close 21/01/2019 @ 22:00

## **6. SAWFRC Facebook Page**

The Council has started a fresh Facebook page where we will be posting important information regarding rules and referees, we encourage everyone interested to go and like the page in order for you to receive a notification when we post something – the link is <https://web.facebook.com/SAWFReferees/>

## **7. United World Wrestling – Introduction to Refereeing Course**

The United World Wrestling Introduction to Refereeing was an enlightening experience for the referees that attended and the referees who were fortunate enough to attend received first hand guidance from one of the top referees in the world. We believe the mix of youth and experience in the group will lead to a huge improvement in refereeing. The knowledge gained during this course will most definitely be passed onto other referees and coaches during the next SAWF courses.

United World Wrestling used the opportunity to record the sessions and they have been posted on their Dartfish TV page - <https://www.dartfish.tv/ChannelHome?CR=p85865> these clips will also be posted to the SAWFRC Facebook page.

Once again, welcome back to everyone, we hope that you have had a wonderful break and are all ready to take on the new season with enthusiasm and energy. We look forward to working with everyone to ensure that we not only maintain the high level of refereeing in South Africa but that we improve across the board to ensure our wrestlers are safe, happy and rewarded for their hard work on and off the mat.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind Regards



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