

Referees' Council Information: 2024

Herewith the explanation of the information as applicable on all SAWF registered referees (including Judges, Mat chairperson, or as mentioned otherwise) for 2024.

Information in this document might be updated and or changed with official communication from the SAWFRC.

The information, updates and rules can be found on the SAWF's website www.wrestling.org.za.

We also invite all referees and interested members of the SAWF to follow the council on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SAWFReferees/> and SAWF Referee Information group: "WhatsApp group": <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ji7zwtiTqEMbt7r6mC0ueS>
SAWF Referee Discussion group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/D7heRsumlwk1FAn8oUu002>

All communication to the above groups must only be referee and wrestling related.

Official referee communication must be emailed to: referee@wrestling.org.za

Wrestling, like all other sports, obey the Rules that constitute the "Rules of the Game" and define its practice, the aim of which is to "pin" the opponent or to win on points.

Frequently modified and always subject to further modification, the Rules set forth herein must be known and accepted by all wrestlers, coaches, referees and leaders in wrestling.

They call upon those who practice the sport to fight totally and universally, with complete honesty and fair play for the pleasure of the spectators.

1. 2022 - 2024 REFEREES' COUNCIL

Position	Name & Surname	Cell phone number	E-mail address
Chairperson	Willem Giliomeer	083 679 2410	referee@wrestling.org.za
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President: MHJ Bosse; Honorary President: JH Taljard; Vice President: M Luff; Vice President: E de Wet; Secretary General: JM Coetzer;
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Chairperson Tournament Admin: SSA Steenberg; Chairperson HSSC: R Pieterse; Assistant Secretary General: M de Wit; Chairperson Marketing & Media: J Erasmus

2. REGISTRATIONS

2.1 UNITED WORLD WRESTING REFEREES

- 2.1.1 Nominations for new United World Wrestling referees are welcome. Closing date for nominations is 31 March 2024 and all nominations must attend as officiate at the SA Seniors on the 21st and 22nd of June 2024 where their standard of refereeing will be evaluated to determine their readiness for international level. Minimum grading is National Level 2.

Nominations must be in writing and from the respective associations. The SAWFRC reserves the right to approach individuals directly who they consider to be possible candidates for United World Wrestling. A referee who wants to register as a new United World Wrestling referee must be younger than 40 years of age.

Re-registrations for United World Wrestling referees must have been confirmed by associations by November 2023. Registration fees are paid by SAWF if Referee if referee participated internationally in 2023

2.2 SA REFEREES

- 2.2.1. Membership renewals for 2024 must be finalized on eTMS before the 1st of March 2024. Renewals after this date will attract a late registration fee. No referee will be allowed to participate in any wrestling activities until fully registered on eTMS.
- 2.2.2. New registrations as referees can be done at any time in the year but only in the year that the referee turns 16 years of age.
- 2.2.3. LTPD referees may register from the age of 13 years but must perform their duties under the supervision of at least Provincial Level 2 registered referee.
- 2.2.4. All referees and judges must ensure they obtain a **Police Clearance Certificate** prior to registering with the SAWF. This can be obtained via the traditional route at your local SAPS OR via an accredited *Afiswitch* agent. To find your local agent click on this link - <https://www.afiswitch.com>

The *Afiswitch* process takes around 48 hours and some agents are willing to travel to the clubs and associations to do everyone's clearances at once.

2.2.5 Ready to wrestle module

United World Wrestling has a short “*Ready to Wrestle*” Module which is an introduction to the history and basic rules of our sport. We suggest everyone wishing to register as a referee complete the module.

The module takes around 30 minutes to complete and is very interesting, especially for newcomers to our sport - [Academy | United World Wrestling | Academy platform of United World Wrestling \(uww.org\)](#)

2.2.6 Grading Guidelines

Provincial 1 to 2: being a good judge that can referee on Provincial level

Provincial 2 to 3: being a good referee that can be a Mat chairperson on Provincial level

Provincial 3 to National 1: being an excellent judge that can be a referee on National level

National 1 to National 2: being an excellent referee that can be a mat chairperson on National level

National 3: being an excellent Mat Chairperson that’s able to handle challenging situations on the mat on National level

3. SAWFRC ADMINISTRATION FEES

Course fees (anybody can enroll)	R400.00
Time Keeping and Scoreboard Courses (anybody)	R200.00
Late entries for Championships/Courses (Additional)	R200.00
Failure to attend SAWF National Championships if entered by the Association	R200.00
Insufficient referees at SAWF National Championships – per referee	R2 200.00
Withdrawal in writing by Association for the competition before 07H00 on the day.	free of charge
Practical Evaluation	free of charge

No cash will be accepted - Associations will receive an invoice from the SAWF Treasurer.

4. TOURNAMENT AND REFEREE QUALIFICATION REQUIRMENTS

- a. A referee who wants to officiate at any SAWF Championships must first attend the annual SAWFRC National Course which is scheduled at the beginning of the year. This applies to all referees including judges and scoreboard officials.

- b. 2024 referee-to-wrestler ratio applicable at all SAWF Championships is as follows:
- i. National 2 – 3, Referees/Judges : 1 referee per 8 (eight) entries;
 - ii. Provincial 3 & National 1, Referees/Judges : 1 referee per 5 (five) entries;
 - iii. Provincial 1 & 2, Referees & Judges : 1 referee per 2 (two) entries;
- c. Entries for courses and tournaments must be done on eTMS.

5. SAWF NATIONAL REFEREE COURSES

The following courses are scheduled for 2024:

No.	Course Date	Closing Date	Registration Time	Venue	Fee's
1	3 February	28 January	08:30	Cape Town	R400.00
2	10 February	4 February	08:30	Pretoria	R400.00
3	TBA	TBA		Zoom course	R250.00

6. ATTENDANCE & REPORTING

- 6.1. Referees must report and scan-in on eTMS before **06:45** on the morning of the Championship.
- 6.2. Weigh-In will take place on the morning of the competition. Scale officials will be appointed once the entries have been finalized.
- 6.3 A compulsory Information - and Rule Discussion Session will be held for all referees at **07:00**.
- 6.4. Referees leaving early on the day of the championships, will not be recognized for the day's participation.
- 6.5 Late arrival of referees must be reported to the Referee Council before 06:45 and are required to attend the rule discussion session to be eligible to participate in the tournament.

7. REFEREE'S DRESS (During SA Championships and Tournaments)

- 7.1. Referees, Judges and Scoreboard Officials will wear a **black trouser** with a black belt, black socks and soft soled black shoes.
- 7.2. Only the approved SAWFRC golf shirts and jackets will be allowed when officiating in any capacity at National Championships.

Information on how to order, please contact Laurika: cell number 083-4414038 or by email: office@ngwrestling.co.za

8. WRESTLERS SINGLETS

- 8.1 Wrestlers must weigh in with tight fit one-piece singlet. No red on blue OR blue on red will be tolerated (except for the logo).
- 8.2 Associations may apply for approval to the SAWFRC in the case of special designed singlets. A colour print of the singlet, front and back has to be send to the SAWFRC for record purposes.
- 8.3 During SA Championships, no other country's singlets will be allowed.**
- 8.4 All other coloured singlets, including those of other countries are allowed on club and provincial championships, if it complies to the red and blue requirements.
- 8.5 No wrestler is allowed to wear a SA singlet of another wrestler with that wrestler's name on.
- 8.6 During special calendar competitions, wrestlers can wear special designed singlets which are approved by the SAWFRC and will only be valid for their applicable region. Wrestlers will not be allowed to wear those singlets on National championships.

9. EXAMINATION, EVALUATION & GRADING

- 9.1 The theoretical exam will be an online exam.
- 9.2 All National Level and Provincial Level 3 Referees must complete the theoretical exam by 30 September 2024 to be considered for grading.
- 9.3 All National Referees must attend at least one SAWF National Championship between January and October of that specific year.

Associations are welcome to propose and/or discuss issues with the SAWFRC in writing on an official letter head. We also welcome any invitation from Associations for assistance by SAWFRC members at their referee courses – cost of this will be for the association's account. Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Kind Regards

SA Referee Council

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