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

RE: Scoreboard Course and Referee Presentations

Dear all

The referees' council noted that referees entered for the recent SAWF National Trials as scoreboard officials were not up to standard and some of them had never worked on the scoreboard system or even had a basic understanding of the rules of wrestling.

This has a negative effect on the entire refereeing body during the tournament because the other referees need to spend time on training instead of focusing on the action on the mat. It also causes delays during matches and unnecessary frustration for wrestlers, coaches and the public watching. It may also have a negative impact on the match which is definitely not what our role as referees is.

We want to remind associations that when entering new or inexperienced referees for national events it remains the responsibility of the association to ensure that the referee is capable of performing their duties.

To assist with education and training the SAWFRC has made the course material available for download on their google drive. We encourage all associations and clubs to use this material to assist them with their training and education.

To download follow this link [SAWF - Referees Clinic Material](#)

We will be hosting the first referee eTMS, Scoreboard and Timekeeping immediately before the weigh in at the SAWF - National Youth Team Trials on the 9th of March 2019. The course will start at 06:45 in the NG Wrestling Hall Conference room and entries to be done on eTMS.

The cost of the course is R150.00 however if the referee has already attended one of the national courses then the fee will be waived.

Please ensure that you are on time as weigh in starts at 8:00 therefore we only have an hour to work with the referees.

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

Kind Regards

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