



**SOUTH AFRICAN
WRESTLING FEDERATION
REFEREES' COUNCIL**

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Referees' Council Information for 2020

Herewith the explanation of the information as applicable on all SAWF registered referees (including Judge's, Mat chairperson, or as mentioned otherwise) for 2020 as well as for tournaments. Information in this document might be updated and or changed with official communication from the SAWFRC.

This 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/>

Wrestling, like all other sports, obeys 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.

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.

UWW Rulebook

1. 2019 – 2020 REFEREES' COUNCIL

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3. REGISTRATIONS

3.1. UNITED WORLD WRESTLING REFEREES

3.1.1. Nominations for new United World Wrestling Referees are welcome. Closing dates for nominations is 30 May 2020 and all nominated referees must attend and officiate at the Cadet, Junior and Senior Nationals on the 19th and 20th of June 2020 where their standard of refereeing will be evaluated to determine their readiness for international level. Minimum Grading is National Level 1.

Nominations must be in writing and from the respective association. The SAWFRC reserves the right to approach individuals directly who they consider to be possible candidates.

A referee who wants to register as a new UNITED WORLD WRESTLING referee must be younger than 40 years of age and had at least attended 50% of all the South African championships in that year.

3.2. SAWF REFEREES

3.2.1. Membership renewals for 2020 must be finalised on eTMS before the 1st of March 2020. Renewals after this date will attract a late registration fee of R250.00.

3.2.2. New registrations as referee can be done at any time in the year but only in the year that the referee turns 16 and after.

3.2.3. LTPD referees may register from the age of 13.

3.2.4. With effect from 2020 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 SAP offices 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.

3.2.5. Ready to Wrestle Module

United World Wrestling have 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 and upload the certificate to their eTMS profile.

We will be making this mandatory requirement for registration in 2021.

The module takes around 30 minutes to complete and is very interesting, especially for newcomers to our sport - <https://www.unitedworldwrestling.academy/?academy=7>

4. SAWFRC FEES

Referee Course Fees (anybody can enrol)	R360.00
Time Keeping and Scoreboard Curses (Anybody can enrol)	R170.00
Practical Evaluation (Compulsory once a year for Provincial 3 and National Referees)	R110.00
Late entries for Championships/Courses (additional)	R100.00
Failure to attend SAWF National Championship if entered by the association	R200.00
Insufficient Referees at SAWF National Championships – per referee	R2 200.00

5. TOURNAMENT AND REFEREE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. 2020 referee-to-wrestler ratio applicable to all SAWF Championships is as follows:
 - 5.2.1. National 1 – 3 Referees : 1 referee per 7 (seven) entries;
 - 5.2.2. Provincial 3 : 1 referee per 3 (three) entries;
 - 5.2.3. Provincial 1 & 2 Referees : 1 referee per 1 (one) entry
- 5.3. Referees who do duty on behalf of other associations may only do so with the permission of their own association who needs to communicate this in writing to the SAWFRC before the Championship.
- 5.4. Associations failing to supply enough referees as per 4.2 may be penalised with a fee of R2 200.00 per referee that is short supplied. The penalty is at the discretion of the SAWFRC.
- 5.5. Entries - All entries to be done on eTMS. Late entries can be done on the day of the championships with an additional fee of R100.00.
- 5.6. Referees wishing to do practical evaluation must indicate correctly when entering on eTMS – requests for evaluations not entered on eTMS will be treated as a late entry and R100.00 penalty will apply.
- 5.7. Withdrawal - Withdrawal of a referee must be done in writing on the relevant Association's letter head before 07H00 on the day of the championships.

6. SAWF NATIONAL REFEREE COURSES

The following courses are scheduled for 2020. Timekeeping and scoreboard courses will once again be presented as and when required before SAWF National Championships.

No.	Date	Closing Date	Registration Time	Venue	Fees
1	18 January	15 January	08:30	Pretoria	R360.00
2	25 January	22 January	08:30	Cape Town	R360.00
3	5 September	2 September	8:30	Bloemfontein	R360.00

7. ATTENDANCE/REPORTING

- 7.1. Referees must report and scan-in on eTMS before **06H45** on the morning of the Championship.
- 7.2. Weigh-In will take place on the morning of the competition. Scale officials will be appointed once the entries have been finalised.
- 7.3. Immediately after weigh-in, a compulsory Information and Rule Discussion Session will be held for all referees.
- 7.4. It remains the discretion of the SAWFRC to determine when a referee is late on the day of the championship should a referee report late then that referee's participation will not count for the day.
- 7.5. Late coming - Referees not arriving or failing to register on time will not be allowed to officiate for the day and the association will be penalised an additional R150.00.
- 7.6. Referees leaving early on the day of the championships, will not be recognised for the day's participation.

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

- 8.1. Referees, Judges and Scoreboard Officials will wear dark grey trouser with a black belt, black socks and soft soled black shoes.
- 8.2. Effective 2020 **ONLY** the approved SAWFRC golf shirts will be allowed when officiating in any capacity at a National Championships – Information on how to order will be made available soon.
- 8.3. Female referees to be dresses as prescribed above while the shirt does not have to be tucked in.

9. SAWFRC DUTY AT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS & TOURNAMENTS

Members of the SAWFRC will monitor and do duty at the Open Championships as follows:

Event	Date	SAWFRC Member(s)
Eastern Gauteng Open Championship	22 February	Andre Venter
TUKS Open Championship	7 March	Maretha Piccioli
Gertjie van der Merwe Open	14 March	Willem Giliomee
Abraham Geldenhuys Open Championship	18 April	Willem Giliomee
Free State Open Championship	9 May	Charles Villet
Mpumalanga Open Championship	23 May	Danie De Wet
Central Gauteng Open Championship	6 June	Elize Grobler
Centurion Warrior Open Championship	18 July	Shaun Bartlett
JR Big 5 Open Championship	1 August	Shaun Bartlett/Danie de Wet

10. WRESTLERS SINGLETS

- 10.1. 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).
- 10.2. UWW singlets are allowed according to the Regulations and Guidelines.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. During SA Championships, including Regionals, no other country's singlets will be allowed.
- 10.5. 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.
- 10.6. No wrestler can wear a SA National singlet of another wrestler with that wrestler's name on.
- 10.7. During special calendar competitions, wrestlers can wear special designed singlets which are designed and approved by the SAWFRC and will only be valid for their

applicable region. Wrestlers will not be allowed to wear those singlets to National championships.

11. EXAMINATION, EVALUATION & GRADING

- 11.1. A video exam forms part of all National courses.
- 11.2. The theory exam has been replaced by 8 modules which can be completed via the internet.
- 11.3. All National Level and Provincial Level 3 Referees must complete these modules by 31 October 2020 to be considered for grading.
- 11.4. The cost per module is R10.00.
- 11.5. All National Referees must be evaluated at least once during a SAWF National Championship between January and SAWF Youth Championships at the end of the year – Entries to be done on eTMS correctly by Club and Association Administrators by selecting “Add with Evaluation” when entering for the championships.
- 11.6. The practical evaluation, combined with the outcome of the video examination, will be used to evaluate referees for consideration for upgrading.

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 association for assistance by SAWFRC members at their referee courses – cost of this will be for the associations account.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards

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