

**SUFFOLK WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING #7**  
**January 18, 2011**

**General Membership Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:05 PM by President L. Barone

President's Announcements:

- Discussed recap of previous meeting items.
- Policy Manual Update – Changes are to be considered to move some items from the By-Laws to the Policy Manual. The proposed changes being considered will be sent to the general membership for discussion and voting at the next meeting.
- Injury Forms, Misconduct Forms, Skin Forms – Must have all forms sent in to the Secretary as soon as possible.
- Requested if there were any issues regarding scheduling conflicts.
- The two open Board positions ran unopposed. Both Rich Boscarino and Roy Scott were re-elected to additional terms.
- League and County availability is needed by Section XI before 1/21. Please provide your availability to Section if you have not done so. The dates are as follows:
  - Leagues: Saturday, February 5
  - Counties: Sunday, February 13 and Monday, February 14
- The end of year party is confirmed for Monday, March 7 at Bruno's in Ronkonkoma. To confirm attendance, a fee of \$20.00 will be collected from all members who plan on attending. This money will be refunded when you show up at the event. Anyone who pays the deposit and does not attend will not receive a refund.
- Avoid problems before they occur. If you have any association with a school or district, you should not be doing matches involving teams from that district. Please let Len know if there are any conflicts with any school districts. This includes matches involving teams from the district you live in as well if any relatives work at or attend a particular school. The same rule would apply if you are a mat judge as well. If at a tournament/multi-dual, have an official from another mat do the match. Stop and wait until the new official is available. This applies to all levels: JH, JV, or V. **ANY VIOLATIONS IN THE FUTURE WILL RESULT IN A FINE EQUAL TO THE DUAL MEET FEE FOR THAT EVENT.**
- Scholarships – SWOA currently provides a \$500. Scholarship to an outstanding wrestler. A decision for providing an additional scholarship of \$500. is being considered.
- Coaches Sportsmanship winners based on votes taken at the meeting:
  - Varsity: Chuck Maragioglio – Bellport
  - Jr. Varsity: Bill Davey – John Glenn
- Next Meeting: Feb. 2, 2011 – Pre League Tournament Review

## Secretary Announcements(George Wissman):

- Reminder that injury reports and skin forms are not being turned in promptly. Please have the originals sent/e-mailed to George as soon as possible. This is to protect you in case of a lawsuit.
- Volunteers are needed for the State Tournament in Albany. Details will follow. If interested, please let George know.
- State Tournament Nominations – Notification of acceptance is expected this week.
- Meeting Attendance: Several officials have not attended the required meetings. Notices have been sent out and will be updated after each meeting to those officials who have not fulfilled their meeting obligation.

## Rules Interpretation - John Truscello:

- Takedowns: Watch position of wrestlers at completion of takedown and be clear when a takedown has been earned. Be aware of when control occurs.
- Inhalers: The use of an inhaler will count as an injury time out and the injury clock should start.
- Contact Lens: Time to recover a lost contact lens can be counted as injury time if it disrupts the flow of the match.
- Stalemates: Call when appropriate, usually when no action is occurring and either man can not improve due to the action of the opposing wrestler.
- Ultimate Tie Breaker – Please see notes below from NYS:

***The following was sent recently from the NYS Interpretor recently regarding the Ultimate Tie Breaker:***

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### **Ultimate tie-breaker:**

Should the score be tied at the end of the two 30 second tie-breaker periods, one ultimate 30 second tie-breaker period will be wrestled.

- Choice for position in the 30 second ultimate tie-breaker period will be given to the wrestler that scored first point(s) in the 6 minute **regulation match**. Double stalling points or simultaneous penalties shall be considered as no points for the purpose of choice in the ultimate tie-breaker.
- **If no points were scored, choice will be determined by a flip of the disk.** They must choose top, bottom or defer.
- The wrestler who scores the first point(s) during the ultimate tie-breaker will be declared the winner.
- If no points are scored in the ultimate tie-breaker period, the offensive wrestler will be declared the winner and **one match point** shall be added to the offensive wrestler's score.
- Remember a fall or disqualification terminates any of the overtime periods.
- Remember that the ultimate tie-breaker period is different than the rest of the match.
- The goal of the wrestler is to control the bottom wrestler and the goal of the bottom wrestler is to get away or score.
- Controlled wrestling should not be confused as stalling in the situation.
- There would be times when the top wrestler could be considered stalling, like grabbing a leg and hanging on. Each state should review this situation with their officials and coaches.

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We should not categorize controlled wrestling as stalling. While it is true that the rules for stalling state that "while the contestant is in the advantage position, he/she must wrestle aggressively and attempt to secure a fall," if we have a contest that reaches the tiebreaker we have already had eight minutes of wrestling. Therefore, as long as the offensive wrestler is in a controlled wrestling situation, he/she should not be called for stalling.

However, if the offensive wrestler immediately grasps an ankle and is simply hanging on, that is not controlled wrestling. In that situation, the official should call a stalemate, stop the match and return to the center of the mat. If the offensive wrestler continues that maneuver, he/she should be called for stalling. That is only one example of when stalling might be called.

Respectfully submitted,

George Wissman  
Secretary/Treasurer