

**Passaic County  
Youth Wrestling League (PCYWL)  
Bylaws**



<p>J</p>	<p>Add the following to forfeit scoring-If a wrestler weighs in and no one wrestles at that weight, 6 points are awarded for that forfeit. The weight at which each match will start will be determined before each match by a 'draw from hat' or as agreed by coaches. It was agreed that if a team wishes to have a wrestler from outside it's town participate, it must make request to league. Fair Lawn, Hasbrouk Heights, Parsippany, Rutherford, and Washington Township were voted in as new members on a one year basis.</p>	<p>16 Oct 2008</p>
<p>K</p>	<p>a.Lakeland/Kinnelon, Pompton Lakes/Butler, NorthBergen, Passaic Valley, River Dell, Sparta, Wood Ridge were voted in as new members on a one year basis. Elmwood Park was approved to combine as a secondary team with WashingtonTwshp. Nutley was approved pending their towns approval. b.League fee revised to be \$400.00. c.Tournament for upcoming season to be held at West Milford HS; date set for Sunday Feb 14, 2010. a.Divisions alignment was agreed upon. See League membership. b.Set payment for hosting 2010 league tournament at \$2700. c.Set entry fee for league tournament at \$5.00, \$3.00 kids/seniors; for all star match \$3.00, kids free. d. Those who choose not to participate in league tournament will be ineligible to wrestle in league the following year, unless good reason is presented. e. If there is a forfeit at tournament, wrestlers will be moved up in seeding rather than receiving forfeit. f. It is agreed that once pre seeding meeting tournament roster is submitted, the weight to be wrestled can not be changed. g. It is agreed that if there are four or more wrestlers over 185 lb. for tournament, superheavyweight class to be created. h. Minimum allowable weight to wrestle heavyweight will be 155 lb.</p>	<p>11 June 2009  24 September 2009</p>
<p>L</p>	<p>-Double forfeits will count as a forfeit to both teams. They will count as a forfeit for team scoring purposes. -The 2lb weight allowance for wrestling PCYWL matches on consecutive days will be officially added to the by-laws. The team wrestling on consecutive days must give the other team 24 hour notice. -All rosters must be set by Jan 1. A committee of 2 coaches from each division will be responsible for validating rosters. Any waivers, changes, roster adjustments etc. will be addressed by this committee. -A \$500 maintenance fee for the pcywl.org website will be added to the operating budget. -The league will cap the number of teams to 20. If the league reaches this number, each team will wrestle 9</p>	<p>25 March 2010</p>



	<p>finish in League Tournament, Winning %</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forfeits will count to a wrestler’s record for the Tournament. A seeded wrestler who does not show up for the tournament cannot discount forfeits to his/her record.</li> <li>- Roster Deadline will be December 18, 2011. After that date, no wrestlers can be added without approval from the league.</li> <li>- Roster Eligibility – Each team may add up to 3 outside wrestlers to their team. An outside wrestler is defined as a wrestler who does not reside in the town(s) of the participating team. A team may not add a wrestler from a current member of the PCYWL to their team.</li> <li>- Cranford, Northern Valley PAL, Parsippany and Hackensack were voted in as permanent members.</li> <li>- Waldwick/Midland Park and Wyckoff/Oakland were voted in as new members on a 1 year basis.</li> <li>- Rutherford/Lyndhurst, Pompton Lakes/Butler, Wood-Ridge/Lodi, North Bergen/Union City were voted in as combo teams on a 1 year basis.</li> </ul>	<p>21 October 2011</p>
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## Officers for the 2011/2012 Season

<b>Position</b>	<b>Officer</b>
President	John Miller
Vice President	Will Kui
Treasurer	Bryan Lindsay

**PASSAIC COUNTY YOUTH WRESTLING LEAGUE (PCYWL)**  
**RULES AND POLICIES**

**1. NAME**

- a. The name of the organization shall be the Passaic County Youth Wrestling League. All references will be abbreviated, "PCYWL".

**2. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

- a. The PCYWL shall consist of two (2) divisions as follows

<b>Division A</b>	<b>Division B</b>
Cranford	Clifton
Hasbrouck Heights	Hackensack
Park Ridge	N Bergen/Union City
Parsippany	Northern Valley
Passaic Valley	Rutherford/Lyndhurst
Pompton/Butler	Sparta Pride
Ridgewood	Wash Twp/Westwood
River Dell	Waldwick/Midland Park
Wayne	Wyckoff/Oakland
Wood Ridge/Lodi	

- b. Only team members in good standing will be allowed to compete in the schedule of season matches.
- c. **DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP:** Division team champions will be determined by the following criteria:
  - I. The team with the most wins.
  - II. Winner of head to head competition in the case of equal wins. In cases where three or more teams have the same number of wins, this criterion will only apply if one of the teams beat ALL of the others being considered.
  - III. Most wins within own division.
  - IV. Team with the most amount of matches wrestled.
- d. Coaches are responsible to ensure that a wrestler has not reached his/her fifteenth birthday by Sep 1 of the wrestling year. A wrestler's birth certificate will be required only in the event of a challenge by an opposing coach. Should a challenge be initiated, the birth certificate must be provided within thirty (30) days to the league president. Failure to provide proof as requested will result in the wrestler's ineligibility. Exceptions will be allowed by a majority vote of the PCYWL at the next league meeting.

- e. Unless specified otherwise in these by-laws, each team is responsible for conduct of its own practices and matches. However, it is recommended that all coaches complete a certification program.
- f. The league will allow no more than twenty (20) teams.
- g. Division realignment will occur on an annual basis. The bottom team from the National Division will move to the American Division and the top team from the American Division will move to the National Division.
- ~~h. Division realignment will occur yearly based on discussion. The bottom 2 teams from Division A will move to Division B, and the top 2 teams from Division B moving to Division A is one option.~~

### **3. LEAGUE BUSINESS**

- a. **Meetings** - League meetings shall be called by the president as required. It is important to the strength of the organization that each member team send a representative to each meeting. Any team that does not attend two (2) consecutive league meetings will be penalized five (5) team points at the PCYWL league tournament plus one (1) team point for each consecutive unattended meeting thereafter.
- b. **Quorum** - A quorum, consisting of 50% of the league membership plus one (1), is required to convene a league meeting.
- c. **Voting** - Each member team in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A simple majority of the voting members present shall be sufficient to pass a motion. The president will not vote except in instances to break a tie vote.
- d. **Amendments** - All amendments to these rules and policies will require the following:
  - I. Amendments can only be proposed by active members in good standing.
  - II. Written notification must be sent by e-mail to all member teams at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be voted upon.
  - III. A quorum must be present to vote on an amendment.
  - IV. An affirmative majority vote of the quorum present is necessary to approve an amendment.
- e. **Membership Fees** - There shall be an annual membership fee of \$400 per team. All delinquent members will be considered as members **NOT** in good standing. A fixed fee of \$2,700 will be paid to the team that hosts the end of season league tournament.
- f. **Match Reports** - Home teams will be responsible for entering results of home matches on the PCYWL Web page using the facility provided by the Web Master. Match reports shall also be faxed to the Web Master for a hardcopy record in case of disputes. It shall be the responsibility of the host team to post results on or before the fourth day following the respective match. Failure to comply with the aforementioned will result in one (1) team point deduction at the PCYWL Tournament per infraction.
- g. **Match attendance** - Teams are expected to attend all scheduled regular season matches.

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- I.** A team that forfeits a regular season match may be fined \$100 at the discretion of the Executive Board. Fine to be paid by time of PCYWL tournament seeding meeting.
  - II.** A team that forfeits a second regular season match may have their league membership terminated at the discretion of the Executive Board.  
Note: If a team is removed from the league during the season, individual records of completed matches will be disregarded for seeding purposes at the PCYWL tournament.
  - III.** Each team will wrestle every team in their respective division. In future years, the board can vote on expanding the number of matches.
- h. League Officers** - There shall be five (4) elected officers in the PCYWL Executive Board as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Publicity Chairperson.

Duties are: **President:** Shall call and conduct all PCYWL meetings and maintenance of the PCYWL business. (2011/2012 Season – John Miller)

**Vice-President:** Shall assist the President in conducting PCYWL business; preside at the PCYWL meetings in the absence of the President and serve as Chairperson of the Tournament of Champions. (2011/2012 Season – Will Kui)

**Treasurer:** Shall keep the financial records of the PCYWL and give a report at each meeting. (2011/2012 Season – Bryan Lindsay)

**Publicity Chairperson:** (Will Kui for the 2011/2012 season) Shall:

- a.** Distribute publicity and news items to the media.
- b.** Serving as league contact for all requests for news items.
- c.** Manage the pcywl.com web page.
- d.** Maintain team rosters on the web page.
- e.** Maintain hard copies of the match reports in case questions arise regarding the web page results.

#### **4. WRESTLER ELIGIBILITY**

- b.** In order for a wrestler to compete in PCYWL matches, a wrestler must:
  - I.** Be in or below the eighth grade in school.
  - II.** Not have reached his 15th birthday by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September preceding the season.
  - III.** Be a primary resident of the school district normally served by the wrestler's member team. The league must approve exceptions before the season or by a majority vote (via email) during the season.
  - IV.** Not have competed against any 9th grade team.
  - V.** Must be six years old by December 1 of the wrestling season.

#### **5. WEIGHT CLASSES**

- a.** There shall be 18 basic weight classes as follows.

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55	85	118
60	90	124
65	95	130
70	100	140
75	106	150
80	112	Unlimited

- b. An unlimited weight class will also be included in the PCYWL Tournament with those wrestlers weighing more than 145 lbs being eligible subject to the following restriction: Matches will be conducted only in cases where there is less than a 30 lb difference between opposing wrestlers’ weights. Unlimited matches will count for team points, unless the spread is greater than 30 pounds, where no points will be issued.
- c. A wrestler must weigh in with an undergarment. A 0.2 pound allowance will be granted for undergarments.

**6. WEIGHT CLASS ELIGIBILITY**

- ~~a. **Certified Weight Class** shall be the lowest weight class in which a wrestler shall be eligible to compete during the season and at the PCYWL Tournament. Certified Weight Class shall be established for each wrestler at his/her **first league match weigh in**. The wrestler must make the **Hard Weight** or Actual Weight set forth in **5a** (no allowances). Each wrestler must hard weight at least this **2 times** to be eligible to compete at that weight class for the PCYWL Tournament. A successful hard weight will be noted by the weigh-in coach on the match reporting form by recording the wrestler’s actual weight. WHEN CERTIFYING WRESTLERS, NO ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN, EXCEPT THE 0.2 POUNDS PER 7.A.III.~~
- ~~b. A wrestler may not compete in any weight class that is more than two (2) weight classes higher than his certified weight class at any time during the season.~~
- ~~c. It is the coach’s responsibility to be sure that a wrestler weighs in at the lowest weight class at which he may wish to compete during the season and that at the first league match in which he wrestles his actual weight is properly recorded on the match report.~~
- d. A wrestler may move up only 1 weight class from that weighed in at for that match.

**7. WEIGHT PROGRESSION**

- a. Weight progression will be in effect during the season in the following manner:
  - I. On January 1st and February 1st each weight class advances one (1) pounds.
  - II. Weight classes at the annual league tournament in February shall be two (2) pounds above the base weight classes.

**8. CONDUCT OF MATCHES**

- a. All PCYWL matches shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations currently in force for the New Jersey High School competition per the NJSIAA with the following exceptions:

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- I.** All matches will consist of three 1½ minute periods, except wrestleback matches in the PCYWL tournament, which will consist of three 1 minute periods.
- b.** The designated home team is responsible for setting up matches with the visiting team. All dual matches will be in December (minimum of 1 match), January (minimum 5) and February (remaining matches) before the league tournament. See Appendix B for Home vs. Away assignments.
- c.** Each team will wrestle all teams in their own division with no crossover matches. These matches will all count for seeding in the end of season tournament. See appendix B for assignments.
- ~~**d.** The starting weight class for matches will be based on a rotation as follows:~~

Week	Starting Weight
<del>Dec 2 – Dec 8, 2007</del>	100
<del>Dec 9 – Dec 15, 2007</del>	105
<del>Dec 16 – Dec 22, 2007</del>	112
<del>Dec 23 – Dec 29, 2007</del>	119
<del>Dec 30 – Jan 5, 2008</del>	126
<del>Jan 6 – Jan 12, 2008</del>	135
<del>Jan 13 – Jan 19, 2008</del>	145
<del>Jan 20 – Jan 26, 2008</del>	160
<del>Jan 27 – Feb 2, 2008</del>	HWT
<del>Feb 3 – Feb 9, 2008</del>	55
<del>Feb 10 – Feb 16, 2008</del>	60
<del>Feb 17 – Feb 23, 2008</del>	65
<del>Feb 24 – Mar 1, 2008</del>	70

The weight at which each match will start will be determined before each match by a 'draw from hat' or as agreed by coaches.

- e.** When possible, an all-star match will be conducted with the Essex County Suburban league. The all-star match will be made up of 2 dual matches. 1st vs. 1st and 2nd vs. 2nd from the end of season tournaments of the respective leagues.
- f.** When possible, a tournament of champions will be conducted with the Tri-County, New Jersey Grade School and any other interested league. The will be made up of dual matches where league champions will represent their leagues.

**9. MATCH OFFICIALS**

- a.** The host team shall be responsible for providing the match official. The visiting team shall provide at least one (1) scorer. Assigned home teams that move matches to the visiting location based on gym availability or any other reason shall still pay for the referee.
- b.** It is the policy of the PCYWL that all teams in league matches use the most competent referee available. In line with this policy:
  - I.** Certified card holding referees will be used at all times for PCYWL matches.

- II. Cadets will be used only if card-holding referees are not available. Cadets must be registered.**
- III.** Negotiated rates for the current season will be \$75.

**10. TOURNAMENT**

- a.** A Championship Tournament of both the divisions of the PCYWL shall be held at the end of each season. The league tournament will be held in February, one week before the Twin County District Tourney. The locality of this tournament shall be determined by a majority vote of the league member organization. The conduct of this tournament shall be the sole responsibility of the host team, subject to the following restrictions:

**I. Eligibility**

- a.** ~~Wrestlers with at least a .500 record and who participated in at least 50% of scheduled matches (i.e. six matches for a 12-match schedule) will be seeded ahead of others.~~
- b.** A wrestler must have competed in at least 66% of scheduled matches (i.e. eight matches for a 12-match schedule) to challenge for 1st through 4th seed.

Note: A participant who had placed 1st or 2nd in a prior PCYWL championship tournament, and who does not meet the above requirements for number of matches due to medical reasons, may be seeded as high as third, per vote of the coaches at the seeding meeting.

- c.** A wrestler must wrestle in at least four league dual meets during the current season to be eligible to wrestle in the tournament.
- d.** Only PCYWL matches will be considered for seeding purposes.
- e.** A wrestler must have at least half of his weigh-ins at or below the weight he wishes to wrestle at the Championship Tournament.
- f.** Any seeded wrestler who participates in any other wrestling event during the PCYWL League Tournament will be ineligible for the following season. The wrestler cannot leave the tournament unless he/she has been officially eliminated (forfeits are not considered eliminated) from the tournament. A team who has a seeded eighth grade wrestler who violates the rule will have 20 team points deducted per wrestler from their team score in the league tournament. A seeded wrestler is a wrestler with a .500 or better record.

~~**g.** All wrestlers shall be seeded according to the above criteria.~~

**II. Seeding Criteria**

- ~~**a.** There will be seeding within each division based on the following criteria:~~
  - ~~**(i)** Win %~~

- ~~(ii) — Head to head competition. In cases where three or more wrestlers have the same number of wins, this criterion will only apply if one of the wrestlers beat ALL of the others being considered.~~
- ~~(iii) — Most wins~~
- ~~(iv) — Number of pins.~~
- ~~(v) — Number of technical falls.~~
- ~~(vi) — Number of major decisions.~~
- ~~(vii) — Fewest wins by forfeit.~~
- ~~(viii) — The wrestler placing higher in the previous year's tournament. If the same finish, the wrestler returning closer to the weight class of the previous year will prevail.~~
- ~~(ix) — Vote of coaches.~~
- a. Preliminary Seeding will be determined by:
  - 1. Most Wins/Fewest Losses
  - 2. Head-to-head
  - 3. Last year finish in League Tournament
  - 4. Winning %
- b. The matchups will be constructed by using the seeds in a. above and the brackets attached in Appendix A.

### **III. If a wrestler withdraws after seeding.**

- ~~a. — Except to correct clerical mistakes, there will be no changes made to the brackets after the seeding meeting. If a wrestler is placed on the bracket but then is unable to wrestle for any reason, his first opponent will receive a forfeit and will receive team points according to the scoring rules for a wrestler receiving a forfeit. The bracket will be re-seeded with each wrestler moving up one seed.~~
- b. The wrestler will not be considered to have forfeited until he actually fails to appear on the mat when his match is called. For example, if his first match is a bye, he will advance to the next round.

### **IV. Officials**

- a. Only card holding officials will be used during the tournament.
- b. Exceptions to (a.) above must be approved by a majority of the members prior to the start of the tournament.

### **V. Entry Fee**

- a. Included in league dues.

## **VI. Tournament Finances**

- a.** All tournament financial affairs shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Director (host team coach or other designated member of the host team sponsoring organization). The hosting team will be paid a set fee of \$2,700 for hosting the tournament.
- b.** A spectator x` entry fee of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children/seniors may be charged at the tournament.

## **VII. Awards**

- a.** Team awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams on the basis of points scored. Division A and Division B first place team trophies will be presented at the league tournament as well.
- b.** A team sportsmanship award will be given on the basis of a vote by each team, officiating crew and Tournament Director.
- c.** Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> individual place finishers. Medals will be awarded to the 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers.
  - (i)** Wrestleback bracket: Quarterfinal losers will be placed in a 5<sup>th</sup> place consolation bracket; the two losers from the top bracket will wrestle each other; as will the losers from the bottom bracket. Only the four quarterfinal losers will participate in the wrestlebacks. The winner of the wrestleback bracket will be awarded 5<sup>th</sup> place, the loser of the wrestleback final will be awarded 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Note: The two semi-final losers will oppose each other to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

- d.** A Most Valuable Wrestler will be awarded on the basis of a vote by each team and each official.
- e.** Fastest pin award for the wrestler recording the fastest pin in the tournament.

## **VIII. Scoring**

- a.** Team points are only to be awarded if there are four (4) or more wrestlers in a weight class.
- b.** Team points are awarded as follows:
  - (i)** 1<sup>st</sup> place 16 Points
  - (ii)** 2<sup>nd</sup> place 12 Points
  - (iii)** 3<sup>rd</sup> place 9 Points
  - (iv)** 4<sup>th</sup> place 7 Points
  - (v)** 5<sup>th</sup> place 5 Points
  - (vi)** 6<sup>th</sup> place 3 points

Note: Team points will be awarded only for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place winners.

**c.** Bonus points will be awarded as follows:

- (i) Fall, Default, Forfeit or Disqualification - 2 points
- (ii) Technical Fall - 1.5 points
- (iii) Major Decision - 1 point
- (iv) Bye - 2 points if the wrestler wins his next match. Zero points if the wrestler loses his next match.

Note: No bonus points will be awarded for any wrestleback matches.

**d.** Disputes on team scoring must be filed with the tournament director no later than 5 minutes after completion of the last finals bout. Disputes involving finals matches must be filed with the tournament director immediately after the final scores are announced.

**IX.** If a team does not participate in the league tournament they will lose their voting privileges for the following year.

