



## **MAWA BY-LAWS**

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### **BY-LAW 1:**

Anybody can organize/direct an arm wrestling tournament in the Province of Manitoba. If the organizer/director of the tournament wants to be covered under the Manitoba Arm Wrestling Insurance. The proper fee of \$150 (sanction fee) effective **January 1, 2025** must be received by a member of the executive no later than the morning of the tournament before the competition starts. A receipt will be written by the MAWA President. The Manitoba Arm Wrestling Association does accept donations if the tournament is a monetary success.

### **BY-LAW 2:**

The Provincials will be held at least 6 weeks prior to the National Championships. Anyone living in Manitoba can compete at the Provincials, unless a person is prohibited to compete for the MAWA (e.g. an athlete is suspended by the CAWF's Ethics Advisory Committee). Only Manitobans can win Manitoba Provincial top 3 titles right and left arms.

### **BY-LAW 3:**

A Manitoba armwrestler that wants to represent the Province of Manitoba at the National Canadian Arm Wrestling Championships needs to register and participate at the Manitoba Provincials. If for any reason, a few examples : sick the day of the tournament, work circumstances, emergency family matters, pregnancy, competing for another sport, or medical reason, etc. A "bye" can be given. The fee will be equal to one arm fee at Manitoba Provincials and needs to be received with a note to the President no later then the day of the Provincials is being held. A suspended athlete from the EAC and a person that never competed before in arm wrestling cannot get a "bye". The latter needs to have competed in at least one tournament prior

to the request. A bye can be considered if an armwrestler volunteered at the Provincials (ex. draw sheets, refereeing, registration table and emceeing). Anything outside of these stated volunteer positions would be at the board's discretion

#### **BY-LAW 4:**

Arm wrestling tournament conduct. Referees and arm wrestling athletes will conduct themselves in a professional & appropriate demeanor at all times prior to, during and after any arm wrestling tournaments held in Manitoba as they will be ambassadors of the Manitoba Arm Wrestling Association (MAWA). Please reference the CAWF Code of Ethics for conduct expectations. If there is an incident of conduct, the executives will meet and decide if a warning needs to be given or decide if we have to prohibit a competitor from competing for the remainder of the tournament. Circumstances include : A competitor who becomes intoxicated with alcohol at an arm wrestling tournament and increases risk of injury to self and others. A competitor is intoxicated and starts swearing at the referees while at the table. Please also reference the Referees rules for conduct at the table while competing.

#### **BY-LAW 5:**

There will be nominations submitted to the MAWA for one Male and one Female Puller of the Year Award. They will be recognized at the annual Manitoba Provincial Championships.

Participation in the Team Award is voluntary and meant for enjoyment and competition. There are no restrictions on the gender or age composition of the team, provided that there are five competitors competing at the Provincial Championships. Teams can consist of five men, five women, five kids, a mix of adults and kids, or any other combination. Each competitor is required to pay \$5, with the winning team receiving a medal for each participant and a portion of the accumulated funds from all teams. Teams must be registered with a designated name, such as "Team Champion" or "Team Smasher," during sign-up at the Provincial Championships.

Points are awarded based on individual placings as follows:

- 1st place winner 5 points
- 2nd place winner 4 points
- 3rd place winner 3 points
- 4th place winner 2 points
- 5th place winner 1 point

#### **BY-LAW 6:**

The Official Sanctioned Weight Classes form will be followed for all events held similar to the Canadian National Championships weight classes or as determined by the Tournament Director. Contact any MAWA Executive for follow up and clarification.

**BY-LAW 7:**

No money will be offered at a Provincial level event.

**BY-LAW 8:**

All Clubs will be registered with the Provincial Association.

**BY-LAW 9:**

There is no strict dress code for any arm wrestling tournaments and the Provincial Championships in Manitoba about t-shirts and pants to be worn. Although, for the Canadian Arm Wrestling Championships, a team Manitoba shirt or a t-shirt with the Manitoba arm wrestling logo on it and black pants needs to be worn.

**BY-LAW 10:**

All eliminations will be brought down to the last 4 in each class, and then held for the semi finals or as determined by the Tournament Director.

**BY-LAWS 11:**

Wording for the PRO/AM classifications will be as follows:

Amateur remains AMATEUR  
Pro changes to OPEN

Or as determined by the Tournament Director.

**BY-LAW 12:**

Video Protest only at Provincials. In the event of a dispute regarding a referee's call, competitors are entitled to request an explanation from the referees. Should one arm wrestler wish to formally protest, they must remain at the table and notify the referees of their intent to protest, accompanied by a \$40 fee. This fee serves as a commitment to the protest process. If the protester's argument prevails, the \$40 is refunded; otherwise, it is allocated as a contribution to the MAWA.

Exiting the table forfeits the right to protest, and the referee's decision stands. Therefore, it is advisable to remain present and arrange for payment if necessary.

The protest may be reviewed by the Head Referee and the other referee involved with the match, and/or if available, another referee with a minimum CAWF level 1 certification.

Examples :

- 1) The head referee forgot to say "READY" before the "GO," and the athlete who lost was expecting to hear "READY." Consequently, they were flash pinned.
- 2) An elbow foul that was not called and can be clearly seen on recorded video.
- 3) A movement in a referee's grip just before the "GO" and was not called by either referee.
- 4) An intentional push foul that can be clearly seen on recorded video.