

Dear Club Directors:

The Huskerland Board of Directors is contemplating to stop using USA Wrestling as its insurance provider for its tournaments. The board decided that they would change to a more expensive provider, AAU. We understand Huskerland have the right to use what ever they want for their insurance coverage. We also understand that each club has the right to determine how they will cover their own clubs.

To ensure everyone understands the cost and the differences in insurance the following gives information about each card and its cost.

	USA	AAU	AAU (AB)
Cost	\$10	\$12	\$14
Can be used at their respective sanctioned events.	X	X	X
Can be used at non sanctioned events for the sports-accident insurance purposes only.	X		X
Is currently supporting wrestlers from UNL, UNO, and UNK after graduation.	X		
100% of money goes to support the development of wrestling.	X		
Money is shared among many sports. For example; Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baton Twirling, Dance, etc.		X	X

The insurance cards for both organizations are secondary sports-accident insurance. Remember, this is only for insurance coverage. A USA card will not get you into an AAU event, and an AAU card will not get you into a USA event. The \$10 USA card is good at all events in the state of Nebraska. If you choose to wrestle outside the state, you may upgrade to a full USA card at a discount through the Nebraska membership director.

It is important to understand that if you choose to insure your wrestlers with the \$12 AAU card and they get injured at a non sanctioned AAU event, they will not be covered. Both the \$10 USA and \$14 AAU card would cover your wrestlers at any scheduled event, sanctioned or not sanctioned.

We understand that AAU is giving \$2.50 per card back to Huskerland. Nebraska USA Wrestling could have done the same by charging extra for each card and keeping the rest to support our organization. However, Nebraska USA Wrestling has decided to keep the money in the clubs because that supports all the clubs not the main organization. Besides, Nebraska USA Wrestling cannot raise the prices or make a change without a vote of the clubs.

Each club has equal voting power and has equal say in the decisions of the organization, not an exclusive board. In addition, if you are not happy with a board member, the clubs can vote him/her out of office. It is important to note that the state meeting will be

changed next year from the state freestyle tournament to the state folkstyle tournament, which should allow for more club directors to attend.

In addition to explaining the differences between USA and AAU, I want to let you know of some exciting events coming up. The USA state folkstyle tournament will be going through some considerable changes. This will ensure a better run and more fan-friendly tournament. At the same time, it will not change the quality of competition that the USA tournaments are known for. We have a few new individuals who have volunteered to help make this a better organization. We are looking for several more to help us run our state folkstyle tournament.

With gas prices the way they are, we are looking into adding district tournaments as qualifiers to the state tournament. This would give families an opportunity to experience the state tournament series closer to home. If wrestlers qualify through their district, they may go on to the state tournament. Several states, if not all of the states around us, do the same thing for the kids, and it is a really exciting state tournament similar to the excitement surrounding the high school state tournament.

Nebraska USA Wrestling is also working on other events in the state including possibly a big event that may draw kids from other parts of the country to Nebraska. Unfortunately, I cannot go into any more details until it is a sure thing.

The Nebraska USA Wrestling board would like to discuss these ideas and listen to any other ideas or suggestions that the clubs may have. We will be touring the state and putting on town hall meetings at several locations. All club directors, coaches, parents, or anyone interested are invited to attend these town hall meetings. We hope everyone can make a meeting in your area. The scheduled meetings are as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 14, 1:00 p.m. – Omaha area at Bennington High School
Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:00 a.m. – Norfolk area at Madison High School
Saturday, Sept. 20, 4:00 p.m. – Valentine at Valentine High School
Sunday, Sept. 21, 1:00 p.m. – Mitchell at Mitchell High School
Sunday, Sept. 28, 1:00 p.m. – Kearney at UNK Health & Sports Center
(Bronze coach's clinic following the meeting in Kearney, R.S.V.P to Johnny Galloway at (402) 614-6568 to ensure a spot in the clinic.)
Sunday, Oct. 5, 1:00 p.m. – Lincoln at UNL Bob Devaney media room

If you have any questions or comments prior to the meeting feel free to contact any of the USA directors listed on our website. The website is located at:
<http://www.nebraskausawrestling.org/officers.htm>

Please pass this information along to anyone interested. Thank you for your time, and I hope to see you at one of these meetings.

Alan Pokorny
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Nebraska USA Wrestling