

AAWOA Official's Development Guidelines

New Officials

New officials need to attend an introductory clinic. The clinic will have a classroom style portion and that should be followed with junior high school wrestling level practice matches. If it is not possible to have practice matches the same day as the clinic, they need to be held no more than a few days after the clinic. A clinic should have a maximum of 15-20 attendees if there are at least 3 spaces for practice matches. If there are only 1-2 spaces for practice matches, then the number of clinic attendees needs to be reduced to 8-12. For efficiency and a better opportunity for feedback, there should be 2 certified Provincial Clinicians and/or Mentors for each practice match space. After the clinic and practice matches, attendees need to pass an exam with a passing mark of 75%. Once the exam is passed, they will be new official's (Provincial C) and be able to sign-up for events and official events from youth wrestling age groups to the Bantam/JHS level.

Ongoing Evaluation and Mentoring for Officials

Provincial C, B and A officials will be evaluated and given productive feedback at events in an effort for them to improve and advance their rating. There is no set timeline or number of events that an official must work to advance to the next level. At events where Provincial official's and certified Provincial Clinicians are both working, Provincial Clinicians will evaluate the Provincial officials. The evaluations will be sent to the VP Ratings. The VP Ratings compiles all the evaluations and can advise the AAWOA Executive and/or Alberta AE officials, the level that any Provincial official is working at. If there is only a Mentor at the event who isn't a Clinician, they do not need to complete and submit evaluation forms.

An official must be evaluated at each Provincial rating before moving to the next.

All officials, National and Provincial, must attend a level specific clinic every 2 years to be recertified at that level of wrestling. (Junior High School, High School, Open)

Provincial Rating => Wrestling Level

The following summarizes what events and level of wrestling each Provincial rating allows an official to work.

Provincial C = Youth wrestling, Junior High School

Provincial B = Most High School events

Provincial A = ASAA High School Championships, Open events, National events as a National Aspirant