



DOMESTIC EVENT HOSTING POLICY

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1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to have a clear and consistent understanding of how Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) determines which domestic wrestling events are required, who should be sanctioned to host and to organize such events to achieve the following outcomes:

- Provide a framework for articulating the purpose, structure, and timing of WCL sanctioned events in Canada;
- Determine the methodology for selecting groups to host domestic events;
- Enable the establishment of specific regulations for each type of domestic event outlining the specific roles and responsibilities of WCL and the HOCs;
- Mitigate and manage risks to WCL;
- Enhance and grow the sport of wrestling and WCL's brand;
- Enabling the administration of this policy.

2 – DEFINITIONS

- **EVENTS** – A wrestling competition that may include multiple age categories and styles.
- **HOST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (HOC)** – is the group, club or organization of persons that have applied and been awarded the right to host a particular event at a specific time. They are responsible to take ownership of the event under the governance and oversight of WCL, as the sanctioning body, to plan, deliver, finance, execute and ensure that all the requirements, rules and regulations are followed.

In addition, the following abbreviations are used throughout the document:

- **BOD** – Board of Directors
- **EHAC** – Events & Hosting Advisory Committee
- **UWW** – United World Wrestling

3 – SCOPE & APPLICATION

These requirements apply to all WCL sanctioned domestic events (i.e. under the sole authority of WCL) in Canada. These do not apply to training camps, training activities or any non-sanctioned WCL events or co-sanctioned events in Canada (i.e. under shared authority of WCL and another governing body).

4 – KEY PRINCIPLES

WCL's Domestic Event Hosting Policy is based on the following key principles:

- Different domestic events have different mandates and expectations requiring differentiated policies and regulations for each.

- The public’s perception of wrestling’s brand is significantly influenced through how WCL presents its sanctioned events, which has a substantive and direct influence on financial support WCL may receive from government and other external stakeholders.
- WCL’s role is to provide governance and oversight of domestic events by sanctioning third party HOCs rather than undertaking direct operational approach.
- HOC’s role is to plan, deliver, finance and undertake all operational manners of domestic events that have been assigned to them and sanctioned by WCL.

5 – POLICY

To meet the needs of WCL stakeholders and the operational and technical needs and policies of WCL, WCL will sanction the hosting of the following domestic events (i.e. under the sole authority of WCL) in Canada:

- Canadian Wrestling Championships (U19, U17, U15) is an annual competition for U19, U17, U15 (FS-WW-GR-WGR), with a mandate focused on mass participation, athlete development and year-end celebration. This event will be comprised of 4 days of competition (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday) on a minimum of 8 mats and is held annually on the last weekend of April. The regulations governing the hosting and operation of this event are detailed in the BOD approved [Event Hosting Regulations - Canadian Wrestling Championships \(U19, U17, U15\)](#).
- Canadian Wrestling Championships (Senior, U20-Junior, U17-Cadet) is an annual competition for Seniors, U20-Juniors, U17-Cadets (FS-WW), with a mandate focused on world & international team selection, rankings and preparation for international competition. This event will be comprised of 3 days of competition (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) on a minimum of 4 mats and is held annually on the last weekend of May. The regulations governing the hosting and operation of this event are detailed in the BOD approved [Event Hosting Regulations - Canadian Wrestling Championships \(Senior, U20-Junior, U17-Cadet\)](#).
- Canadian Wrestling Championships (U23) for U23 (FS-WW) and World Team Trials Senior Non-Olympic Weights (FS-WW) is an annual competition, with a mandate focused on world & international team selection, rankings and preparation for international competition. This event will be comprised of 2 days of competition (Friday & Saturday) on a minimum of 2 mats and is held annually on the last weekend of June. The regulations governing the hosting and operation of this event are detailed in the BOD approved [Event Hosting Regulations – Canadian Wrestling Championships \(U23\) & World Team Trials \(SR non-Olympic weights\)](#).
- Canadian Team Trials is a competition held once every four years in the Senior age group to select the designated Canadian wrestler to qualify for participation at the Olympic Games in FS-WW. This event will be comprised of 2 days of competition (Friday & Saturday) on minimum of 2 mats. The timing of the Trials will be recommended by the High Performance Director, to align with the Olympic qualification process, determined by UWW and as amended from time to time. The regulations governing the hosting and operation of this event are detailed in the BOD approved [Event Hosting Regulations – Canadian Wrestling Team Trials](#).

- In addition to the above regularly scheduled and planned domestic events, there is periodically a requirement for ad hoc competitions to facilitate the selection of one or more athletes for a specific event. These events are typically held on a single day on a single mat. They will be organized and occur as determined by WCL, in their sole discretion
- The domestic event rotation and schedule should be reviewed periodically, but at least every 4 years. The next mandatory review will be following the completion of the 2026 domestic competition season.

6 – SELECTION PROCESS

Event	Selection Process	Selection Timing*	Selection Frequency*	Designated Priorities for Scoring Matrix
Canadian Wrestling Championships (U19, U17, U15)	RFP	Issue RFP in Q1 & make decision in Q2 of odd number years.	Biennial (every 2 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Capacity • Operational Ability • Historical Performance • Community Support • Participant Experience • Legacy
Canadian Wrestling Championships (Senior, U20-Junior, U17-Cadet)	RFP	Issue RFP in Q1 & make decision in Q2 of odd number years.	Biennial (every 2 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Capacity • Operational Ability • Historical Performance • Community Support • Participant Experience • Legacy
Canadian U23 Wrestling Championships, World Team Trials (senior non-Olympic weights),	RFP	Issue RFP in Q1 & make decision in Q2 of odd number years.	Biennial (every 2 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Capacity • Operational Ability • Historical Performance • Community Support • Participant Experience • Legacy
Canadian Wrestling Team Trials	RFP	Issue RFP in 21 months & make decision 18 months prior to event.	Quadrennial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Capacity • Operational Ability • Historical Performance • Community Support • Participant Experience • Legacy
Ad Hoc Competitions	WCL	As required	As required	

*Selection Timing & Selection Frequency are recommended guidelines, but may be revised by WCL, as necessary.

For events requiring the use of the RFP methodology, WCL will issue a public request for proposals. It is an expectation that all bids submitted will be complete and comply with the respective regulations or requirements for the event, as prescribed by WCL. Bids that are either incomplete or based on non-compliance with BOD approved regulations will not be considered. EHAC will assess the completed bids using a pre-defined scoring matrix to identify the best candidate reflective of the designated priorities for each event. EHAC will recommend the top candidate to the WCL Board for approval. Once approved, the event will be formally awarded to the HOC, and a formal Hosting Agreement will be signed between WCL and the HOC for the event.

For ad hoc events, WCL will select the date, site and format for the event.

7 – REVIEW

The policy will be reviewed periodically as needed, but at least every 4 years. The next mandatory review will be by March 31, 2030.

8 – EXCEPTIONS

Any exceptions to the policy must be approved by the CEO.