

Financial Assistance for National Team Members through the Officials Development Program

Financial Assistance can be earned for the following events: Schoolboy National Duals in Indianapolis, Indiana, Cadet National Duals in Daytona Beach, Florida (if signed up for Fargo), Wester Junior Duals in Pocatello, Idaho (if signed up for Fargo), and Cadet & Junior National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota.

Financial Assistance can be earned by officiating at the local 2011 USA Wrestling Tournaments. Last year the state subsidized over \$20,000 for National Team members who were involved in our Officials Development Program. Some athletes were able to pay for the entire cost other than gear. For each match that you officiate you will earn 1 point. Your points will accumulate and at the end of the USA Wrestling Utah Schedule you will have a total number of points. Based on your points you will be given a certain percentage of the total money allocated to financial assistance. For example if \$1000 were allocated in total and there were 10 people officiating throughout the year and each person officiated 10 matches then each person would have 10 points. So if each person has 10 points and there are 10 people then a total of 100 points and each person has 10% of the total points so each person would be given 10% of the total money allocated which would be \$100 per person.

Athletes that officiate but do not make the National teams will not be given the money but can choose to have the money they made through officiating go towards another wrestler that is on the National team.

A parent / coach that officiates can earn points and then give those points to a wrestler of their choice so that said wrestler can earn more financial assistance.

Only athletes (novice division and above only can earn points toward credit) /parent/coaches that have a current officials card can earn points toward financial assistance. When an athlete (athlete only) purchases a USA coaches card, \$50 is credited to that athlete automatically. A two-year card costs \$54 so if the athlete is on the National Team for those two years he makes \$46 just for signing up.

The money earned is used as a credit and no cash or checks are exchanged.

At each tournament there will be a clipboard/binder of some sort and a record of each bout officiated will be kept. After each bout, the three officials on the mat sign the bout ledger. At the end of each week a volunteer will record all the officials and exactly how many bouts they participated in, which the bouts will convert to points and the points to dollars.

To purchase your USA Officials card go to www.wrestleutah.com and go to the memberships tab and click on USA Officials Card. This will take you to where you need to go to purchase your card.