



To: Wrestling Officials

The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to speed with the current UIL registration of TWOA officials process and to dispel any misunderstandings concerning this year's registration process with the UIL. As many of you may know, the UIL is still in ongoing litigation with TASO, because of this the UIL registration process has had to be modified to conform with the Writ of Injunction. The intent of the UIL concerning the registration process for this season was to allow each and every wrestling official to register online through our UIL Sports Officials Hub-Site. This was going to allow each member of an associated chapter to pay their state dues for registration and services through this site, and then be categorized with your local chapter. Because of the current injunction, we are asking the local chapters to assist with this year's registration process by collecting the \$50 membership fee from its members and submit an Excel spreadsheet of each paid member with **ONLY (three)** categories of information. These (three) categories will include first name, last name and an email account. Once this information is submitted to the UIL Sports Officials department, we will send out an email to these members asking each one to log on to our site and update their profile to complete the registration process.

The deadline for wrestling officials to register with their respective TWOA chapter for the upcoming 2010–2011 season will be October 1, 2010. All TWOA Officials should send their dues to their chapter so they arrive **BEFORE** October 1, 2010. All chapter registrations (**in an Excel spreadsheet with only first name, last name and email address – all in separate columns**) and dues will be mailed by the individual chapters to the UIL Sports Officials department no later than October 10, 2010. Chapters need to send the Excel spreadsheet to [cheridah@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cheridah@austin.utexas.edu) and also mail a hard copy of the list with the check to the UIL office at P.O. Box 8028, Austin TX 78713–8028.

Members for this season will receive a rule book and case book along with a general liability insurance package and a UIL Sports Officials Patch for their uniform to be worn throughout the season. Additional educational materials will follow as well as Power Point presentations distributed to the chapters for teaching and training. Part 1, or the "open book" testing, for the membership will occur online this season through our website. Each chapter will have **administrative access** to review their account information as well as member test results and other pertinent profile information on its membership.

When the UIL wrestling officials board is formed the board members will meet to discuss membership dues and establish any future allocation of expenses on behalf of wrestling. The current percentage breakdown of the \$50 membership

fee is as follows: 34% for NFHS access, testing and insurance; 7% for rule books; 7% for case books; 7% for arbiter account management; 6% background fees; 2% sports officials patch. The total fees allocated for wrestling for this season make up 64% of the total \$50 membership fee. The remaining funds collected from the registration fees will go into an account specifically held for wrestling officials. The UIL wrestling board will direct the funds for future expenses. We believe this will expand the opportunity for wrestling because of the cost savings associated with being aligned with the UIL.

We are very excited to work alongside such a dedicated group of officials and appreciate the cohesion that this body of officials continues to maintain. Dan Lang will act as this year's UIL State Wrestling Rules Interpreter and will work closely with our office to clarify any rules and answer, via email, questions regarding misunderstandings. We will also continue to work very closely with Rex Anderson, newly elected TOWA State President to follow any special instructions or recommendations he has concerning the membership.

We hope this will help clear up any questions concerning this year's registration process with the UIL and appreciate everyone's cooperation with some of the growing pains all of us will have to endure in our first year. We think you will find this product will be the first in the nation to deliver such efficient services and will be one that you, as an official, can be proud of. We are excited to utilize the advantages this new technology will bring to wrestling officials. The distribution and consistency of information to wrestling officials will be executed more efficiently. We encourage any and all feedback with this process and look forward to working with each and everyone of you this season!

Thank you for your assistance and patience during this transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Timmons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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UIL Director of Officials  
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