

SECTION 4.4
INCLUSION POLICY
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4.4 INCLUSION POLICIES

Operation Statement: *The CAWA endeavours to fully integrate minorities and athletes with a disability, identified by the Government of Canada, into all CAWA programs.*

4.4.1 Disabled Population

Blind Population Participation:

- a. There are no specific events (operated by an I.S.F. or special interest groups) for athletes with a vision disability at the international level.
- b. The Canadian Blind Sports Association (CBSA) runs events for blind wrestlers in Canada. There have been blind national events in the past but the number of blind wrestlers is isolated to a few specific areas or individuals (i.e., Brantford region).
- c. The CAWA has an open communication channel to CBSA whereby information on blind wrestling events will be forwarded to the national training centres and provinces through the CAWA mailing system. CAWA national events information is also available to CBSA for inclusion in their regular mail system.
- d. The CAWA offers coaching and officiating clinics to CBSA for any interested parties.
- e. The CAWA has specific rules regarding the officiating of a match in which a blind wrestler is participating. The actual conduct of a match (i.e., rules, techniques) remains the same as for a regular match. Blind athletes are fully integrated into the CAWA programs.
- f. The CAWA will identify, via member clubs and PSO's, the number of athletes with a visual disability that are training and/or competing in the sport of amateur wrestling on a yearly basis.

Deaf Population Participation:

- a. There are no specific events (operated by an I.S.F. or special interest groups) for athletes with a hearing disability at the international level.
- b. The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) runs events for deaf wrestlers in Canada. There have been deaf national events in the past but the number of deaf wrestlers is isolated to few specific areas (i.e., Bathurst region).

- c. The CAWA will open a communication channel to CDSA whereby information on deaf wrestling events will be forwarded to the national training centres and provinces through the CAWA mailing system. CAWA national events information will also be available to CDSA for inclusion in their regular mail system.
- d. The CAWA will offer coaching and officiating clinics to CDSA for any interested parties.
- e. The CAWA has specific rules regarding the officiating of a match that involves a deaf wrestler. The actual conduct of a match (i.e., rules, techniques) remains the same as for a regular match. Deaf athletes are fully integrated into the CAWA programs.
- f. The CAWA will identify, via member clubs and PSO's, the number of athletes with a hearing disability that are training and/or competing in the sport of amateur wrestling on a yearly basis.

Physically Disabled Participation:

- a. There are no specific events (operated by an I.S.F. or special interest groups) for athletes with a physical disability at the national or international level.
- b. Specific rules are in place to allow for athletes with a physical disability to weigh-in at the appropriate weight division and participate via full inclusion in all CAWA programs.
- c. The CAWA attempts to identify the number of athletes with a physical disability that are training and/or competing in the sport of amateur wrestling on a yearly basis.

Mentally Disabled Participation:

The Canadian and International Special Olympics have a guiding principal that mentally disabled individuals will not participate in combative sports at any level.

4.4.2 Minorities Population

Aboriginal Participation:

The CAWA 1997 membership survey reported estimated numbers of aboriginal athletes from between 3% - 40% depending on the province responding. The highest percentage participation levels come from the NWT, Yukon, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec.

- a. The CAWA will identify, via member clubs and PSO's the number of athletes from an aboriginal origin that are training and/or competing in the sport of amateur wrestling on a yearly basis.
- b. The CAWA provides technical information and support, officiating support and coaching certification to aboriginal sport organizations (i.e., North American Indigenous Games, Arctic Games) that include wrestling events and/or request the information or support.
- c. Aboriginal wrestlers have been carded at a national level, competed in National and World competition for Canada, and participated in major games. They are fully integrated into the sport of wrestling.
- d. The CAWA offers support to aboriginal coaches to receive coaching certification in the sport of wrestling.
- e. The CAWA offers support to aboriginal officials to receive official certification in the sport of wrestling.

Female Participation:

The CAWA has a separate policy (Section 10: Women's Program) for the inclusion of females in CAWA wrestling programs.