**Constitution & By-Laws of the Wrestling Club of UW-Stout**

Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Wrestling Club of UW-Stout, which is a student organization of the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES

Section 1: The purpose of this organization is to provide male and female university students with an opportunity to competitively wrestle at a university club level.

A. To plan and organize wrestling activities including or involving University of Wisconsin-Stout students. These activities will include practices, trips watching wrestling matches, and open tournaments held at various colleges.

B. To establish the appropriate foundation for the eventual recognition of folk style wrestling as an intercollegiate sport under the direction and supervision of the Director of Athletics and inclusion into the sports program at the university and collegiate level.

C. To increase the awareness of wrestling as a sport.

ARTICLE III: AFFILIATIONS

Section 1: National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA)

A. There will be a yearly fee to enter the club in the NCWA program

B. Any member wishing to participate in NCWA meets will also have to pay a yearly fee.

Section 2: USA Wrestling

A. There will be a yearly fee to pay for a club charter, providing membership affiliation with USA Wrestling and Wisconsin Wrestling Federation.

B. Members will need to pay for a USA card each year to gain liability insurance for practice sessions and USA Wrestling sanctioned tournaments.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTIUTION

Section 1: This constitution must be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership.

Section 2: The amendment should be submitted in writing. The amendment will be tabled for two meetings and then voted on by a paper ballot.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All UW-Stout full and part-time students in good academic standing defined by UW-Stout are eligible to play.

Section 2: Membership dues will be determined by the treasurer each November. All dues must be paid in full by their due date in order for the student to participate. If needed, there will be payment plans for those who are unable to pay the amount in full by its due date. These payment plans can be worked out with the treasurer of the organization.

Section 3: After all dues are paid, members in good academic standing and whom have attended at least half of all meetings and practices of the club, will then have the right to vote.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

Section 1: A. President

Duties:

* Arranging club meetings
* Supervising club meetings
* Be a source person for questions
* Direct the vision of the club
* Overseeing budget plan in November in association with the Advisor and Treasurer
* Delegation of additional responsibilities as needed

B. Vice President

Duties:

* Stand in when the president cannot fulfill their duties
* Promotion of the team on campus and in the community
* In charge of recruitment of new players; including communications with incoming students who are interested

C. Secretary

Duties:

* Arranging fundraising events, with help from the President and Vice-President
* Take minutes of all meetings other than meetings at practice
* Take attendance and keep track of attendance of members voting and eligibility status

D. Treasurer

* Budget planning in November in association with the President and Advisor
* Responsible for collecting dues
* Record all financial transactions

ARTICLE III: ADVISOR

Section 1: As a sports club, the Faculty Advisor shall be the Assistant Director of Recreation.

Section 2: The duties of the Advisor shall be to:

* Counter-sign all administrative financial forms
* Oversee budget planning in November
* Act as a consultant for the officers

Section 3: The Advisor shall not have voting privileges in the Organization.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Election of Officers

The election of officers shall follow the following procedure:

A. At the first meeting in March, after the season, there will be nominations made. Then we will vote and candidates will be made at the second meeting.

B. Voting will be done by a paper ballot and who receives the most votes will be elected officers.

ARTICLE V: FILLING VACANCIES

Section 1: The filling of vacancies before a term ends will be done on an as need basis. Should the President be impeached or leave at semester, the Vice President will take over the role of President until the next election.

Section 2: If the Treasurer, Secretary, or Vice-President should leave or if the Vice-President takes over as President, nominations will be held at the next meeting for the vacant position. Voting will be done at the following meeting by a paper ballot and who receives the most votes will take over the position.

ARTICLE VI: IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1: Impeachment will be motioned by any member at a meeting. Everyone but the officer can vote in a paper ballot at the following meeting. The Advisor must be present at all impeachment proceedings. The officer will be impeached if three-fourths (3/4) of the vote are to impeach him or her.

Section 2: Removal of a member can be motioned by any member at a meeting. Everyone but that member can vote in a paper ballot at the following meeting. The removal of the member will require two-thirds (2/3) of the vote to remove the member.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Two recruitment meetings will be held in September and January and will be located on campus. Once the team is established, regular meetings will be held once every other week before practice. Then in March, we will meet twice for elections of new officers.

Section 2: Emergency meetings will be called as needed.

Section 3: No voting can be done unless the amount of members at the meeting meets the quorum. The quorum will be half of the amount of members in the club. This includes votes for removing members and selecting new officers.

ARTICLE VIII: FINANCE

Section 1: Treasury and Spending

A. The President and the Treasurer are authorized, with the Advisor, to spend the club funds.

B. The club funds will mainly be used for wrestling equipment and entering open tournaments. They will also be used for membership in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association, USA Wrestling insurance, and transportation.

C. Our club will be financed through membership fees, fundraising, and the funds allocated to us by the Stout Student Association and Sport Clubs.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing Committee

The standing committees for this club are:

A. Fund Raising

Duties of the Committee:

• Set up fundraising activities

This committee will be chaired by the Vice-President and Secretary

B. Community Service

Duties of the committee:

* Set up community service activities
* Get our club name out in the community

This committee will be chaired by the Vice-President and Secretary.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1: PROPOSAL

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of the Wrestling Club.

Section 2: PUBLICATION

The proposed amendment, together with the parts affected by the amendment shall be publicized immediately after the first reading proposed to the club officers.

Section 3: READING

The proposed amendment shall be read before the members of the Wrestling club. All members have the option to vote on the amendment at the next session following the reading.

Section 4: VOTING BY THE ASSOCIATION

Such amendment shall be approved by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting membership of the Wrestling club on a paper ballot.