

Mountain South WSO Board Meeting Minutes 9/26/2024 8pm PT on Google Meet

Present: Jesse Vezina, Natalie Vezina, Morgan Huppenthal, Amanda Cook

Not Present: Leanda Bevans, Joaquin Chavez, Jodi Stumbo, Ethan Baggaley, Eric Bramwell

Agenda:

1. State Championships
2. WSO Championship medals
3. Weight class changes and WSO records
4. Next meeting

Meeting started at 8:03pm PT

Minutes:

1. Discussion on WSO holding bidding process for State Championships moving forward
 - Decision made for WSO to hold bidding process for State Championships starting 2025
 - Suggestion that with 4 State Championships, to hold 1 WSO Championship that can rotate locations. WSO Championship to continue on bidding process
 - Will discuss further at next meeting
2. Group reviewed current proof for Championship medals
 - Decision made to move forward with new medal shape/design with updated UT flag on ribbon.
 - Plan to order gold, silver, bronze. Number of medals TBD based on cost quoted from company.
3. Short discussion held on how to adjust WSO records when/if new weight classes are announced
 - Group felt how records are adjusted will depend on weight class changes
 - Decision made to table topic for now.
4. Next meeting 8/22/2024 at 8pm PT.
5. No August 2024 meeting was held but some business was conducted via email communication.
 - Leanda has requested to take a leave of absence from her position through the end of the year. Will reassess ability to continue in her position at start of 2025.
 - High Performance Athlete Funding approved on 7/15/2024 via anonymous SurveyMonkey vote. There were 8 total votes, all in favor of approval.
 - Approved policy as follows:

Senior \$1,000 (Max 2 Teams per year per athlete)

Junior \$750 (Max 2 Teams per year per athlete)

Youth \$500 (Max 2 Teams per year per athlete)

University \$500 (Max 1 Teams per year per athlete)

Camp \$250 (Max 1 Camp per year per athlete)

Phase 1 (Proposed starting amount, shown on current Application Form):

Level - Amount - % of Trip Covered based on \$3,000 avg trip cost

Senior - \$1,000 - 33%

Junior - \$750 - 25%

Youth - \$500 - 17%

University - \$500 - 17%

Camp - \$250

Policies for WSO Support Funding:

- Funding is effective for starting the calendar year 2024 for self-funded teams and events.
- Funding is for athletes only. No personal coach funding is available at this time.
- Funding amounts are limited, may be capped each calendar year due to WSO funding availability for this program. (Propose a maximum of \$4-5k annual funding cap?)
- Eligible Athletes must fill out an application for WSO Support Funding, and include Team/Camp invitation, acceptance and details, in order to be approved for funding.
- Funding will be provided once USAW Invoice is sent. Invoices and/or receipts must be submitted to the WSO for funding support to be released.
- Funding will be released post-competition participation or once all appropriate documentation has been provided.
- In the case of an anti-doping violation, any WSO support funds provided during the "loss of results" period must be returned, as this award that would be required to be forfeited.

Meeting concluded at 8:27pm PT