

ISWA Section Folkstyle Referees & State Director

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Purpose

The Folkstyle Section Referees listed above are provided as a regional resource for member clubs as a contact for questions and concerns. In addition, they will assist clubs in conducting rules clinics and in finding head officials for local tournaments. They also staff the ISWA Folkstyle State Finals. It is the Director's responsibility to recruit Section Referees, assure that each State Final event is adequately staffed with competent officials as well as to recruit and develop the state-wide pool of Folkstyle Referees.

State Finals

The 2012 Folkstyle State Finals will again be held on two consecutive weekends:

March 10-11 PeeWee-Novice & Girls @ Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis

March 17-18 Schoolboy-Junior @ Warren Central High School in Indianapolis

Once again the ISWA will contract with and pay IHSAA licensed officials at both Folkstyle State Final events in an effort to produce the highest quality event and environment for the kids.

Development

In recent years both the ISWA and the IHSAA has suffered from a shortage of officials. The ISWA is committed toward a goal of recruiting and developing new and inexperienced officials. *In an effort to further address these needs, beginning this year (2011-12), the ISWA is implementing a formal "Cadet Referee Program."* A process has been constructed to partner with experienced IHSAA Referees, ISWA Clubs, along with High School & College Coaches to identify and recruit current and recent wrestlers who may be interested in becoming referees. Our local tournaments are a great training ground for this endeavor and will be utilized as such. Any questions may be directed to Jim Littlejohn or your Section Referee via the contact information above.

Congratulations to

2011 Folkstyle Referee of the Year

Jeff Colborn

Granger, Indiana

The Folkstyle Referee of the Year is awarded to a volunteer for their outstanding support of the ISWA, local club tournaments and the development of other officials.