

**Martin Warriors Wrestling Booster Club**  
Booster Organization By-Laws  
March 2009

It is our desire that all competition be conducted on the highest level and that every member associated with the Martin Warrior Wrestling program emphasize, by word and action, the virtues of academics first, team spirit, healthy competition and sportsmanship.

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**Article 1- Name**

The name of the organization shall be "Martin Warrior Wrestling Booster Club," hereinafter referred to as the "Club". The Martin Warrior Wrestling Team will hereinafter be referred to as the "Team."

**Article 2- Purpose**

The purpose of the Club shall be to:

1. Help develop leadership ability and foster team spirit among the athletes of the Team
  - Will abide by the U.I.L. guidelines regarding Booster Clubs.
2. Provide financial support and assist the Team with fund raising activities to support the costs of equipment, uniforms, referees, and other associated expenses.
  - These funds shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the Team and Martin High School. All fund raising must be approved by the Martin administration
  - No earnings or assets of the Club shall be distributed to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Club shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered for the purpose set forth in Article 2 herein.
  - The Club may donate money or merchandise to the school with prior approval of the administration. Money given to Martin High School cannot be earned marked for any particular expense. The Club may make

- To provide funds for scholarships to seniors on a merit basis as funds are available each year. Awards will be determined by the scholarship committee and will be prorated based on number of year's participation in the Martin wrestling program and the parent's membership in the Club during those same years.
  - Four years: full award
  - Three years:  $\frac{3}{4}$  full award
  - Two years:  $\frac{1}{2}$  full award
  - One year:  $\frac{1}{4}$  full award
- 3. Increase the visibility of Wrestling as a sport and facilitate communication between the Team, the Martin administration, the coach, and the Club.
- 4. Cooperate with the Martin High School, Arlington Independent School District, and the U.I.L. in the pursuit of these objectives.

### **Article 3- Membership**

1. Membership in the Club shall be open to all parents or guardians of students active in the Team, or others interested in supporting the Team.
2. The Executive Board shall set membership dues for the Club at the beginning of each year. Dues will be set as a per family basis and payable at the beginning of the year. No member will be eligible to vote or hold office unless the dues of that member are paid in full and they are a member in good standing of the Club. Dues are to be paid by January 31.

### **Article 4- Elected Officers**

1. The Club shall be represented by an Executive Board consisting of five (5) elected officers comprised of parents and/or guardians of current players who are in good standing with the Team, and the head coach. The elected officers shall be: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, A husband/wife team may jointly hold an office.
2. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The term of office shall be from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.
3. Vacancies occurring in an elected office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board. In the event the office of the President becomes vacant, the 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president shall serve as President for the remainder of the term.

### **Article 5- Election Procedures of Officers**

1. By April 1, the Executive Board will develop a slate of officers for the following term. The slate of officers will be presented to the membership of the Club for approval.
2. Before April 30, a general meeting of the Club shall be held for the election of officers. The Executive Board will present it's nomination for each office. Nominations will also be taken from the floor, In the event of a nomination from the floor, a closed ballot vote will be held at that time.

## **Article 6- Officer's Responsibilities**

1. **President** - The President shall preside over all business meetings of the Executive Board. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall represent the Club as necessary. The President shall have the authority to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer. The President will appoint a chairperson for all committees that will include but not be limited to the Activities Committee and the Finance Committee.
2. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice –president** - The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president shall assume all duties of the President during his/her absence. He/she shall work with the Martin administration to assist the student in facilitating communication , fund raising activities, and the following areas:
  - Video
  - Shirts
  - Banquet
  - Program
  - Concessions
  - Yard Signs
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president shall assume all duties of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president during his/her absence. He/she shall coordinate activities for the Team and Club.
  - Red & Black
  - War Party
  - Warrior Invitational
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Event
  - District/Regional Events
4. **Secretary** – The Secretary shall keep a record of all Executive Board and Club meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for:
  - Telephone calling tree
  - Membership
  - Roster
  - Alumni
  - Newsletter
5. **Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording of all incomes and expenditures. He/she shall write checks as necessary, keep records of the membership of the Club. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for obtaining and maintaining any necessary tax exemptions essential to the operation of the Club.

## **Article 7 – Annual Budget**

1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be from May 1 to April 30.
2. The budget shall be developed by the President and the Treasurer with the input of the Executive Board and /or any other source solicited by the President. Once approved by the Executive Board, the budget shall be presented to the membership of the Club for ratification.

3. The budget must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a general meeting of the Club before and funds are disbursed.
4. Expenditures of funds belonging to the Club for incidental expenses not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) may be authorized by the Executive Board. All expenditures exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) must be approved by a majority of those members of the Club who are present.
5. At the end of the fiscal year, the President of the Club shall appoint an audit committee consisting of three (3) members to review the statement and assets. A final report to the general membership of the Club is required.

#### **Article 8- Meetings**

1. The Executive Board should meet monthly during its term.
2. A general meeting of the Club is required monthly during school year to include election of officers at the April meeting.
3. A general meeting of the Club is required for the amendments to these by – laws. Other meetings of the Club may be called by the President as required to discuss other business.

#### **Article 9 – Amendments**

These by- laws may be amended after approval of the Executive Board and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Club present at a general meeting.

#### **Article 10 –Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order (newly Revised) shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable.

#### **Article 11 – Dissolution of the Club**

Dissolution will only come about at the recommendation of the Executive Board and a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the membership. All net assets will be used to promote wrestling in Arlington as voted by membership.