

February RIWA Meeting Minutes – February 24th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by chairman Joao Vicente.

- **Roll Call.** Secretary took roll call. Middletown, BTS, Mayo Quanchi, Warwick PAL, North Providence, South County Waves, Warren, Westerly, PCWC, Coventry, Mat Officials Director, SafeSport Director, Treasurer, Chairmen, and National Team Director present.
- **Reading of minutes.** Posted on RIWA website.
- **Adding Weight Class to States for 15U.**
 - After discussion, motion made by Walter Borden to add a 200lb weight class to the 15U age division. Motion seconded by Joao Vicente. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Discussion around adding a 70lb weigh class to 15U. No one seemed interested.
 - Weight class currently listed as 250 for 15U needs to be updated by Desi to be 225+.
- **Moving Weigh Classes and weigh-in properly for right weight class.**
 - We will allow participants to move weight classes if they are overweight.
 - If you weigh-in light for your weight class and you want to wrestle at the weight you registered for, do 2 things:
 - **1st, AVOID THIS HAPPENING,** drink a bottle of water and weigh in at the right weight class.
 - 2nd, if that doesn't work, go to the head table the day of to confirm you are in the correct weight class.
- **Satellite Weigh-ins.**
 - Reviewed satellite weigh-in locations. \$10 fee for early satellite weigh-in on Saturday, February 28th, 2026.
 - Locations and times are:
 - 10:00AM-11:30AM - PCWC
 - 11AM – 12PM - Top Flight, Mayo Quanchi, Iron Faith Warwick & Iron Faith Bristol
 - 4:00PM-5:00PM - West Warwick Civic Center
 - Extra weigh-in supervisor for satellite weigh-in sites: Bristol – Claro 2nd, Warwick – Someone Warwick PAL, Top Flight – Walter Borden, MQ – Floody + Regnault, WW Civic Center – Setup people, PCWC- Brandon from NPYW
 - Desi to provide login information for satellite weigh-ins to appropriate individuals.

- Money from satellite weigh-ins should be given to Ashley Poirier.
- **Parade of Champions.**
 - 2 parades this year. If wrestling in the morning session, walk in morning parade. If wrestling in the afternoon, walk in the mid-day parade. USA wrestling all-americans will walk in mid-day parade.
 - Morning parade is estimated to start at 8:45 AM with wrestling starting at 9AM. Mid-day parade is estimated to start at 12:15PM with wrestling estimated to start at 12:30PM.
- **Age group clarification.**
 - The “BOYS” age divisions offered at registration are actually “COED”. Please remind your athletes of this.
- **RI State tournament volunteers.**
 - Door – Claro Dimen volunteered to run the door
 - Concessions – Team RI headed by Ashley Poirier and Geoff Poirier.
 - Trophies – Johnston is handling trophies. Ashley Poirier will be getting lanyards from Alan Berube for tournament of champions entry that he is running.
 - Trainers – RIWA is paying for 2 trainers to be there
 - Conflict Resolution – Walter Borden will be handling that role.
 - Signage – 10 table signages, weigh-in, backdrop, outdoor signs, among a bunch of others. Walter will be bringing it all for setting up.
 - Table Worker assignments – 2 workers at each table for the entirety of the day
 - Table 1 - Iron Faith Bristol
 - Table 2- Iron Faith Warwick
 - Table 3 – Top Flight
 - Table 4 – North Providence / Lincoln
 - Table 5 – Mayo Quanchi
 - Table 6 – Coventry Renegades
 - Table 7- Westerly / South County
 - Table 8 – Milo / Warwick PAL (on Standby)
 - Relief extras for tables – Warren and Warwick PAL
- **Referees for States**
 - 8 full mats. Joe Esposito to schedule officials.
- **State tournament setup help**
 - Anyone available to help setup for the tournament on Saturday February 28th, 2026 should try to make it. There is a lot of work to be done. Setup will begin at 3PM.
- **Mats for RI States contingency plan**

- If Providence does not have school Thursday, we will not have access to the planned mats for the states. We will know Thursday AM.
- Contingency plan. 2 from Johnston, 2 from BTS, 2 from Warwick PAL, 1 from Coventry, and 1 from Hendricken, pending final verification with controlling parties.
- **State tournament issues**
 - Coaches triage issues and try to avoid bringing things to head table about the wants, needs, and desires of the families. Things are the way they are and there is going to be limited adjustments made, so try to avoid even bringing it to the table to keep the event flowing.
- **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn at 8:22PM by Chairman Joao Vicente. Motion seconded by Walter Borden. Motion carried unanimously.