



# 2009 Johnnie Reitz “BIG 5” Wrestling Tournament

1 August 2009

Organised by Gauteng North Wrestling Association

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1 This tournament is organized annually by the Gauteng North Wrestling Association (GNW). The event is open for participation by all clubs of the South African Wrestling Federation (SAWF) and by wrestlers from other countries as invited.
- 1.2 The 2009 Johnnie Reitz “Big 5” Wrestling Tournament will be held in in the Sport Centre of the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Pretoria is the capital of South Africa (part of the mega city of Tshwane) located less than one hour from Johannesburg International Airport.
- 1.4 The date is August 1, 2009.
- 1.5 “Big Five” refers to the most sought after wild animals found in Africa – it is a term used for the five animals many tourists come to see in Africa. (Rhinoceros, Elephant, Lion, Buffalo and Leopard) These magnificent animals will symbolize our tournament for a 5 year running cycle and will be depicted on the medals presented to the winners, starting with the Rhinoceros in 2004, followed by the Elephant 2005, the Lion in 2006, the Buffalo in 2007 and the Leopard in 2008. Now in 2009 we start again with the Rhinoceros.

## 2. TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The Johnnie Reitz “Big 5” Wrestling Tournament will be run in accordance with FILA wrestling rules, with some minor adjustments that will be discussed at an information session prior to the tournament.
- 2.2 The Pairing system is a modified double-elimination system with a repechage back to the finals. Details of the system will be discussed with team leaders at information session.
- 2.3 The competition will be held in the following weight categories:

### **FREESTYLE:**

#### **YOUTH BOYS:**

Under 6 yrs: u/16kg, 16-18, 18-20, 20-22, 22-24, 24-27,27-30 (Born 2003)

Under 7 yrs: u/18kg, 18-20,20-22,22-24, 24-27,27-30, 30-33 (Born 2002)

Under 8 yrs: u/20kg, 20-22, 22-24, 24-27, 27-30, 30-33, 33-36 (Born 2001-2003)

Under 9yrs: u/22kg, 22-24, 24-27, 27-30, 30-33, 33-36, 36-39 (Born 2000)

Under 10yrs: u/24kg, 24-27, 27-30, 30-33, 33-36, 36-39, 39-42, 42-46 (Born 1999)

**Under 11yrs: u/27kg, 27-30, 30-33, 33-36, 36-39, 39-42, 42-46, 46-50 (Born 1998)**

**Under 13yrs: u/30kg, 30-33, 33-36, 36-39, 39-42, 42-46, 46-50, 50-54, 54-58, 58-63, 63-69, 69-76 (Born 1996/97)**

**Under 15yrs: u/33kg, 33-36, 36-39, 39-42, 42-46, 46-50, 50-54, 54-58, 58-63, 63-69, 69-76, 76-85 (Born 1995/94)**

**CADETS: u/42kg, 42-46, 46-50, 50-54, 54-58, 58-63, 63-69, 69-76, 76-85, 85-100 (Born 1992 to 1994)**

**JUNIOR MEN: u/50kg, 50-55, 55-60, 60-66, 66-74, 74-84, 84-96 and 96-120 (Born 1989 to 1992)**

**SENIOR MEN: 50-55kg, 55-60, 60-66, 66-74, 74-84, 84-96, and 96-120 (Born 1991 and older)**

**PRESIDENTS: u/22kg, 22-24, 24-27, 27-30, 30-33, 33-36, 36-39, 39-42, 42-46, 46-50, 50-54, 54-58, 58-63, 63-69, 69-76, 76-85, 85-96, 96-120 (born 1989-2000)**

### **GRECO-ROMAN MEN:**

**Above 13: 46-50kg, 50-55, 55-60, 60-66, 66-74, 74-84, 84-96 and 96-120 (Born 1996 and older)**

### **FEMININE:**

**All Ages: u/22kg, 22-24, 24-26, 26-28, 28-30, 30-32, 32-34, 34-37, 37-40, 40-44, 44-48, 48-51, 51-55, 55-59, 59-63, 63-67 and 67-72 (Born 2000 and older).**

2.4 Please note that a wrestler will only be allowed to enroll for two (2) categories.

2.5 The weigh-in will be on the morning of the competition (August 1) in accordance with The attached Gauteng North preliminary Schedule.

2.6 A tolerance of one kilogram will be allowed **only** for Freestyle (Junior & Senior) and Greco-Roman.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION**

3.1 Participation in the 2009 Johnnie Reitz "Big 5" Wrestling Tournament is open to clubs in South Africa and individual international wrestlers.

### **4. OFFICIATING**

4.1 Visiting officials that have been awarded a National Grading by their respective wrestling federations can officiate at the 2009 Johnnie Reitz - "Big 5" wrestling tournament. Local officials from all grades will officiate.

4.2 Officials must present a valid National Grading license for 2009 during the briefing session that will be held on the morning of the tournament. Attendance of the briefing session is compulsory for all officials.

4.3 The dress code for officials is white shirt with gray trousers, FILA Dress or the code that apply at the country of origin of the official.

## 5. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND BOOKING

- 5.1 Visitors are responsible for all costs for travel, accommodation, meals and entertainment. We recommend a budget for costs of **\$95** per day per person for local travel and accommodation and meals.
- 5.2 A tournament administration fee of **R120** (approx. **US\$12**) shall be payable for each category.
- 5.3 All financial obligations to GNW must be settled with the Organizing Committee upon arrival.
- 5.4 GNW can assist with the following arrangements which must be finalized and confirmed prior to arrival in South Africa. Please contact Marga at [marga@lantic.net](mailto:marga@lantic.net) for requests and arrangements.
  - 5.4.1 Arrange transportation for all international wrestlers / delegates for airport, practices and tournament traveling. Costs will depend on numbers and can be advised.
  - 5.4.2 Accommodation can be arranged on your behalf. Please advise on your specific requirements for accommodation and meals to enable us to provide costs.

## 6. TRAINING AND COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- 6.1 A program of the scheduled local training sessions will be provided on arrival for the wrestlers to participate in.
- 6.2 The venue of the tournament will make provision for 8 competition mats and a warming up area.

## 7. ENTRIES

In order to carry out the necessary planning for accommodation and other services, we request you to inform us of your **intention to accept this invitation** by June 30, 2009

- 7.1 **Preliminary entries** must be received by GNW, on the forms attached / provided herewith, BEFORE July 10, 2009. Letters of Invitation will be supplied for VISUM applications.
- 7.2 Your instructions for accommodation and transport requirements to be arranged by GNW on your behalf must be received by us with your preliminary entries BEFORE July 10, 2009.
- 7.3 **Final tournament entries** must be submitted to the tournament secretary not later than July 28, 2009 by 20h00.

## 8. **MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

- 8.1 Each Wrestler must undergo a medical examination that will take place on the morning of the tournament.

## 9. **AWARDS**

- 9.1 The top three places in each weight category will receive the unique big five medal specifically designed for this tournament. Due to the size of the tournament, all medals will be handed out on the mat directly after completion of the semi final (bronze) and final (silver & gold) matches. There will be no medal ceremony.

## 10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1 All correspondence regarding the tournament and arrangements must be directed to: The Secretary of Gauteng North Wrestling, Attention Marga Odendaal.
- 10.2 Sight seeing tours can be arranged directly with tour operators below in list of useful websites.

### **PRELIMINARY PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

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|           | – Arrival of international wrestlers (as per own arrangements)       |
| 29 July:  | – Training sessions  |
| 30 July:  | – Training sessions and final entrée of wrestlers for the tournament |
| 31 July:  | – Rest   |
| 1 August: | – Weigh-in and Tournament  |
|           | - Departure from Johannesburg International                          |

#### **Useful websites:**

<http://www.pta.co.za>  
[http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-488313-pretoria\\_vacations-i](http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-488313-pretoria_vacations-i)  
<http://www.4pretoria.co.za>  
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=269>  
<http://www.southafrica-travel.net/north/a1pret01.htm>  
<http://www.zoo.org.za>  
<http://www.menlynpark.co.za>  
<http://www.southafrica.net>  
<http://www.tshwane.gov.za>  
<http://www.southafrica.com>  
<http://www.safrica.info>



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## ***INTENTION TO ACCEPT INVITATION (required by 10 July 2009)***

*INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS,  
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL,  
NATIONAL FEDERATION AFFILIATED TO,  
PARTICIPATION STATUS: e.g.*

- *OFFICIAL / REFEREE:*
- *WRESTLER: SENIOR MEN, SENIOR WOMEN, JUNIOR MEN, JUNIOR WOMEN, YOUTH BOYS.*
- *COACH:*

*PLANNED DATE OF ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA:*

*PLANNED DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM SOUTH-AFRICA:*

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM VIA FAX TO (+27)12-6533647 OR  
VIA E-MAIL TO [marga@lantic.net](mailto:marga@lantic.net) BEFORE JULY 10, 2009.***