

# MARCIA HAISE

Four years at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, earned Marcia a Bachelor of Science Degree and Service Recognition Award for overseeing Dorm Policies and Social Events. It was at Syracuse that the then Ms. Woolf met the future National Wrestling Hall of Fame member Terry Haise. They married, moved to Babylon, Long Island, started their family while expanding wrestling contacts.

As Terry coached in Freeport, the family traveled with the High School Wrestling Team during Folkstyle Season and with those athletes that "Freestyled" during the summer. Marcia became versed in the rules of wrestling and involved as an Executive Board Member of NY-USA Wrestling, Inc. She

served as Treasurer, Team Leader for Freestyle, Purchasing Agent for Travel Teams, and Head Mat Official. As a member of the Metropolitan Wrestling Association Executive Board, she helped in the conceptual evolution of Beat the Streets, New York City.

The Haise children, Jeff, Wendy and Brian, progressed in school giving Marcia the opportunity to return to teaching. She taught Mathematics at North Babylon High School and served as an Adjunct Professor at Long Island University, Brookville Campus.

In May, 1983, while Terry was hosting the Section 8—NYS Kids Freestyle/Greco Qualifier, Marcia was asked if she would like to referee. It was the start of years of traveling inside and outside the United States, and the building of credibility that a woman could be successful in a male dominated sport.

Thanks to the talented officials on Long Island who were willing to accept her help and willing to share their expertise, Marcia excelled. By 1998, Marcia had achieved the highest level in the Wrestling World as a mat official, FILA 1Exceptionalle. Until Marcia retired from FILA as an Honoraire in 2005, she officiated, as a representative of USA Wrestling, at eighteen(18) World Championships, five(5) Pan American Championships



receiving the Outstanding Official Award in Venezuela, and three (3) World Cups. In January, 2004, she was sent to Athens, 2004, she was sent to Athens to officiate the Olympic Venue as part of a Pre-Olympic Venue test.

As her expertise and experience increased, Ms. Haise volunteered and was assigned to local, New York State, and National venues as a clinician and head official (First woman). FILA honored her with assignments as a clinician and head official and the Club Coaches of Section 11, NY-USAW elected her Co-Chair of their program.

Freestyle Wrestling was Marcia's introduction to officiating. It seemed a likely progression to officiate Folkstyle. She continues to officiate for the Long Island

Wrestling Officials Association, Inc.(eighteen years) and for the Suffolk Wrestling Officials Association, Inc.(ten years) elected by both organizations to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, was instrumental in the development of the Section 8, Rating System of Officials presently employed. Marcia is the only woman to referee the Section 8 and Section 11, State Qualifier, and the only woman to referee the NYSPHSAA State Wrestling Championships.

In addition to Freestyle/Greco Roman and Folkstyle Wrestling, Marcia is a member of the Middle States Wrestling Officials Association and refereed wrestle offs at Hofstra University. She was a Team Leader for the Colombian Sumo Wrestling Team at the Sumo World Championships, Tokyo, Japan.

Marcia followed the experience of being the Sumo Team Leader with working as a member of the NYAC Wrestling Committee, tasked with the coordination of team travel, schedules, and memberships. It was during this time that the NYAC Wrestling Committee regained the long lost National Freestyle Team Championship and the National Women's Championship.