

Minutes of the IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee Meeting

April 18, 2012

The IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, beginning at 10:00a.m. Committee members present were Ray Hagerty, Chicago (Gage Park); Dan Jones, DeKalb; Mark Hahn, Carol Stream (Glenbard North); Jon Murray, Geneseo; Doug DeWald, Leroy; Jay Blair, Manito (Midwest Central); Allen Kirgan, Granite City; Ray Winesburg, Elgin; Craig Anderson, IHSA; Mike Manahan, Bloomington and Dan Cliffe, IWCOA rep.

The minutes from April 20, 2011 meeting were approved.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item II B. 2 a. and VII. B. Team Advancement

Recommendation: Based upon the winter drawing the two regional champions and two 2nd place teams at those regionals will meet at the Dual Team Sectional to wrestle in a cross bracket of champions vs. 2nd place finishers. The winners of those matches will wrestle again that night to determine the State Final qualifier.

Rationale: Since the dual team state championship series has qualifiers for the sectional tournament determined by the results of the individual tournament, the committee believes the top 2 teams at the individual regional should have an opportunity to compete as a team in the state series and potentially qualify for the state finals. Each sectional would need two sites to wrestle the semifinal and final matches in determining the team qualifiers for the Dual Team state tournament.

No Action Taken

2. Item V. B. Seeding and Schedules in the Individual State Tournament series will be done according to the following plan: 1)

Recommendation: Seed the top 4 wrestlers plus all deserving wrestlers (nominated by their coach) in a bracket

Rationale: This will ensure the next best wrestlers after the top 4 seeded wrestlers earn a respective position in the bracket versus being placed by a blind draw.

No Action Taken

3. Item V. B. Note:

Recommendation: Byes will be included as part of the blind draw.

Rationale: When the bye is part of the draw, this gives the top 4 seeded wrestlers equal opportunity for a first round match. This would allow higher seeded wrestlers to get a chance to wrestle in the first round along with a chance to earn team bonus points.

No Action Taken

4. Item V. C. Dual Team Roster

Recommendation: Allow 24 wrestlers to make up the Dual Team Roster.

Rationale: Wrestling squads throughout the season are in excess of the current 21 wrestler limitation. The bench area has room for additional squad members as not all wrestlers are seated during the match.

No Action Taken

5. Item VI. Tournament Structure and Schedule

Recommendation: Random draw the starting weight class for the Individual State finals matches. This can be drawn with the winter drawing in December. .

Rationale: Traditionally the 285 pound weight class is always the last weight class wrestled at the Individual State Wrestling tournament. Allowing a random draw for the starting weight class would vary the ending match and potentially give the 285 pound wrestlers the opportunity to wrestle in front of a bigger crowd.

Approved By Consent

6. VI. A. Individual Tournaments

Recommendation: Move the Start time for opening the doors for the Individual State tournament to 11:00am on Thursday.

Rationale: The earlier start time will allow for teams to conduct weight checks before weigh-ins on Thursday and get finished with wrestling at a reasonable time on Thursday night. Last year's finishing time was 10:10pm with wrestlers required to be back at the Assembly Hall by 6:30am for weigh-ins on Friday morning

No Action Taken

7. VI. A. Individual Tournament

Recommendation: Alternate Thursday wrestling annually by class to allow each class a change in start and ending time.

Rationale: The committee believes that different advantages exist in the different time frames of wrestling on Thursday and would like this to be shared over a 3 year rotation.

No Action Taken

8. VI. A Individual Tournament

Recommendation: During the Second Session (Friday morning) Quarterfinal wrestling followed by first round wrestle backs should be wrestled by classes on 6 mats. The order of the classes should match the order from Thursday.

Rationale: The committee believes this will give wrestlers and coaches a chance to relax away from the Assembly Hall during the day on Friday as opposed to being there for a long 2nd day. This also gives the class finishing late on Thursday night a chance to rest during the morning following weigh-ins before beginning the quarterfinal session.

No Action Taken

9. VI. A Individual Tournament

Recommendation: Move 3rd-4th place matches to the Fourth (Saturday) session in conjunction with the 5th-6th place matches.

Rationale: This will allow for an appropriate break time between sessions on Saturday and allow Assembly Hall to break down the mats and set up for the finals during the break. The Grand March and Final matches will be able to start in a timely fashion beginning with the Fifth session. Wrestling on Saturday night should finish at a reasonable time as opposed to after 11:00pm.

Approved By Consent

10. Item VII. A. 3) Sectional Alternate:

Recommendation: Unless the two wrestlers have met previously in the tournament then the winner of that match is the 1st alternate.

Rationale: A head to head result if wrestlers have met in the tournament should determine the alternate over a result of common opponents.

Approved By Consent

11. Item VIII I. Team Bench

Recommendation: The dual team bench shall be limited to a maximum of ~~(26)~~ (32) individuals, including a maximum of ~~(24)~~ (24) wrestlers in proper uniform listed on the team roster. The ~~(5)~~ (8) remaining individuals must be connected with the team may include coaches, trainers, managers, etc.

Rationale: Teams and coaching staffs are bigger. This would allow coaches and wrestlers that are part of the team all season could continue to be mat side during the post season as opposed to sitting in the stands.

No Action Taken

12. Item IX. Tournament Policies C. State Final Passes

Recommendation: Alternate passes for the entire tournament

Rationale: When coaches bring alternates to the tournament, the alternates are the responsibility of the coach and should be able to come and go with the team through the pass gate for supervision purposes.

No Action Taken

13. X. Awards

Recommendation: 32 medallions will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place teams in each class.

Rationale: This would allow more participants and coaches who are part of the team during the regular season to earn the recognition of being part of the top 4 team in the state.

No Action Taken

14. X. B. Awards

Recommendation: Award team placers (1 – 4) at the individual state championship.

Rationale: The committee believes this would provide more excitement and bring more spectator interest to the individual state tournament. Awards (trophy or plaque) for the top four teams could be purchased by the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA). This would not add time or cost to the tournament.

No Action Taken

WEIGHT CONTROL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. II. Time Periods for Measurements A.

Recommendation: All wrestlers must certify their weights by Friday of Week 24 on the IHSA Standardized calendar.

Rationale: This will give wrestlers a reasonable time to adjust their bodies to the sport of wrestling after coming from a fall sport. This would also reduce the rapid reduction that currently goes on as wrestlers try to reduce their weight before completing the certification process prior to their first match.

No Action Taken

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Consider including the TANITA body fat percentage indicator as a device to determine body fat percentages for wrestlers in addition to the current skin fold test.
2. Hand-calculate the descent for female wrestlers whose body fat percentage exceeds 30%.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Discussed adding a warm-up mat at the back of the tunnel in the Assembly Hall for the Individual State Final Tournament.
2. Discussed seeding the sectionals before assigning regionals.
3. Discussed providing a reserved seating area with tickets for purchase by non-working IHSA officials.
4. The committee reviewed the information provided from the Regional Questionnaires.
5. The committee reviewed the pass gate list for the individual sectional and accepted the current document. The committee believes the sectional host can use his/her discretion regarding providing hospitality tickets to coaches/administrators.
6. Recognized outgoing Advisory Committee members: Dan Jones, Dekalb; Allen Kirgan, Granite City; and Ray Winesburg, Elgin
7. Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.