

Minutes of the IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee Meeting

April 21, 2010

The IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, beginning at 9:30a.m. Committee members present were Joe Joyce, Chicago Kelly; Dan Jones, DeKalb; Keith Healy, New Lenox Providence Catholic; Tom Chiles, Galesburg; Mike Troll, Normal University High; Jeff Hill, Petersburg Porta; Allen Kirgan, Granite City; Ray Winesburg, Elgin; Mike Manahan, Bloomington and Dave Gannaway, IHSA.

The minutes from April 22, 2009, meeting were approved.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item V.B3: Seedings and Schedules

Recommendation: Add the following requirement, that the sectional managers calculate the seeding points of each sectional champ and enter the points online in the winners reports.

Rationale: This will allow for everyone to see the seeding points of each sectional champion on the winners report from each sectional. By having the sectional managers calculate the seeding points and verify it with the coach of the sectional champion we can have accurate data ready to go on Sunday when seeding each of the weight classes.

Approved

2. Item VI.A: Individual Tournaments

Recommendation: The wrestling advisory committee would like to have Thursday as the start of the 3A Individual wrestling tournament. Wrestling would start at 6:30 pm Thursday with one round. This would allow for wrestling to start at 9:30 am on Friday with all classes.

Rationale: The schools would not have to stay another night as the majority of the schools are already down on Thursday. By having one round of the 3A tournament starting at 6:00 pm Thursday, weigh ins on Friday could start later and the start of Friday could be moved back at least until 9:30 am. This would mean that all classes would start wrestling at 9:30 am. The second round of wrestle backs that are early Saturday morning could be moved to Friday night and that would allow for a later weigh in on Saturday morning and the first matches on Saturday morning starting at approximately 10:00 am would be the semi-final matches in all classes.

No Action Taken

3. Item VIII.G Note 1: Team Scoring

Recommendation: Delete the statement "If the wrestlers have met previously, there will be a walk-over and in any walk-over matches the wrestler gets the same number of bonus points as the previous match." We will wrestle all matches if they have previously met.

Rationale: With the change of the wrestle back format, this would allow for all wrestlers to be able to wrestle for a place and not have a previous match determine the outcome of the match scheduled in the wrestle backs. This would not add many matches at all to any of the state series tournaments.

Approved

4. Item XI: Officials

Recommendation: Change regional fee to the following:

Regionals	\$160.50 (no change)
Regionals with 10 or more teams	\$200.50
Ind. Sectional	\$260.00 (was \$205)

Rationale: With change of classes and the number of schools that are in the 3A regionals, there has been an increase of several matches that officials have to officiate compared to most of the class 1A or 2A regionals. The committee did not feel a need to adjust regionals that had 9 or fewer schools but did feel that the regionals that contained 10 or more schools have a huge load increase in the number of matches that have to be officiated.

Class 1A – 0 regionals with more than 8 teams	\$0 increase
Class 2A – 2 regionals with 10 teams	\$240 increase
Class 3A – 14 regionals with 10 or 11 teams	\$1,680 increase
Total	\$1,920

Sectionals were increased to a true wrestle back to third and the advisory committee did not make a recommendation to increase the fee for the sectional wrestling officials to offset the number of additional matches (approximately 75 to 80) at each sectional. The committee felt raising the fee \$55 per official was a fair compensation.

12 sectionals with 4 officials each @ a \$55 increase
Total \$2,640 increase

Tabled

WEIGHT CONTROL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Weigh in Documentation:

Recommendation: Make sure that all coaches record weights at each weigh in and have the weigh in supervisor sign the weigh in sheet after each weigh in for documentation.

Rationale: Last year we had several issues with verification of exact weigh in weights for each wrestler that weighed in. By having a weigh in sheet signed by the weigh in supervisor each coach will have written documentation of exacts weights for each wrestler at each weigh in.

Approved

2. Certified Weight

Recommendation: Recommend that each wrestler make weight at the next lowest weight class on the decent down to their certified weight class on or the first weigh in for that wrestler after the target date listed on the weight control certification form listed in each school center for each school.

Rationale: This will keep each wrestler on a downward decent using the 1.5 percent weight loss per week as the gold standard for weight reduction. Once the wrestler makes their certified weight class for the year, then they would be certified for the year at that weight class. Remember that on the downward decent a wrestler may only weigh in at the lowest weight class they have weighed in at or the next weight class above. If a wrestler has an issue with making the target date the Principal of that school may submit an appeal to the IHSA to review the reasons why that wrestler was not able to make the target deadline. The IHSA would then supply to the school written documentation to allow for a different weigh in date to meet that wrestlers certified weight class.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Starting times for regionals need to be reviewed to accommodate teams traveling large distances to a regional site so that a school would not be required to spend the night prior to the regionals. If schools disagree with the start time set by the tournament manager, the IHSA administrator will set the start time of the regionals with input from the tournament manager.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion on girls wrestling occurred and it was noted that the schools need to express interest before the IHSA would look into girls wrestling, but at this time there has not been interest expressed by member schools.
2. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.