

IESA WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
March 22, 2007

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Steve DeNeut, Bryan Wolfe, Terry Kivisto, Jeff Baughman, and Dan Newkirk; Official Bill Honeycutt, and Board Liaison, Scott Herrmann.

The IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, in its meeting of March 22, 2007, make the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their March 30, 2007, meeting:

1. To add information to the Wrestling Terms and Conditions, as an exception to National Federation rule 4-5-3, and to the host booklets that the weigh-ins for the state series may be conducted as a team as opposed to weight classes. **Rationale:** Most host schools already are weighing in by team as opposed to weight class. Approval of this will simply provide more information to the hosts and standardized the procedure, plus give flexibility with distances that some schools must travel.
2. Effective with the 2007-2008 (this upcoming) school year, to move the starting date of practice/tryouts to Monday of week 22 in the standardized calendar. The current beginning date of practice is Monday of week 20. The starting date of meets would remain the same---Monday of week 23. **Rationale:** The surveys that were returned from the coaches at the state meet were overwhelmingly in favor of shortening the season. This is the only sport we have where the season is longer than the IHSA season for the same sport.
3. To add information to the Terms & Conditions and By-Law 4.0535 that scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the sectional will not be replaced. **Rationale:** Scratches reported on Friday preceding the sectional are very difficult to follow through and find the appropriate substitute.
4. The committee recommends that the Association purchase bracket boards for the regionals. **Rationale:** While the committee at the minimum would like for the regional first place winner to receive a medal, they understand that the cross-country and track and field sectional winners do not receive medals. However, bracket boards are simply part of awards in wrestling and wrestlers expect to receive a bracket board. Currently some host schools give these to regional winners; others don't. This would insure all regional winners receive a bracket board.
5. To change By-Laws 4.058 and 4.0593 to reflect the wrestling and awarding of medals to the 7th and 8th place wrestlers at state. Currently only six places are awarded at the state level. **Rationale:** Only 19 additional matches would need to be wrestled on Saturday to implement this change. This would allow 38 additional wrestlers to score points for their team and receive "state" honors. The only cost associated with the change would be the purchase of 38 additional medals.
6. To change the starting time on Saturday of the state meet from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Rationale:** In theory, the meet would end 30 minutes earlier and allow schools to get home earlier, especially those that have 2+ hours to the current site.

Several items were discussed without any action. These included setting a minimum number of matches to seed at the regional, walkovers at the state meet, and problems with securing regional hosts. The committee was appreciative of the efforts the coaches made to utilize the online forms that were used this year. This greatly helps host schools and the IESA to prepare for the state series.

The next meeting of the committee was set for Wednesday, March 19, 2008.