

IESA WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
IESA Office, Bloomington, IL
April 17, 2018

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Charlie McCluskey, Brad Powell, Chad Hicks, Brady Knop, David Rush, Gary Rizzio; Administrator Henry Soltesz; and IHSA Official Ron Coit. Also in attendance were Jared Johnson, State Tournament Manager and Mike Manahan.

The IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, in its meeting of April 17, 2018, submit the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 15, 2018, meeting:

RECOMMENDATION #1

Current Ten officials shall be hired to work the wrestling finals when eight mats are used.
Proposed Twelve officials shall be hired to work the wrestling finals.
Rationale Due to the additional wrestlers being added to the finals, there is a need for two additional state final officials.
T&C XII D
Handbook 2.128
Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #2

Current Three officials shall be hired for each regional boys wrestling tournament
Proposed Two officials shall be hired for each regional boys wrestling tournament.
Rationale Due to the new format for the state series, there will be an additional 16 regional hosts needed. However, a host school will only need two mats to host a regional.
T&C XII B
Handbook 2.128
Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #3

Current Payments of \$160 at the regional level, \$150 for the sectional level, and \$155 per day at the state level
Proposed Payments of \$160 at the regional level, \$170 for the sectional level, and \$175 per day at the state level.
Rationale Due to the new format for the state series, there are more contestants at the sectional and state tournaments than in prior years. The day will be longer for each official. The proposed amounts reflect that the officials will be working longer.
T&C XII F
Handbook 5.042
Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #4

Current The first, second, third, and fourth-place regional individual weight class winners shall advance to sectional level competition and the first, second, and third-place sectional individual weight class winners shall advance to state level competition.
Proposed The first, second and third place regional individual weight class winners shall advance to sectional level competition and the first, second, third, and fourth place sectional individual weight class winners shall advance to state level competition.
Rationale Changes needed due to the new state series format--The recommendation

reflects one less wrestler going from regional to sectional and one more wrestler going from sectional to state.

T&C VII
Handbook 4.055

Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #5--Determining alternate for sectional from regional

Current Sectional: The first alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinals to the eventual 3rd place winner. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinal to the eventual 4th place winner. The third alternate shall be the wrestler who had the highest seed who did not place.

Proposed Sectional: The first alternate shall be the wrestler in the regional who was defeated in the third place match. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the regional championship bracket competition but failed to qualify as a third place winner or as the first alternate.

Rationale Changes needed due to the new state series format

T&C VIII D

Handbook 4.054

Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #6--Determining alternate for state from sectional

Current State: The first alternate shall be the wrestler in the sectional defeated in the third place match. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the sectional championship bracket competition but failed to qualify as a third place winner or as the first alternate. Should more than one (1) wrestler meet second alternate criterion then the one winning the most matches in both the championship and consolation brackets shall be the second alternate. However, if two (2) wrestlers remain tied for the second alternate position, the one defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance. If the above criterion does not produce a replacement then the third alternate would be the wrestler who loses the first round championship bout to the champion.

Proposed State: The first alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinals to the eventual 3rd place winner. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who loses in the consolation semifinals to the eventual 4th place winner.

Rationale Changes needed due to the new state series format

T&C VIII D

Handbook 4.054

Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #7

Proposed New Time Schedule

Rationale: Changes needed due to the new state series format

Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #8--From wrestling ad-hoc committee

Current A member school may elect to enter one or two individuals in one to eight of the weight classes without being eligible for team awards.

Proposed Delete

Rationale Any school who enters the state series should be eligible for team awards regardless of the number of wrestlers they enter at the regional level. If a team only has seven wrestlers, for example, and those seven wrestlers earn enough points to win the regional, then that school should be able to claim the first place regional plaque.

T&C None
Handbook 4.054
Board Action: APPROVED

RECOMMENDATION #9

Current Wrestlers are limited to a maximum of 37 matches per season.
Proposed Wrestlers are limited to a maximum of 42 matches per season.
Rationale This proposed change will allow coaches some needed flexibility due to forfeits. Assume a wrestler has a record of 29-8. But, since a forfeit counts as a win, if the wrestler has 10 forfeit wins of his 29 total wins, he only wrestled (actually being on the mat) 27 times. But, because of the 10 forfeit wins he never "wrestled" 37 times. Allowing for 42 total matches in a season gives wrestlers who accumulate multiple forfeit wins the chance to wrestle if their opponent has a wrestler at his weight class when previously they were no able to do so because they already had 37 matches but 10 of those were forfeit wins.

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Handbook 4.055
Board Action: APPROVED

2019 State Series dates:

Regional Seeding Meeting: February 20, 2019
Regionals: February 23, 2019
Sectionals: March 2, 2019
State: March 8-9, 2019, @ NIU Convocation Center

Charlie McCluskey, Brad Powell, and Henry Soltesz were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting of the committee is set for Tuesday, April 16, 2019.