

IESA WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
IESA Office, Bloomington, IL
April 23, 2019

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Chad Hicks, Dan Newkirk, Ryan Nachreiner, Sean Mullen, David Rush; Administrator Brady Knop; and IHSA Official Ron Coit. Also in attendance was Jared Johnson, State Tournament Manager.

The IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, in its meeting of April 23, 2019, submit the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 14, 2019, meeting:

RECOMMENDATION #1

Current Individual Awards at Regional: Ribbons will be presented to the first, second, and third place winners in each weight class division at each regional wrestling meet.

Proposed Individual Awards at Regional: Ribbons will be presented to the first, second, and third place winners in each weight class division at each regional wrestling meet. A bracket board will also be given to each individual weight class regional champion.

Rationale IESA is already providing bracket boards at the sectional and state levels with the cost of those boards being absorbed by the IESA. For the regional bracket boards, the regional host would reimburse the IESA for the cost of the bracket boards. In the wrestling world, a bracket board for the champion of a given weight class is expected. As it stands now, some hosts go out and get a professionally made bracket board; some give the winners a piece of computer paper that show the brackets; and some hosts give nothing to the winner. By IESA ordering and sending the boards to the regional hosts, it ensures that all regionals not only get bracket boards but they are all standardized. Approximate cost for each regional would be \$100.

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Handbook 4.059

Board Action: Not approved

RECOMMENDATION #2

Current The championship bracket semi-final losers at the regional level and sectional level are not cross bracketed as they drop into the consolation bracket.

Proposed At the regional level and sectional level, to cross bracket the championship bracket semi-final losers as they drop into the consolation bracket.

Rationale Cross bracketing the consolation bracket ensures that wrestlers who continue to win in the consolation bracket would only face a prior opponent in a placing match.

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Board Action: Approved

RECOMMENDATION #3

Current Three officials shall be hired for each sectional boys wrestling tournament.

Proposed Four officials shall be hired for each sectional boys wrestling tournament.

Rationale Sectional hosts are required to use three mats. Only having three officials at a sectional means the officials do not have a break for the entire day. With the new A/AA format, a sectional meet is about 8-9 hours in length. A fourth official would allow the officials to have a break during the day. If approved, this would add \$170 to the officials cost at each of the eight sectionals.

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Handbook 2.128

Board Action: Approved with the rate of pay to be \$160 per official at each sectional.

The following items were discussed and agreed upon:

- A. Sectional format---discussion was held concerning a double elimination format. There was no support to change to this format. The biggest reason cited for not changing to a double elimination format was the time it would take to complete the sectional—a double elimination format would likely mean a two day tournament which would require some schools to stay overnight and the additional expense for officials.
- B. The first weight class to wrestle at the finals of the state meet will be randomly drawn and then it will continue in weight order for the remainder of the weight classes. Four mats will continue to be used for the championship matches---two weight classes for Class A and two weight classes for Class AA. For example, if 80 lbs. is randomly drawn, then 80 and 85 will start the finals, followed by 90 and 95, followed by 100 and 105, followed by 112 and 119, etc.
- C. Awards at the state meet---Medals will be presented after the two weight classes have completed their championship matches. This past year, awards were presented after six weight classes completed their matches which resulted in long delays for the wrestlers of the remaining weight classes. Two additional award stands will be needed.
- D. For regular season meets and the state series it is recommended that the host schools weigh-in any girl(s) who might be wrestling first and then weigh-in all the boys second. In most cases there are only a couple of girls wrestling in a given meet or tournament so it makes sense to complete their weigh-in before starting the boys.
- E. Add information to the host booklets about scratches become forfeits and any bout affected by a scratch becomes a forfeit. Also, to add information to the regional host booklet that the host should have an LCD projector available the night of the seeding meeting to assist with the seeding process.
- F. The use of trackwrestling at the state final tournament was discussed. As a whole, the committee was in favor of using trackwrestling. There are several considerations including cost, who would run the software, wi-fi access that is needed to run the software...in essence, all of the logistics involved with moving to this type of scoring. Mr. Endsley will gather additional information before a final decision is made.
- G. The state final schedule will be adjusted to reflect more accurately the times that the various rounds will begin basing the new times off of the actual times of the 2019 tournament. There will be no changes to the start time for weigh-ins on Friday or when the actual competition begins on Friday or Saturday. These are simply internal changes to the time schedule since the time schedule used for the 2019 tournament was a bit of a guesstimate and now after the first year, there is a more accurate timeline available.

2020 State Series dates:

Regional Seeding Meeting: February 26, 2020

Regionals: February 29, 2020

Sectionals: March 7, 2020

State: March 13-14, 2020, @ NIU Convocation Center, DeKalb, IL

Brady Knop and Chad Hicks were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting of the committee is set for Tuesday, April 21, 2020.