

IESA WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

April 7, 2011

The following members were present for the meeting: IESA Board Liaison, Scott Herrmann Coaches Jim Chelsvig, Jim Troemel, Dwayne Love, Mike Jensen, and Daniel Levy; Administrator, Tim Gipe; and IHSA Official Frank Filippi.

The IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, in its meeting of April 7, 2011, make the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their April 8, 2011, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.057 and all information in the Terms and Conditions/Regional Host Booklet to reflect that 8 wrestlers shall be seeded in each weight class. **Rationale: Currently, four wrestlers are seeded at each weight class. Most weight classes have between 10-16 wrestlers in each class and in some cases there are 17-18 wrestlers in a weight class. In those classes where there are 17-18 wrestlers in a weight class, 8 wrestlers are seeded. By seeding 8 wrestlers in all weight classes, it will help to make the initial pairings within each weight class more equitable.**
2. To add to the Terms and Conditions and the Regional and Sectional Host booklets that no state series host school shall make a weight scale available to check weight before the actual weigh-ins begin. **Rationale: Since there is no weight allowance and given that once teams are in the designated weigh-in area they cannot leave the area, there is no need for the host school to provide a scale to check weight. Wrestlers are not allowed to do any activity that promotes dehydration once they are in the weigh-in room. Therefore, a scale to check weight before the actual weigh-ins begin is not necessary and only condones the exact things the rules prohibit.**
3. To add the following to the requirements of hosting a regional or sectional: It is recommended that schools who host a regional or sectional use three mats to conduct the tournament. **Rationale: Three mats allow the meet to be completed in a reasonable amount of time, will cut down on the wait between matches for the wrestlers, and make for a better tournament experience for everyone.**
4. To add a line item for a trainer expense on the regional and sectional financial reports. **Rationale: Most hosts simply add the trainer expense as a miscellaneous item. By giving the expense its own line item, it will highlight the fact that hosts can and should be hiring a trainer for the event.**

Several items were discussed without any recommendations coming from the committee. The number of matches that an individual can wrestle in will remain at 37 as the committee feels that 37 matches is plenty for a wrestler at this age level. Schools that wrestle in several triangulars and quads will need to monitor the number of matches for their wrestlers. There was no majority support to allow one wrestler per weight class to score for the team at the regional and sectional. It was explained to the committee that the state pairings are done in the summer for the following year's state meet and that they are different from year to year. Committee members were given a brief explanation as to the manner in which state assignments are made. Committee members shared thoughts on state tournament pictures, software for scoring regionals and sectionals, use of inhalers, and possible changes coming to the high school weight classes. The committee was unanimously in favor of keeping the no weight allowance policy. Wrestlers will continue to have to make actual weight at weigh-in. There will be no second day weigh-ins at the state meet.

Jim Chelsvig, Dwayne Love, and Frank Filippi were recognized for their service to the committee. Jim Troemel will serve one more year on the committee.

The next meeting of the committee was set for Thursday, April 12, 2012.