

IESA WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
April 2, 2009

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Joe Kolb, Ed Bryson, Jim Chelsvig, Jim Troemel, and Dwayne Love; Administrator, Jeff Baughman; Official Frank Filippi, Board Liaison, Scott Herrmann and special guest Mike Manahan.

The IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, in its meeting of April 2, 2009, make the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 19, 2009, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.053 so a regular season tournament is defined “where opponents are determined through a bracketed format.” No change is recommended to the number of dates and tournaments. That will remain as is currently allowed. **Rationale: By approving this change, on nights where 4-5 teams may be in attendance but a school only wrestles two of those teams, it will count as a date and not a tournament. Previous wording in the By-Law said that any time there were four or more teams in attendance it constituted a tournament even though a “tournament” was not being held. This will clarify what constitutes a tournament and allow a dual meet that might already be scheduled to bring on additional teams for a separate dual meet that evening without it counting as a tournament.**

2. To eliminate managers, statisticians, and scorekeepers on the pass gate list. Schools that bring people (generally wrestlers from the team who did not qualify for state) for these “positions” will have to pay for their admission. **Rationale: Quite simply, we are having too many people receive free admission and further, the tags these people are receiving are then being passed around to parents who are getting in free because they have a tag. This will eliminate parents from getting free admission and may reduce the pressure on the schools to send extra kids who will not be wrestling at the finals but have to be supervised.**

3. By NFHS rule, a wrestler can only wrestle in 5 matches in one day. Because we now have some regionals with more than 8 teams assigned to the regional, it is possible (rare but possible) that an individual would need to wrestle in more than five matches to complete the weight class if there were more than 16 wrestlers in a bracket and the right combination of wins and losses occurred. To insure that no wrestler would wrestle in more than five matches, the recommendation to change By-Law 4.057 is as follows: If an individual bracket has more than 16 wrestlers, the following procedure shall be used to seed the wrestlers:

Eight wrestlers shall be seeded using the criteria established. Once the schools of those 8 wrestlers are determined, at least one wrestler from the remaining schools shall have one of their two wrestlers drawn into the 16 man bracket. The remaining wrestlers shall then be drawn into the pigtail matches. Wrestlers who lose the pigtail match are eliminated from the regional and will not be placed in the wrestleback. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top half of the bracket and seed #2, #3, #6, and #7 shall be placed in the bottom half of the bracket.

4. At the regional level of the state series, if a school enters more than one wrestler in a weight class, only one of the wrestlers is eligible to earn team points. That wrestler must be designated by the head coach at weigh-in. Should both individuals from the same school in the same weight class advance to the sectional and/or state, then the head coach shall designate at weigh-in of the next level which individual is eligible to earn team points. **Rationale: The current scoring system allows for two wrestlers at each weight class and both wrestlers can earn team points. This favors those larger schools that are able to field two wrestlers in each weight class in a majority of the classes or in all of the classes. This change would level the scoring field as only one wrestler per weight class would be able to earn team points. It would not prohibit the “non-scoring” wrestler in a given weight class from being able to advance to the next level. Also if a school does advance two wrestlers from the same weight class, the head coach can change who is the scoring wrestler.**

5. To change By-Laws 4.055 and 4.056 so that all wrestlers at each weigh-in (regular season and state series) will be limited to the maximum weight in each weight class without any extra allowance. **Rationale: As it stands now, wrestlers, have to weight certify at a scratch weight on a set date each season. Wrestlers do not have to wrestle at that weight at any time during the season making the “certification” almost totally useless and a lot of paperwork for everyone involved. If approved, wrestlers would have to make scratch weight at all meets and unless they met NFHS rule 4-5-5, no weight allowance will be given throughout the wrestling season. No weight allowance will be given for any of the state series matches even if a school meets NFHS rule 4-5-5. There simply will be no weight certification. Wrestlers would step on the scale prior to each match and wrestle the weight for which he is qualified. A wrestler who is listed on the Regional Entry Form for a given weight class and fails to make weight must be scratched and cannot be moved into another weight class. Given that the first 9 weight classes only have 5 lbs. between each class, the inability to make a given weight in a regular season match or tournament would simply mean that the wrestler must be moved up a weight class that is only five pounds higher. This would be a MAJOR change to the certification/weigh-in process and would require coaches to carefully monitor weight gain/loss and to pay particular attention to the weight class that the wrestlers are entered in for the state series. Weigh-ins at the**

state meet would still be held on Friday only. (See information at bottom for the sample weights taken at this year's meet)

6. To change By-Law 4.057 so when seeding wrestlers, records from a higher weight class *shall* be brought down to the lower seed. **Rationale: Apparently there is some confusion at some seeding meetings because the current wording says records *can* be brought down. This change would require that records from a higher weight class *shall* be brought down.**
7. To designate a weigh-in time for regionals and sectionals in a 45 minute block. **Rationale: A host school should designate a weigh-in time from 7-7:45, for example, during which time the team must arrive and complete weigh-in. Some schools set weigh-ins at 7:00 a.m. and expect every school to be there by 7:00 a.m. Given some of the distances some schools have to travel, this could necessitate spending the night. This change would allow schools to arrive within a designated time block.**

The committee would like for the head official at the sectional to remind schools that scratches of state qualifiers need to be reported to the IESA Office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday preceding the state final. The IESA Office will inform all schools of this as well. Mr. Endsley will work with Mike Manahan to make sure that all host schools have a copy of the wrestling software to run the regionals and sectionals and that the bout numbers all are numbered correctly. Schools serving as a regional/sectional host need to be sure that their scales are certified as per NFHS rule 2-4-3.

Jeff Baughman and Dan Newkirk were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting of the committee was set for Thursday, April 1, 2010

How much weight do they gain?

Wt. Class	Weigh-in Wt.	Saturday Wt. (with singlets and shoes--- approx 1.75 lbs extra)
112	111.6	115
85	84.6	91.1
145	141.5	145.8
75	76.2	80.4
100	101.3	103.2
145	143.1	147.3
167	158.4	162.5
155	151.8	156.7
112	112	118
85	86.2	92.8
112	112.3	117.2
135	136.9	143****
126	127.5	136****
65	65.7	68.1
65	65.6	70.9
95	96.4	100.1
126	128.7	138.1****
155	153.6	158.5
85	85.9	90.8
145	143.8	147.5
135	130.9	133.8
90	89.2	94.7
75	76.3	80.1