

IESA WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
April 12, 2012

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Mike Assaf, Jim Troemel, Mike Jensen, Daniel Levy, Tom Unruh, and Joe Cliffe; Administrator, Tim Gipe; and IHSA Official Ray Winesburg.

The IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, in its meeting of April 12, 2012, makes the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for their June 15, 2012, meeting:

1. To change By-Law 4.057 and all information in the Terms and Conditions/Regional Host Booklet regarding regional seeding procedures to read as follows:

It shall be the responsibility of the regional wrestling host to invite the coaches of the participating schools to a seeding meeting on Wednesday prior to the date of the event. No team shall be allowed to participate in the regional without official entries submitted at the regional seeding meeting. Schools not in attendance shall have nothing to say regarding seeding. Before seeding begins, each regional has the responsibility to determine the minimum number of *varsity* matches needed for a wrestler to be seeded. **Eight** contestants in each weight class shall be seeded from entries on the Regional Entry Form in the following manner:

- (a) Head-to-head competition;
- (b) Record against common opponents;
- (c) Overall record of *varsity* matches--include matches wrestled regardless of the weight class;
- (d) Vote by the coaches if the eight seeds can not be determined through steps a through c above.

NOTES:

- *No re-seeding shall be done after all 19 weight classes have been seeded.*
- *If a weight class has fewer than eight competitors, only the wrestlers who meet the minimum number of varsity matches that were needed to be seeded shall be seeded.*
- *If a weight class has more than 8 wrestlers but fewer than 8 meet the minimum number of varsity matches determined to be able to be seeded, then only those wrestlers who meet the minimum number of varsity matches needed to be seeded are seeded and the remaining number of wrestlers in that weight class are ALL placed by draw. For example, if the 100 lb. weight class has 12 wrestlers entered but only five of the 12 wrestlers have the minimum number of varsity matches needed to be seeded (as agreed upon by the coaches the night of the seeding meeting), then only those five wrestlers will be seeded and the remaining seven wrestlers are all drawn into the bracket.*
- *It is the intent of the seeding process that only varsity matches shall be considered for the purpose of seeding. At the regional seeding meeting, coaches will determine the minimum number of varsity matches that are needed to be seeded. Wrestlers who do not have that minimum number of varsity matches, can never be seeded higher than a wrestler who has attained the minimum number of varsity matches. For example, the coaches decide that a wrestler has to have at least 10 varsity matches in order to be seeded. One wrestler in the 126 lb. wt. class has a 16-1 record heading into regionals but only four of the 17 matches were wrestled at the varsity level with the other 13 matches wrestled at the j.v. level. Another wrestler is 1-12 at the same weight class but all matches were varsity matches. The wrestler with the 16-1 record CANNOT be seeded. That wrestler must be a draw because he has not met the minimum number of varsity matches agreed to by the coaches before the start of the seeding meeting. The wrestler with the 1-12 varsity record may be seeded.*

Rationale: The main change to the seeding criteria is that it is now established that only varsity matches can be used in the seeding process. Prior to the recommendation, it was assumed that varsity matches were to be used but there were some regionals that were using a wrestler's entire record(varsity, j.v. novice, etc.) If approved, only the varsity record may be used when seeding.

Several items were discussed without any recommendations coming from the committee. Second day weigh-ins at state were once again discussed. The committee was given a list of wrestlers who were weighed in prior to competing on Saturday. Most wrestlers were within a couple of pounds of the maximum weight for their weight class and there were a couple that weighed less than the maximum for their weight class. The committee was not in favor of requiring second day weigh-ins. The committee was also not in favor of giving medals to 8 wrestlers in each class (some wrestlers would have a losing record at state if 8 medals were given; they were not in favor of splitting into two classes (not enough schools entered in the state series to warrant a Class A and a Class AA competition); and decided to continue with the walkover format.

Jim Troemel, Mike Assaf, and Tim Gipe were recognized for their service to the committee.

The next meeting of the committee was set for Thursday, April 11, 2013.