

2021-22 IESA WRESTLING ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

March 23, 2022

The following members were present for the Hybrid meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Associate Executive Director), Brian Lee (Auburn), Connor Cummings (Woodridge Jefferson), Dan Levy (Wilmette JHS), Dan Newkirk (Litchfield), David Rush (Homer Glen Homer), Gary Rizzio (Barrington Prairie), Sean Mullen (McHenry MS), Ron Coit (Official), and Mike Hurckes (Coordinator of Officials). Not in attendance was Jeff Baughman (LeRoy).

The IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, in its meeting on March 23, 2022, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their April, 2022, meeting:

Recommendation 1- State Series Format

Current	Cross bracketing of regional and sectional semi-final losers.
Proposed	No cross bracketing at the regional and sectional level. The state final consolation bracket will be cross bracketed.
Rationale	At the regional and sectional level, there would not be an opportunity for wrestlers to meet previous opponents due to the bracket size.
IESA By-Law	
Admin Vote	2-0 in favor
Board Action	Approved

Recommendation 2- NFHS Exceptions

Current	Individual contestants shall be limited to a maximum of five matches per day, with a minimum of 45 minutes between each match.
Proposed	Individual contestants shall be limited to a maximum of five matches per day, with a minimum of 30 minutes between each match.
Rationale	The reduction of time between matches for an individual has been reduced in the proposed and would be in line with the shorter match time periods at the junior high level.
IESA By-Law	
Admin Vote	2-0 in favor
Board Action	Approved

Recommendation 3- Official's Pay

Current	At the sectional level payment will be \$160.00 with no mileage.
Proposed	At the sectional level payment will be \$175.00 with no mileage.
Rationale	This would be a \$15.00 increase per official at the sectional level and would put the compensation rate on par with other tournaments.
IESA By-Law	
Admin Vote	2-0 in favor
Board Action	Approved

State Final Order of Competition

Two mats will be used for the championship matches at the state final venue. The championship matches will be held on two mats in the following order: **85 & 90; 95 & 100; 105 & 112; 119 & 126; 135 & 145; 155 & 167; 185 & 215; 275 & 65; 70 & 75; 80.**

Committee Discussion Topics

1. Discussion regarding the number of mats at regionals and sectionals. Running a third mat at the regional level is possible. If a school requests use of a third mat and a third official, the IESA Office would hire the official and the host school would pay for the third official. This is all based on availability of officials. If IESA is not able to

secure a third official, the requesting site would not be able to run a third mat. At the sectional, minimum of 3 mats. Hosts do have the option to use four mats. This would mean that the officials would not have a break at those sites.

2. Discussion on regional and sectional assignments. No recommendation. Administrator is to send out a survey in late November/early December to the participating schools regarding their projected #'s for post-season and how many weight classes they may be able to enter.
3. Discussed the possibility of moving to a double elimination format for the regionals and sectionals. No recommendation. Double elimination would add more time to the overall tournament. To cut down on time, the format would potentially have to be changed to allow only one wrestler per team per weight class as opposed to the current 2 wrestlers per class per team. In addition, this format would increase the overall tournament expenses (76 extra matches per sectional if using double elimination. 19 more matches per official). Stay with the follow-the-leader format.
4. Discussed the possibility of reseeding at the regional level. No recommendation.
5. Discussed adding a growth allowance. No recommendation. The Committee feels like it was the best decision to eliminate the growth allowance and was in the best interest of the athletes.
6. Discussed the possibility of adjusting the wrestling calendar. No recommendation.
7. Discussed adopting an exception to NFHS rules regarding teeth/braces coverings. No recommendation.
8. Discussed a change to the State Final schedule with the Class A matches first followed by the AA in the second session. No recommendation.
9. Discussion to move all levels of the State Series to Track Wrestling. Administrator to talk with Track Wrestling regarding feasibility and pricing.
10. Discussion of the individual and team limitations. No recommendation.

Points of Emphasis

1. If there are officials in your area that you would recommend for the state series, please send their information on to the IESA Office.
2. Hosting format.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, March 21, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Administrator

- Talk to state host to change the mat configuration to lines of 4 instead of quads of 4.