



## Girls Wrestling Advisory Meeting

### Minutes and Recommendations

**October 9, 2024**

The following members were present for the meeting: Jonathan Hauter (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Jenn Harris (Vernon Hills Hawthorn North, Administrator), Jim Chelsvig (Jacksonville MS, Coach), Sean Mullen (McHenry MS, Coach), Mike Hurckes (Officials Coordinator), Tony Clark (NFHS Rules), Todd Hallaron (DWC Advisor), Via Zoom: JD Sylvanus (Johnsburg JHS, Coach), Via Zoom: Mike Hare (Collinsville, Coach). Not present was Dave Rush (Homer Glen Homer, Coach)

The IESA Girls Wrestling Advisory Committee Meeting had the following topics discussed on October 9, 2024

1. Girls Wrestling Numbers
  - 689 in 23-24, will conduct another survey in the spring.
2. Girls Wrestling season
  - ❖ **Regular season**
    - Girls season will run on same schedule as boys.
    - Girls season starts 1 week later.
  - ❖ **Sectionals**
    - Will run on the Saturday at same time as boys sectionals.
    - Will run on the Saturday of boys state finals.
    - Will be follow the leader format.
    - 4 sectional sites.
    - 5 officials at each sectional site.
  - ❖ **State**
    - Run with boys at same venue.
    - Run a week later than boys at same or different venue.
    - 1 Class
    - Will be Wrestleback format.
    - Host Venue TBD.
    - Between 8-12 officials.



<b>Girls Wrestling with Boys Wrestling</b>	<b>2026-2027</b>	<b>2027-2028</b>
<b>Entry Deadline (Mon.)</b>	Oct. 5, 2026	Oct. 4, 2027
<b>Final Entry Deadline</b>	Nov. 1, 2026	Nov. 1, 2027
<b>Cooperative Agreement Due</b>	Dec. 1, 2026	Dec. 1, 2027
<b>Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)</b>	Nov. 30, 2026	Nov. 29, 2027
<b>Season Schedule Deadline (Mon.)</b>	Dec. 7, 2026	Dec. 6, 2027
<b>Meets may begin (Mon.)</b>	Dec. 7, 2026	Dec. 6, 2027
<b>Online Roster Deadline (Tue.)</b>	Feb. 23, 2027	Feb. 22, 2028
<b>Sectionals (Sat.)</b>	Mar. 6, 2027	Mar. 4, 2028
<b>State (Fri. &amp; Sat.)</b>	Mar. 12, 13, 2027	Mar. 10, 11, 2028
<b>Season must end (Sat.)</b>	April 3, 2027	April 1, 2028
<b>Girls Wrestling Start 1 Week Later</b>	<b>2026-2027</b>	<b>2027-2028</b>
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<b>Cooperative Agreement Due</b>	Dec. 1, 2026	Dec. 1, 2027
<b>Practice/Tryouts may begin (Mon.)</b>	Dec. 7, 2026	Dec. 6, 2027
<b>Season Schedule Deadline (Mon.)</b>	Dec. 14, 2026	Dec. 13, 2027
<b>Meets may begin (Mon.)</b>	Dec. 14, 2026	Dec. 13, 2027
<b>Online Roster Deadline (Tue.)</b>	Mar. 2, 2027	Feb. 29, 2028
<b>Sectionals (Sat.)</b>	Mar. 13, 2027	Mar. 11, 2028
<b>State (Fri. &amp; Sat.)</b>	Mar. 19, 20, 2027	Mar. 17, 18, 2028
<b>Season must end (Sat.)</b>	April 10, 2027	April 8, 2028

### 3. Format

- ❖ 1 Class, Regular season, Sectionals, State.
- ❖ **Weight classes – 19 weight classes**
  - 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 126, 138, 150, 165, 180, 215, and 275.

### 4. Budget based on 1 class

- ❖ **Sectionals**
  - Sectional Plaques (\$580) + Medals (\$866) + Bracket Boards (\$540) + Officials (\$4,500) + TrackWrestling (\$300) = **\$6,786.00**



❖ **State**

- State Team Awards (\$957) + Individual Awards (\$324) + Bracket Boards (\$840) + Program (\$1250) + Officials (\$4200) + Coach, Wrestler passes and lanyards (\$450) = Total **\$8,021**
- **Total = \$14,807**

5. Realistic timeframe for implementing a well-organized and successful beginning for girls wrestling as an IESA activity.

❖ 26-27

6. Additional Items discussed.

- ❖ Staffing
- ❖ Equipment
- ❖ Officials' availability
- ❖ TrackWrestling
- ❖ Run a 1-year open tournament (not state series) for more precise numbers
- ❖ Additional Surveys
- ❖ Wrestling Club involvement
- ❖ Possible Venues
- ❖ Rules & Guidelines (Terms & Conditions)