

# NMAA WRESTLING SPORT SPECIFIC MEETING



Thursday, October 8, 2009, 9:30am – 11:30am  
NMAA Offices – Conference Room A

Attending: Scott Evans, Mike Yara, Vic Romero, Jason Nickal,  
Shane Coker, Adam Benavidez, Steve Chavez, Jeff Archuleta

1. Minutes of April meeting – questions, follow-ups?
2. Weight Management Program
  - NWCA OPC weigh-in sheets required for 2009-10
  - Cheating – hydration test – assessors file incident report to Scott Evans, violations to be treated as a contest ejection (suspended for next contest, must comply with *Pursuing Victory with Honor* program requirement) and will not be allowed to be assessed until the suspension and essay requirements are met.
3. Classification, Alignment, and Qualifying
  - 2009-10 – Class 5A – previously approved – see document – 4/district (16 total)
  - 2009-10 – Class 4A – previously approved – see document – 3/district - districts 1,2,5, 6, 4/district - district  $\frac{3}{4}$  (16 total)
  - 2009-10 – Class 3A – recommendation to board based upon 09-10 participation – 3/district - district 1 and 3, 4/district - district 2 (10 total)
  - 2010-11 thru 2013-14 – preliminary discussion - Spring for action to go to Commission and Board in May/June, 2010; current C&A on NMAA website; Class 5A (total 19 teams) could be less than 16 man bracket, Class 4A (total 26 teams) could be more than 16 man bracket, Class 3A (total 15 teams) would optimally have at least 4 teams/district, bracket/qualifiers TBD, maybe teams to be added.
4. Seeding for district and state tournaments
  - Brief historical review
  - Proposal(s) for state tournaments – survey @ State Tournament coaches meeting, proposal A – current system, proposal B – drop majority of criteria, modify priority of criteria
  - Proposal(s) for district qualifying tournaments – survey @ State Tournament coaches meeting, proposal A – leave it up to individual districts, proposal B – require policy similar to state policy with addition of prior year district finish as appropriate.
5. State Tournament 2009-10
  - Schedule of Events
    - Finished session I a bit early due to falls and byes (5A-6, 4A-15, 3A-7) – encourage coaches to make entries into district tournament to eliminate byes, schedule as is
    - Could we finish earlier to accommodate travel home for out-of-town schools? – starting earlier than 6:00pm would not be in “prime time”, current schedule does limit event itself to 2 days.

- Assistant Referees for Semi-Final Matches
  - Currently not enough officials selected (10), need minimum of 14
  - Balanced against cost/competence of additional officials
  - Could we bring in some extra officials just for that round/purpose?
  - Could we shut down consolations to free up additional officials
  - Warrants further thought – most competitive and important matches

#### 6. Program Integrity – Schedules, Results, Forfeits

- Posting schedules and results – By NMAA regulation, schools are required to post schedules and results
- Schedule changes – teams should determine their schedule prior to the season and then stick to that schedule other than necessary postponements
- Sportsmanship vs. Gamesmanship – dual meet matches should be contested in all weights where athletes are weigh-ed in, not forfeited (except in the case where an athlete is moved up and participates in the next weight class)

#### 7. Schedule Limitations

- Schedule regulations discussion – does the current rule discourage singular (scheduled on one day) meets and is that a problem with promotion of the sport in the local school and community? Most states have either schedule regulations that require dual meets and/or have a state dual championship format which encourages duals. Considered two proposals – Proposal A – Modified CO point system – 32 points or Proposal B – Modified current NMAA rule. WSSC recommended Proposal B go to the commission and board for referendum.

- **Proposal B (Modification to Current NM Rule)**

7.23.1.D. Match/Meet Limitation – Each varsity team/individual is limited to twelve (12) events prior to the district tournament. Each sub-varsity team/individual is limited to ten (10) events. A single day multi-school event (double dual/triangular, quad, individual or team tournament) shall count as one event. A two day tournament with single or double elimination shall count as one event. A single day single dual meet shall count as one/half (.5) event. A two day multi-school event with no/limited elimination shall count as two events.

Note: For individuals' limits, all events, sub-varsity (including MS/JH) and varsity count towards an individual's event limits. When the total number of events at all levels reaches 10, the individual is no longer eligible for sub-varsity competition. When the total number of events reaches 12, the individual is no longer eligible for further regular season varsity competition.

8. Wrestling Officials – Document coming from NMAA/NMOA

- Assignment, Training, and Fees issues – see NMAA/NMOA documents for policies and procedures on local groups, assignors, assignments, fees.
- Quantity and Assignment issues - Schools (coaches and AD's) should be working to provide experienced wrestlers/coaches for officials' registration and securing officials from assignors for events.
- Mechanics and Judgment issues – Coaches (and officials) are encouraged to share concerns with officials groups and NMAA to address issues which can be resolved/improved by review and training.

9. NFHS Weight Classes

- Proposals from NFHS
- Recommendation process – Wrestling Sport Specific Committee voted to respond to the NFHS with a vote for adoption of the current weight classes with a recommendation to increase the first weight class from 103 lbs. to 106 lbs. Rationale: a) current NM participation statistics indicate 57% of athletes in the lower 7 weights and 43% in the upper 7 weights while all of the 3 new options increase the numbers to 64% of athletes in the lower 7 weights and 36% in the upper 7 weights; and b) the 103 lbs. is too low encouraging less mature varsity participants and is 9 lbs. from the next weight class, too great a gross and percentage differential.

10. School Athletics Equity Act (Title IX)

- New Mexico law
- History – collegiate level
- Implications – support NMAA adoption of cheer/drill/dance as sports, educate yourself with regard to the law so you can oppose any threats to the sport

11. Other

- Changes to WSSC based upon 2010-11 Class and Align – TBD – April WSSC mtg.

12. Adjourn