

NMAA WRESTLING SPORT SPECIFIC MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
NMAA Offices – Conference Room A



**Attending: Scott Evans, Danny Eaker, Vic Romero, Jason Nickal,
Shane Coker, Adam Benavidez, Steve Chavez, Jeff Archuleta**

- 1. Minutes of October meeting – questions, follow-ups?**
- 2. Weight Management Program**
 - **Encourage assessors to use refractometers in 2009-10 (consistency)**
 - **Additional assessors (athletic trainers) may be added by Scott Evans if needed to accommodate geography and/or client numbers**
 - **2009-10 – descent plans end 1/9/2010, 2 lbs. growth allowance on 1/10/2010**
 - **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 program requirements are completed.**
- 2. Classification, Alignment, and Qualifying**
 - **2009-10 – Class 5A wild card dropped, 4 qualifiers from 1-5A**
 - **2009-10 – Class 4A wild card dropped, 4 qualifiers from 3/4-3A**
 - **2009-10 – Class 3A, fall meeting, qualifier recommendation for the NMAA board based on actual participation for the 2009-10 season**
 - **20010-11 thru 2013-14 – Fall meeting discussions on qualifier recommendation for the board based upon final approval of C&A in June and actual school participation (esp. A-3A)**
- 3. Seeding for district and state tournaments**
 - **General input from survey - slight preference for maintenance of current system, but significant feedback for change**
 - **District Seeding – significant preference for consistency state-wide**
 - **State Seeding – maintain current for 2009-10, but develop (fall meeting) concrete alternatives for input from coaches prior to spring, 2010**
 - **State-wide and season-long – current criteria**
 - **State-wide and season-long – modified criteria - adopt prioritized/weighted criteria (emphasis on head to head)**
 - **Seed district champions based upon state placer points –as per Colorado model (6-champion, 5-runner-up, etc.), place remaining qualifiers by rotating template to avoid first round matches of same district qualifiers**
 - **Seed district champions based upon criteria (current or modified), place district runners-up in opposite side of bracket, draw the remaining slots.**

4. State Tournament

- **Short first session – cut in 3A qualifiers, byes in 4A and 5A (failed to fill all qualifying slots out of districts), number and time of falls in 4A first round, monitor for 2009-10**
- **Mostly positive comments on finals schedule of matches and awards**
- **Facility – small issues regarding temperature to be addressed with SASC**

5. Program Integrity – Forfeits – Scheduling

- **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. Would it be preferable for New Mexico to adopt a schedule point system (samples of CO, KS, OK, NY)**
- **Posting schedules and results – NMAA website to be updated to accommodate results of both dual meets and individual tournaments**
- **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)**

8. Wrestling Officials

- **Quantity/Quality/Assignment issues – NMAA and NMOA will be working to provide assignors, local groups, and local officials. 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. Adjourn