

NMAA WRESTLING SPORT SPECIFIC MEETING
Wednesday, October 8th, 2008, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
NMAA Offices



Attending: All members present – see roster on website

- 1. Minutes of April meeting – questions, follow-ups?**
- 2. Classification, Alignment, and Championships**
 - **Voted to propose adjustments in district qualifying in 4A to accommodate delays (Chaparral) and 3A to accommodate drops (Bataan Military and Foothill) and adds (Ramah) since board approval in June**
 - **Voted to propose one wild card in 5A and 4A for 2008-09**
 - **Adjustments to be taken to Commission in November, Board in December**
- 3. 2008-09 State Tournament**
 - **Schedule of events – Move weigh-ins to 2:00 hours prior to sessions, probably start at 11:00 on Friday to accommodate increased wrestling in 3A (brackets will be 10 instead of 8)**
 - **Mat assignments – Discussed issue of class 3A having to compete on smaller mats in the east end. Use of smaller mats dictated by the size of the available level floor area on top of the ice. Considerations include access from staging/warm-up areas as well as crowds being near mats. Continue to look at getting larger mats in that space, moving/rotating classifications, eliminating the smaller mats sooner. Proposals for solutions are welcome.**
 - **Admissions – Emphasize notice on re-entry policies**
 - **Awards ceremonies – Schedule 2 awards ceremonies with 7 weight classes each to improve the “flow” of the competition.**
- 4. State Tournament (and district tournament?) Seeding Issues**
 - **First voted to support change for the 2008-09 season to increase the importance of the district tournament by seeding only the district champions and then placing the runners-up in the opposite side of the bracket.**
 - **Discussed alternatives – a) Colorado system of seeding region/district champions based upon previous state placings and then pre-determined rotation of match-ups with runners-up in the opposite side of the bracket, or b) Wyoming/North Dakota system of seeding based upon prioritized criteria including lengthy discussion as to how many would be seeded and how all qualifiers would be placed or drawn into the bracket.**
 - **Concerns about policies and implementation without adequate school input were discussed. It was decided to add some clarifying language to the current policy and keep in place for the 2008-09 season. Then, provide some detailed alternatives for discussion and survey at the coaches meeting at the 2008-09 state tournament**

5. Weight Management Program

- **Monitoring – duals and tournaments – the WWMP for 2008-09 will “highly recommend” the use of the NWCA OPC weigh-in form which lists the minimum weight class eligible for each competitor and require its’ use beginning in ’09-’10. The objective is to avoid situations like ’07-’08 where a Penasco athlete got to mid-January before being DQ’d for participation below his minimum wrestling weight class.**
- **Assessors and assessments – discussion of pros and cons of the current system of one method of determining body composition (Tanita – BIA) and a limited number of NMAA assessors all of whom are certified athletic trainers employed by school districts. The current system seems to be working both in terms of safety/health and integrity/competition.**

6. NFHS Weight Classes

- **Survey – NM recommendations – WSSC input for upcoming NFHS survey on weight classes – support the current 14 weights, look at multiple entries from a school in a weight class, no minimum requirement for 103, 215, 285 other than current for 215 and 285.**
- **Data collection – NFHS will be asking for 30 schools (10 large, 10 medium, 10 small) from each state to collect data on dual meets for participation/forfeits for the 2008—09 season.**

7. Girls Participation

- **Review past discussions including participation in New Mexico and other states – see April ’08 WSSC notes**
- **Direction/recommendation – while the WSSC is supportive of women’s wrestling, they feel that it is not the responsibility of the committee to specifically advocate for interscholastic women’s wrestling at this time. The WSSC recommends that schools with an interest form legitimate school clubs and compete with one another until such time as participation/interest warrants consideration by the NMAA for sanction as an activity or sport.**

8. Wrestling Officials

- **Quantity/Quality/Assignment issues – past problems, weaknesses, qualifications for state tournament selection**
- **Strengthening local groups – see information to schools and officials regarding identification of officials on a school/community basis and the alternate state clinic and meeting of group leaders.**

9. WSSC – Other Items – “For the Good of the Order”

