

NMAA WRESTLING SPORT SPECIFIC MEETING



Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 9:30am - 1:00pm
NMAA Offices – Conference Room A

Attending: Scott Evans, Mark Garcia (absent), Mike Yara, Vic Romero, Eddie Encinias, Shane Coker, Corey Anderson, Adam Benavidez, Jeff Archuleta

1. Minutes of 10/6/10 meeting – questions, follow-ups?
2. NFHS Rules and Regulations (Wrestling)
 - Injury time being used for a rest (a time out should give a point to the opponent) – discussion – no action
 - The “closed” weigh-in rule should be changed back to “30 minute period” rule- discussion – **Interpretation for buses vs. individual cars in online district rules for 2011-12**
 - Reduce the number of NFHS weight classes (few teams with full line-ups) – discussion – no action
3. NMAA Event Limits Rule
 - 32 point system needs to be gone – discussion - **Committee voted to take a proposal to the Commission and Board of Directors for referenda to change the 2 day event with limited/no elimination from 6 points to 5 points.**
 - Point system as it applies to moving back and forth – varsity to sub-varsity – discussion – no action – discussion – no action
 - Team point limit should be higher than individual – weather cancellations – discussion – no action – discussion – no action
4. NMAA Weight Management Program
 - Descent plans cut-off extended to the district tournament – discussion – no action
 - Appeal rule modified to accommodate 1.5%/week weight loss – discussion – no action
5. NMAA Classification, Alignment, and Qualifying
 - 2011-12 (2nd year of first half of current 4 year block)
 - Eliminate byes in 5A, increase qualifiers to 16, or “open” – discussion – **Committee voted to take a proposal to the Commission and Board of Directors to adjust qualifying for 5A to include 2 wild cards (best overall record, tie-breaker – coin flip(s))**
 - 16 man brackets in 5A, 4A; 8 man brackets in 3A – discussion – no action
 - 2012-13 thru 2013-14 (2nd half of current 4 year block)
 - Possible movement by C/A regulations – discussion – no action
 - 5A from 19 to 20 (add Atrisco Heritage)
 - 4A from 26 to 24 (subtract Atrisco Heritage, subtract Bloomfield)
 - 3A from 14 to 16 (add Bloomfield, add Hope Christian)
 - 2014-15 thru 2017-18 (next 4 year block)
 - 2 classifications – approximately equal # of teams – discussion – increase medals/places to 8 (same total as current 6+6+4) – 32 man brackets – ease of administration – increased competitiveness for small schools – possibility of wrestling and swimming using the format - no action

6. NMAA State Wrestling Tournament – see sub-agenda

7. Wrestling Officials – See sub-agenda

8. Other

- NMHSCA – All Star event – Corey Anderson in discussions with NMHSCA, reviewing some alternatives – no action
- NWCA Report – All NM coaches are members (paid by NMAA in conjunction with OPC), a lot of resources available from NWCA website, coaching materials, courses, etc.; some new effective disinfectants available; interesting statistic - 25% of all matches result in forfeits; more college programs cut – no action

12. WSSC terms ending

- Mike Yara (NMADA – North)
- Jeff Archuleta (NMATA)
- Mark Garcia (NMADA – Central)

WSSC – SUB-AGENDA – STATE TOURNAMENT – 4.6.11

Admissions

- 1) Passes for non-qualifiers/district tournament entries not placing – discussion – no action
- 2) Doors closing for weigh-ins, late, calling in, etc. – discussion – no action

Awards

- 1) Raise the awards stand so more people can see – discussion – no action
- 2) Use 3 awards stands, one at each finals mat, traditional schedule – discussion – **NMAA staff to review strategies for reducing the time awards add to the final session**
- 3) Give 5th and 6th in 3A (gives the impression it's less competitive/important) – discussion – no action

Weigh-ins

- 1) Weigh-ins at Cleveland – good, plenty of scales – discussion – no action
- 2) Weigh-ins should be 2 hours prior to wrestling – discussion – 1.5 hours reduces traffic congestion with the regular school traffic and works with the opening/staffing of the SASC – no action

Flow of Matches

- 1) 3A sat too long – **Eddie Encinias to review sessions/round for suggestions**
- 2) When 4A used 6 mats, some bout sheets went to other staging entries – **staff to fix**

Workers

- 1) All table help should be adults, including timer ass't/blood – discussion – **staff to look at more training for students**
- 2) A student trainer assigned to every mat – discussion – more students, more congestion? – **coaches to handle their own athletes for blood, more training for students on clean up**

Coaches

- 1) Coaches passes being passed to individuals who are not coaches – discussion – **staff to add a statement to the coaches list provided by school AD's, cautioning them to insure passes are not passed to non-coaching personnel, encourage "tattling", "passed" passes to be forfeited.**

Scoring

- 1) First round byes should not earn bonus points (fall, tech fall, major) – discussion regarding NFHS rules, byes drawn at random, random differentials part of adversity – no action

Seeding

- 1) Current seeding criteria – interpretation problem – edit – **staff to edit current language to emphasize order and application of criteria to avoid confusion**
- 2) Proposal for new policy – Corey Anderson – **proposal for a "local" quantitative model that can be applied early in the week, to be tested by application to a sample of 2011 state tournament; Scott Evans and Corey Anderson to work with NWCA and determine a model(s) that might be applied as a pilot (one classification) for the 2011-12 tournament.**

Other

- 1) Get a DJ – discussion – no action
- 2) Go to a new venue – change – SASC contracted for 3 years
- 3) Concession prices too high – go to a high school – SASC contracted for 3 years
- 4) Get a commentator for each class for webcast (ProView) – refer to ProView
- 5) Center all the mats for consolation finals – discussion, 5 mats? – no action
- 6) NM Wrestling Hall of Fame – Rusty Davidson on notice for improvements to integrity

WSSC SUB AGENDA – OFFICIALS – 4.6.11*

- 1) Committee needs to count officials ballots
- 2) Referees should not vote for officials (possible to change – NMOA Commissioner)*
- 3) Vic should not be on committee as an official
- 4) Top ten officials only regardless of region
- 5) Everyone should see final ballots/voting (not just committee, not just Vic)
- 6) Officials evaluated on a point system, not just acceptable, unacceptable
- 7) Voting should be anonymous
- 8) Top 12 should be notified where they fell
- 9) Use 2 officials for the semi-finals
- 10) Allowing too many "clarifications" without issuing warnings (questioning judgment)

*Discussed all items as a whole – **Staff to invite Dana Sanchez to the October meeting to discuss which aspects of the selection process might be subject to WSSC "influence" and which are staff and/or NMOA purview.**