



**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.  
WRESTLING COMMITTEE  
STATE WRESTLING COMMITTEE**



**MINUTES:**

**WINTER MEETING- CONFERENCE CALL**

**01/12/16**

In Attendance:

NYS Chairman	Marty Sherman	
Section 1 Chair	Jamie Block	Valhalla HS
Section 2 Chair	George Chickanis	
S2 Asst. Chair	John Vishneowski	Ravena/Coe/Sel.School
Section 3 Chair	Brad Hamer	
S3 Asst. Chair	Bill Kays	Mexico High School
Section 4 Chair	Rick Armstrong	
Section 5 Chair	Bill Hadsell	Geneva High School
Section 6 Chair	Mike DeBarbieri	
S6 Asst Chair	Israel Martinez	Niagara Falls HS
Section 7 Chair	Gary Edwards	Peru High School
S7 Asst Chair	Rob Witkiewicz	Elizabeth-Lewis School
Section 8 Chair	Ed Ramirez	Baldwin High School
S8 Asst Chair	John Mankowich	Jericho HS
Section 9 Chair	Jeff Cuiity	Wallkill High School
Section 10 Chair	Randy Morrison	Gouverneur High School
Section 11 Chair	Matt DiVincenzo	Comsewogue
S11 Asst Chair	Bob Panariello	Islip High School
CHSAA Asst	Eric Meisse	Kellenberg
PSAL Chair	Ken Bigley	
PSAL Ast Chair	Larry Cantor	PSAL Headquarters

Guests:

NYS Exec Dir	Robert Zayas	
NYS Asst Dir	Todd Nelson	
NYS Asst Dir	Joe Altieri	
Director Commun	Joe Agostinelli	
NYSWOA	Frank Marotta	
NYSWOA Pres	David Essex-S2	
NYSWOA	Fred Brown	
NYSWOA	Dave Grazul	
NYSWOA	Len Barone	
Section 4	Ben Nelson	
<u>Absent:</u>		
S1 Asst. Chair	Bob Bernaducci	Pleasantville HS
S4 Asst. Chair	Rick Gumble	Chenango Forks HS
S5 Asst. Chair	Lou Lombardo	
S9 Asst Chair	Lou Chartrand	Onteora HS
CHS Chair	Dave Ironman	Msgr Farrell
CHSAA Asst	George Dlugolonski	Chaminade HS
CHS Asst Chair	Mike Messore	St. Francis HS
PSAL Ast Chair	Lance Hermus	PSAL Headquarters

**AGENDA: (Blue highlighted items= new information for 2014-15)**

**(Red highlighted items= action needed between now and next meeting)**

**I. Introductions**

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**II. Robert Zayas:**

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**III. Todd Nelson:**

- a. Update from fall: Championship programs (requests for history book to go back to larger photos of champs). If brackets are omitted, this saves pages. Brackets could be sold separately (updated by round).

- b. Reminder: **Sportsmanship T-Shirts: Names, School, Grade and sizes need to be reported to Marty on or before the day of the State seeding meeting on 2/20.**  
**Reporting form: [NYSWC-SportsmanshipAwardWinnersReportingForm](#) is attached.**
- c. Skin Forms: Brad Hamer-S3: Can we add a statement on the skin form that tells the doctor that they must check either one of the statements:  
 NOT contagious and may return to full participation or  
 NO LONGER contagious and may return to full participation.  
 It appears some doctors don't understand that they must check one of these choices.  
**This change will be done now and the form is updated on the website.**  
 Old forms will still be accepted so long as one of the two lines are checked off.  
 While blue ink is requested on the form, black ink will still be acceptable

#### IV. **Joe Altieri-**

- a. Tickets are now on sale for NYS Tournament. **at the Times Union Center Box Office, charge-by-phone at 1-800-745-3000, or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)**
- b. Tournament sponsors update: **CP Sportswear has current bid for event merchandise.** (3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3 year deal) Currently soliciting bids from vendors/sponsors for non-event equipment booth at NYS Tournament. Bids will be accepted up thru January 31, 2016. Worldwide Sports will be in attendance again).
- c. **Time Warner Cable Sportschannel will broadcast the semifinals and finals. Via Jeff Howard and Joe Altieri, TrackWrestling/TWCS will be working together to stream all matches on Day 1.**
- d. Hotel Assigns Requests for 2015 from Fall meeting:  
 Price: Downtown Hilton is \$138 and the New hotel price is \$139  
Hilton Downtown:  
**S# 1-40, 2-40, 4-41, 8-2, 10-18, 11-46, Marty Sherman-1**  
Hilton Albany Med:  
**S# 3-55**  
Holiday Inn Express:  
**S# 7-16, 8-49, CHS-25**  
Marriott (Wolf Road):  
**S# 5-47, 9-40**  
Renaissance Downtown:  
**S# 6-48 PSAL-20**  
Towne Place Suites:  
**S# 1-7, 4-4, 5-4, 11-4**  
Hampton Inn:  
**Officials-50**  
**Request will be made that individual Sections be housed on the same floor and that a more timely check-in procedure be available**
- e. **Sections not staying in downtown Albany should submit to Joe Altieri the number of parking passes needed for the Thursday and Friday prior to the tournament**
- f. Press Releases: Website: **[nysphsaa.org](http://nysphsaa.org)** has all tournament info as well as directions to all motels as does: **<http://www.albany.org/nysphsaa.aspx>**

#### V. **Joe Agostinelli-**

- a. Update: Status of: "Live Scoring" options for the State tournament. Jeff Howard will continue to work with Joe to allow "Live Scoring" options for the State tournament.
- b. Joe will handle all media requests for Times Union Center. **Online websites will no longer be granted passes.** Weekly or daily newspapers only.

## VI. Frank Marotta / David Essex - (NYS Officials)

- a. Presentation of officials for 2016 NYS Tournament.  
Chairmen were emailed the list of officials that were chosen for the tournament just prior to the conference call. Frank Marotta presented the list to the committee.  
Motion to accept slate of officials approved unanimously.
- b. From 2015: Discussion on letting coaches at the tournament have input into evaluating the officials who are working the tournament. Referees Selection committee would be willing to keep evaluations on file to be used as input for next seasons selection process. **An optional rating form: NYSPHSAA-OfficialsEvaluationForm that any head coach at the state tournament can complete and turned in to their sectional Chairmen who will in turn submit to Frank Marotta for input for next season is attached.** If a coach would like to attach a video of the incident when they submit the evaluation form they may do so. Forms will be available at the head table.
- c. **Izzy Martinez-S5-Can the selection of the State Tournament officials be held off until after Sectionals (like other sports do)? Tabled to Spring Meeting.**

## VII. TrackWrestling Reporting Updates:

- a. The document: TrackWrestling-DataEntry-16 was emailed for state distribution. It contained detailed instructions on how to use the TrackWrestling site for setting up your team. **A follow-up document that will include sections for entering results and printing out post-season forms will be sent prior to the start of post-season.**
- b. **Justin Tritz (justin@trackwrestling.com)** can assist with any specific questions. He will need to be contacted by Jeff Cuiilty-9 and Marty Sherman to make sure the post-season forms will be able to be printed for NYS seeding meeting.
- c. **Remind coaches that results need to be entered within a week of each event.**

## VIII. Handbook Committee Report: (Marty Sherman / Jeff Cuiilty-9, Frank Marotta)

As situations not currently addressed in the handbook arise throughout the season they are being collected and written up for inclusion in next year's handbook. Please forward any items for consideration to Marty Sherman or Jeff Cuiilty as they come up.

For Discussion:

- a. When a wrestler is not allowed to wrestle because of a skin issue, should they be allowed to count the weigh-in towards the 50% rule? The current weigh-in forms state: **"All wrestlers listed are eligible to wrestle in this dual meet, they have made weight and have been cleared of any injury or skin rash"**. Our handbook under the 50% Rule states:

50% of the weigh ins during the season must be at the minimum weight a wrestler will wrestle during the state tournament and post season qualifiers. An official weigh in counts towards the 50% rule whether an athlete competes or not, **as long as the wrestler is eligible to compete** and has made weight at both the honor (a.m.) weigh in (if used) and the mat side (p.m.) weigh in, or just the mat side (p.m.) weigh in if the honor (a.m.) weigh in is not used.

- b. A wrestler who is **not eligible** to wrestle (academics, skin infection, etc) cannot weigh in.

**Tabled until spring: The coach could think the wrestler was eligible when they entered them on the weigh-in sheet and when they did the morning honor weigh-in and when they did the pre-match weigh-in (prior to the arrival of an official). Once the official**

arrives and does the pre-match check, the wrestler is then determined to be ineligible. If found to be ineligible the coach should cross the name off the list.

### VIII. Handbook Committee Report: (continued)

For Discussion:

- b. At the start of the season we changed Situation #3 to be +2 pounds

Situation 3: Dual – Snow Day – Tournament

Thursday: Regularly scheduled Dual Meet: +0 for the dual meet.

Friday: Snow Day (No school)

Saturday: Tournament: All teams get +2 allowance

The logic was that “Snow days should be thought of as Match Days”, which makes the concept of additional pounds easier to understand. In the above example, if Friday was a dual meet, then everyone would understand that Saturday would be +2.

If we apply the same logic that “Snow days should be thought of as Match Days”, then we also need to change Situation #5 to +2.

Situation 5: Dual – Tournament Snowed Out – Tournament

Friday: Regularly scheduled Dual Meet: +0 for the dual meet.

Saturday: Regularly scheduled Tournament Postponed due to weather.

Sunday: Tournament: All teams get +1 allowance

In the Situation 5 example, if Saturday was a dual meet, then everyone would understand that Sunday would be +2.

For Discussion:

- c. Penalties for Ineligible Weight Class:

After a dual is wrestled, it is found out that a team used a wrestler at a weight lower than his/her certified weight (or at a weight above the State minimum weight: the team forfeits the dual meet and the wrestler takes a loss on his/her record. The won/loss records of the other wrestlers who wrestled in the dual meet are not affected and the results of their individual bouts stand. (NYSPHSAA Handbook-Penalties). If the ineligible wrestler was competing in a Dual Meet tournament, the team would forfeit all Dual meets that the ineligible wrestler participated in. The ineligible wrestler would take losses for every bout they wrestled that day which could result in a maximum penalty of going 0-5 if they had 5 matches.

**Forfeits effect on seeding:**

Wins and losses by forfeit count for seeding but wins and losses by forfeit do NOT count as head to head wins. However, a wrestler who wins by forfeit will earn any available Seeding Competition Points for the win. (The logic is that there should be some type of penalty to keep wrestlers from not wrestling).

Discussion: If you get a forfeit win over the ineligible wrestler it does not count for head to head, but in an individual tournament, should the winner earn the Competition points (since it is normally the coach that causes the penalty to occur, should the wrestler be punished for the coach’s error)? It was decided that since the wrestler who was ineligible is not really effected the winning wrestler earning the points that the winning wrestler should still earn the points. It’s not like the ineligible wrestler is losing points.

**IX. Seeding/Forfeit Committee Report: Jeff CUILTY, Ed Ramirez, Bill Kays, John Vishneowski**

- a. Seeding Mechanics document for 2015-16 has been sent for statewide distribution.
- b. **Seeding meeting will be: Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Albany office.**
- c. Seeding committee consists of: John Vishneowski-2, Bill Kays-3, Ed Ramirez-8, Jeff CUILTY-9, Russ Cellan  
**(All Sectional Chairman or their designee must be present)**

**X. 2016 Tournament formula for “At Large” Qualifiers (Jeff CUILTY)**

- a. **Sectional Tournament Dates 2015-16 document is attached.**
- b. **AtLargeInfo-15-16 document is attached.** Changes for this year are in red and were discussed at the Fall meeting. Document was previously sent for statewide distribution.
- c. The following Levels will apply:

	<b>DIVISION 1</b>	<b>DIVISION 2</b>
<b>Level A</b>	<b>Sections: 8,11,P</b>	<b>Sections: 2,3,4,5,6</b>
<b>Level B</b>	<b>Sections: 1,2,3,5,6,9</b>	<b>Sections: None</b>
<b>Level C</b>	<b>Sections: 4,C</b>	<b>Sections: 1,9</b>
<b>Level D</b>	<b>Section: 10</b>	<b>Sections: 7,8,10,11,P</b>

- d. **Please remind coaches of the procedures for recording forfeits.**
- e. **NYSResults14-15-AllSections spreadsheet will be sent out for statewide distribution.** It has been reconciled to the TrackWrestling data base and includes new schools of wrestlers who transferred (as they are reported).  
On this spreadsheet:  
At-Large Competition Points have been allocated to returning wrestlers: Column Q  
NYS Seeding Competition Points have been allocated to returning wrestlers: Column R  
NYS Seeding Placement Points have been allocated to returning wrestlers in Column T  
These point values will be forwarded to Trackwrestling for calculations needed for printing out the Post-Season roster sheets seeding meetings for entry into all post-season tournaments.
- f. **DueDatesForChairmen-16 document is attached.**  
Data are due to Jeff CUILTY by Sunday Feb 14, 2016.  
(ASAP Monday AM 2/15: for **S: 1,2,8,9,11,C, and P** who are competing on Sunday 2/14)  
Jeff CUILTY will send to Bill Kays to verify Tuesday night 2/16  
“At Large” winners will be announced to Chairman by: Wed 2/17
- g. As per Sept '14 “Premier” wrestlers from CHSAA, PSAL and D2-Sections 7,8,10 or 11 can apply for At-Large berths and will be identified as follows:  
1-They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Section for the current season.  
2-They had 5 or less total losses on their final record (including post-season)  
3-They had 25 or more wins than losses on their final record (including post-season)

## 2016 Tournament formula for “At Large” Qualifiers (Jeff Culty)-continued

- h. **Chairmen will receive their Sectional At-Large Reporting forms for At-Large qualifiers within the next few weeks. The new tie-breaking procedure will be in effect this year:**

### **New for 2015-16:**

In the possible event where the #3 place-winner from a Section earns more points than the #2 place-winner from the same Section, the following procedure will apply:

- 1- If the **#3 wrestler, did not lose to the #2 wrestler at the Sectional Tournament**, no changes are needed and #3 earns the “At Large” ahead of #2. (unless they met during the season where Item #3 below will then apply)
- 2- If the **#3 wrestler, lost to the #2 wrestler at the Sectional Tournament**, they will not be able to go ahead of #2 (even though they have more points than #2) unless #2 “carries #3 along with them: In this situation, if #2 happens to already have enough points to be one of the four “At Large’s” (as does #3) then they both can go. If #2 did not accumulate enough points to be one of the four “At Large’s”, then #3 will be removed from consideration (even though they have enough points). The next highest point earner will take the spot of the #3 wrestler just removed.
- 3- **New for 2015-16:** If #2 and #3 met at the Sectional tournament, then Item 2 above applies. But **if #2 did not face #3 at the Sectional tournament, but #2 did have a head to head advantage over #3 (from matches during the season)**, then this head to head advantage blocks #3 from going ahead of #2 for an At-Large berth, (even though #3 may have had more points than #2).

To help track the data needed for Tie-breaker #3- A new column has been added:

The original column will still appear as follows:

ANSWER Y/N: DID #2 BEAT #3 AT SECTIONALS?

The new column will be:

**ANSWER Y/N: DOES #2 HAVE H2H ADV OVER #3 FROM IN-SEASON?**

**The person in charge of completing the Sections At-Large report form will need to get this info from the coaches of all the Sectional runnerups before submitting their forms.**

- i. **NYS Points and Weight Tracking Form-15-16 spreadsheet** was distributed previously and is **re-attached**. Some sections mandate that this form is completed and turned in prior to post-season seeding meetings to verify that no wrestler exceeded the 20 point limit and as proof that all wrestlers entered have met the 50% rule.

## **XI. Regionals and State Dual Meet Tournament:**

- a. A fact finding document: Sectional Worksheet-For Regional Exploration-Fall 2015 was emailed to Chairmen in the fall, to take back to their Sections for completion, so the NYSWC can make a determination as to what direction the committee wants to take with respect to Regionals. Based on input from Sectional Athletic Councils the recommendation to continue to explore the Regional Concept is as follows:  
In Favor of Regional Concept:  
Sections: 2, 4, 8    Against: 1, 3, 6, 9, 10    Split Vote: 5    Abstain: 2, 7, 11
- b. A Sub-Committee for Dual Meet Championships: Rick Gumble-4, Brad Hamer-3, Bill Kays-3, Jeff Culty-9, Marty Sherman was formed in the fall to develop a proposal for Championship Committee and Executive Committee as a discussion item for the July 2016 meeting, for an approval vote at October 2016 Executive meeting for implementation in 2017-18 season. Chairmen reported that their sectional input was that the Dual Meet Championship was more of a priority than Regionals. **The sub-committee will have their first meeting: TBA – Email Marty if you are interested in being on the sub-committee.**

## **XII. Old Business-(Marty Sherman)-**

- a. EZFlex mats from NYS tournament (42x40) \$6,500.  
Contact: Jeremy Rockwell-Acct Manager at: [jeremy@ezflexmats.com](mailto:jeremy@ezflexmats.com) (877)-939-3539
- b. Status of: Ed Ramirez-Section 8 Status of possibly increasing our point value from 20 points back to it's original 22 points. NYSPHSAA office does not feel that the proposal will pass, but NYSWC can make the proposal.
- c. Discussion on forfeits tabled to Spring meeting when we have full data from TrackWrestling on certifications for all of NYS participants.

## **XIII. 2016 Tournament: Times-Union Center**

- a. The 2016 Tournament will be: **Fri/Sat: Feb 26 & Feb 27, 2016.**
- c. A team trophy for Championship Team (not section) will be donated.
- d. The following Sections will be sending a trainer: Sections: **5,6,8(2),11,C,P**
- e. Attire of coaches for finals-Recommendation is to not wear shorts, hats etc . Chairmen are asked to impress upon coaches to wear at least: long pants and school or section shirt if they don't want to wear a full suit or shirt and tie.
- f. Dress code for Top 6 place winners; No Hats, in uniform, etc. Chairmen will need to get this info to competitors prior to start of the tournament.
- g. Sectional uniforms are still optional (but were worn by all sections last year). Medal round can wrestle in school uniforms.
- h. George Chakanis Weigh-in Procedures:  
Beginning weigh-in's will run for an hour and a half from their starting time. This year's start time will be 7:30. Each Section will have their own scale: Division 1 (odd years) will weigh in followed by Division 2 (even years). Official will note the starting time each section steps on the scale. Chairmen coverage is needed for each scale.
- i. Awards ceremony was successful at the end of the finals and will continue this year.  
**The medals will now be put around the necks of the wrestlers as they get on the award stand vs having them already around their neck when they step onto the podium.**  
**All awards will again be given at the conclusion of wrestling.**
- j. **NYSWC will now post updated brackets in hallways after each round. Updated brackets need to be sent directly to the printer so brackets can be printed. Printer email needs to be supplied to Jeff Howard.**
- k. **Update on Catering: Bill for 2013-14 was \$18K. 250 people per day are being fed. NYSWC will reduced this bill in half 2014-15 by eliminating breakfast. Status for 2015-16 will be the same as 2014-15.**
- l. Track Wrestling Live Scoring at State Tournament can be run by Jeff Howard at no cost. Laptops at each table would need to be supplied. Times Union center has ability to broadcast the names/sections/mat #'s of matches currently being wrestler as well as on-deck matches on the main scoreboard above the mats.
- m. **Request by officials to Jeff Howard that lists can be generated that shows: the Section as well as the name of the wrestlers be generated for both the semi's and medal rounds.**
- n. Hall of Fame ceremony will be shortened.
- o. **A reminder that all coordinators should bring Code of Conducts to the Championships all filled out properly. You can print them out by going to [nysphsaa.org](http://nysphsaa.org) Go to AD'S and COACHES, Forms, All Forms, scroll down to Code of Conducts.**

**XIV. Modified Committee:**

- a. [John Richard:](#)

**XV. New Business:**

- a. Bill Hadsell- Why can't we have 2 matches in one day, if we can have tri-meets in one day or 5 duals in a tournament in one day? Only allowed now for emergency situations. **NYSWC can make a recommendation to change this- tabled to spring.**
- b. [The following Sections have a doctor present for Sectional Weigh-in's to rule on skin checks: 2,4,6,8,11,PSAL](#)

**AJOURNMENT**

-Today's Meeting: Start time: 10:00 a.m. End Time: 12:30 p.m. (2 hrs 30 minutes)

**Next meeting(s):**

**NYS Tournament Seeding Meeting: Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 10:00 am  
Latham Office**

**Pre-Tournament Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 4:00 pm  
Times Union Center:**

**Spring Conference Call: T.B.A.  
Spring break is 3/21-3/25**



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Summary of (Red) Action Items that need to be taken care of before September meeting:

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