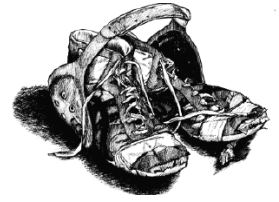




**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.
WRESTLING COMMITTEE
STATE WRESTLING COMMITTEE**



MINUTES:

WINTER MEETING- CONFERENCE CALL

01/19/12

In Attendance:

NYS Chairman	Marty Sherman	
Section 1 Chair	Eric Romanino	Beacon High School
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	
S4 Asst. Chair	Rick Gumble	Chenango Forks HS
Section 5 Chair	Chris Bourne	Brockport Central School
Section 6 Chair	Mike DeBarbieri	
S6 Asst Chair	Israel Martinez	Niagara Falls HS
Section 7 Chair	Gary Edwards	Peru High School
Section 8 Chair	Ed Ramirez	Baldwin High School
Section 9 Chair	Jeff Culty	Newburgh F. Academy
Section 10 Chair	Randy Morrison	Gouverneur High School
Section 11 Chair	Bob Panariello	Islip High School
CHSAA Chair	George Dlugolonski	Chaminade High School
CHSAA Chair	Chris Alfalla	Kellenberg Memorial
PSAL Chair	Larry Cantor	PSAL Headquarters

Guests:

NYS Exec Dir	Nina Van Erk	
NYS Asst Dir	Todd Nelson	
NYS Asst Dir	Joe Altieri	
NYS Asst Dir	Bob Stulmaker	
NYSWOA	Frank Marotta	
NYSWOA Pres	Dave Grazul	
<u>Absent:</u>		
S1 Asst. Chair	Jamie Block	Valhalla High School
S5 Asst. Chair	Lou Lombardo	Irondequoit
S7 Asst. Chair	Stan Riggs	
S8 Asst Chair	Terry Haise	
S9 Asst Chair	Lou Chartrand	Onteora High School

AGENDA: (Blue highlighted items= new information for 2011-12)

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

I. Introductions

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II. Nina VanErk-

- a. NYSPHSAA office is there to support you if anything is needed. Good luck with your Sectional tournaments.
- b. State Chairmen have been asked to cut their tournament expenses by between \$500 and \$1000 to help meet the NYSPHSAA budget.

III. Bob Stulmaker

- a. Review of action items-December Central Committee Meeting: Times Union Center has been approved to host NYS Tournament thru the 2016 season.
- b. **Chairmen need to print the Code of Conducts off the NYSPHSAA website for distribution to all personnel attending the NYS tournament. (under Forms section). Codes should be turned into Marty Sherman upon arrival at arena on Thursday.**
- c. **Hotel/Motel Report to be turned in at check-in. (Form also on NYSPHSAA website under forms).**

IV. Todd Nelson

- a. Skin infections –Be diligent in checking athletes prior to post season competitions.

- Only the NYSPHSAA form is acceptable. Skin Forms: Originals only can be accepted. The original stays with the athlete and coach at all times.
- b. Long Island has been testing disinfectant pads that wrestlers step on prior to stepping on mats (to reduce germs etc from the floor getting on the mat). These will be donated for use at the NYS tournament.
 - c. NYS Tournament Programs-Any corrections from last year's program should be sent to Todd. This year's program will include a photo gallery and an update to the "Where Are They Now" section for past participants. A sports trivia contest will also be included. Program Ads go to Joe. Content questions go to Todd.
 - d. Follow-up on- Request to NWCA to flag the database if a wrestler goes over 6 tournaments. (Note: Flag should be when they hit the 6th, if wait for the flag as they go to enter in the info of the illegal 7th tournament, the flag will be too late as the tournament has already occurred. **Will be followed up on for next year with NWCA.**)
 - e. Any recommendations for next year's weight certification procedures should be sent to Todd.

V. Frank Marotta / Dave Grazul - (NYS Officials)

- a. Presentation of officials for 2012 NYS Tournament. Chairmen were e-mailed the list of officials that were chosen for the tournament during the Conference Call. Committee approved list unanimously.

VI. Joe Altieri-

- a. A press release has been distributed statewide announcing tickets are now on sale for the 2012 state championships.
- b. Tournament sponsors. Joe has secured numerous sponsors. Noteworthy: Worldwide Sport Supply has won the bid as the official souvenir vendor of the tournament. They will also provide fleece sweaters to the committee. Also, Sanitech will be a sponsor of the tournament. They will provide cash and solution to disinfect the mats during the tournament.
- c. Hotel Assignments have been finalized for this year and are as follows:
 Crowne Plaza (Hotel Albany): **\$110/nite:** 1-(46), 2-(45), 4-(45), 5-(50), 6-(50), 7-(15), 11-(48)
 Separate table will be at Crowne (now the Hotel Albany) for each section to check-in separately.
 Holiday Inn Express: **\$109/nite:** 8-(49), CHSAA-(23)
 Hampton Inn: Officials (60)
Off site:
 Ramada Plaza (Wolf Road): **\$ 85/nite** 10-(30)
 Hilton Garden (Wolf Road): **\$99/nite:** 3-(50)
 Marriott (Wolf Road): **\$104/nite:** 9-(40), PSAL-(30)
Conduct:
 It is reminded that section coordinators stay on top of their coaches and athletes to ensure there are no issues with conduct at any hotel
- d. **Parking Passes: Sections staying at the Hilton, Ramada Plaza and Marriott should request parking passes for the Crowne Plaza (Hotel Albany) parking lot for Thursday and Friday to Joe via email request within the next 2 weeks.**
- e. Please promote ticket sales in your sections as well as the tournament microsite: www.nysphsaawrestling.com which is updated weekly and is averaging nearly 2,000 visits per week. Also share: <http://www.albany.org/nysphsaa.aspx>

VII. Regional Committee Report: (Izzy Martinez / Chris Bourne)

Will not be discussed at this meeting

VIII. Seeding Committee Report: Jeff Culty, Ed Ramirez, Bill Kays, John Vishneowski

- a. **NYSTournamentSeedingMechanics-11-12 document** is attached. Changes for this year are in red and were discussed at the Fall meeting. Document was previously sent for statewide distribution.
- b. Seeding meeting will be: Saturday, February 18, 2012 at **10:00 a.m.** at Albany office.

- c. Seeding committee will consist of: John Vishneowski-2, Bill Kays-3, Ed Ramirez-8, Jeff CUILTY-9, Russ Cellan

(All Sectional Chairman or their designee must be present)

IX. 2012 Tournament formula for “At Large” Qualifiers (Jeff CUILTY)

- a. **Sectional Tournament Dates 2011-12 document** has been sent.
- b. **AtLargeInfo-11-12 document** has been sent. Changes for this year are in red and were discussed at the Fall meeting. Document was previously sent for statewide distribution. **For 2011-12 you must have 12 teams with 15 or more certified wrestlers to earn Bonus points.** Based on this years NWCA weight certifications, a list of eligible teams (with 15 or more on their rosters was compiled).
- c. Update on Power Points table for 2011-12
This years 2011-12 results:
D1-Top: S#'s 11,8,5,2 Middle: S#'s 1,9,4,6 Bottom: S#'s 3,C,10,P
 (D1 Section 3 dropped to Bottom section)
D2-Top: S#'s 5,4,3,6 Middle: S#'s 2,7,1,10 Bottom: S#'s 11,8,9,P
 (D2: Section 10 moved up to the Middle, Section 11 dropped to the Bottom section)
- d. Competition Point Component as follows: **6 pts for defeating a Federation State Champ, 5 points for a runner up, 4 pts for 3rd, 3 pts for 4th, 2 pts for 5th, 1 pt for 6th.**
- e. Please remind coaches of the procedures for recording forfeits.
- f. **NYSResults10-11-AllSections spreadsheet** has been sent. Not all Sections verified their transferred wrestlers so hopefully kids who transferred schools are all correct.
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 the NWCA data base for calculations needed for printing out the Post-Season roster sheets seeding meetings for entry into all post-season tournaments.
- g. **DueDatesForChairmen-12 document** is attached.
 Data are due to Jeff CUILTY by Sunday Feb 12, 2012.
 Jeff CUILTY will send to Bill Kays to verify by:
 “At Large” winners will be announced to Chairman by:
- h. As per Spring '09 whenever a CHSAA or PSAL has a returning wrestler who was a top 4 place winner at the NYS tournament the preceding season, they are eligible for an At-Large berth. For the 2012 tournament: CHSAA has three returning top 4 place winners, while PSAL has none.
- i. **NYSPoints andWeightTrackingForm-11-12 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.

X. Old Business-Marty Sherman-

- a. Email previously sent on purchasing demo mats from NYS tournament:
 Orders needed by 1/24/12 Dave Coons EZ Flex Sport Mat: 877-404-2405
 It is not too late if someone is still interested.
- b. Examination of the 600 cutoff number for D1-D2
Option 2- Get an even amount of schools in D1 and D2 (including all CHSAA & PSAL)
 Any changes to the system must be approved in January the year prior to take effect. Discussion to use Option #2 but to change the cutoff from a number to a percentage (50%). Each January BEDS are locked in. Analysis can be run in March using the January BEDS numbers to split the wrestling schools in half. This would determine the 50/50: D1/D2 breakdown for the following season. **Tabled to Spring Meeting**
- c. Possible tournament restrictions: Rick Armstrong-4: Concern over number of 2-day individual tournaments. When the committee reduced the number of 2-day dual meet tournaments allowed to a maximum of two, it was done to “level the playing field” so that smaller schools with smaller budgets were not at as big a disadvantage in total number of matches contested. It was also done in consideration of the health of each wrestler, as accumulating as many as 60 bouts in a season could be considered detrimental. Many teams have now scheduled 2-day individual round robin tournaments. The end result could now be the same as what the committee was attempting to limit. **Tabled to Spring Meeting**

XI. 2012 Tournament: Times-Union Center

- a. Procedure for presenting: Sportsmanship awards

- b. A team trophy for Championship Team (not section) will be donated by John Bologna. This award is not recognized by NYSPHSAA. This is a sportswriter's award only.
- c. **From 04-02-09 minutes E or F for semifinal losers so wrestlers who met earlier don't have to meet again until the final medal round. Do we want to do this again. If so we need to inform Jeff Howard**
- d. The following 8 Sections will be sending a trainer: Sections: 1,3,5,6,8,11, CHSAA, PSAL NYSPHSAA will also supply a trainer and a Doctor at weigh-ins
- e. **Attire of coaches for finals-Recommendation is to not wear shorts, hats etc . Chairmen 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; Not Hats, in uniform, etc. Chairmen will need to get this info to competitors prior to start of the tournament.
- g. Medal round can wrestle in school uniforms.
- h. George Chickanis **Weigh-in Procedures**:
Beginning weigh-in's will run for an hour from their starting time. This year's start time will be 7:30. **Weigh ins will be :7:30 to 8:30 Each section on their own scale.**
Practice time requests for Thursday prior to tournament need to be sent to George.
- i. Chris Bourne-5-Discussion on whether trying to reduce the difference in number of matches wrestled at the NYS tournament between Friday and Saturday (to make the number wrestled each day more equitable) would be beneficial to the tournament. Dave Grazul provided data as follows: Friday: 600 bouts, Saturday: 270 bouts. A sub-committee will be formed and a conference call scheduled prior to the January meeting to discuss the options. Committee will consist of: Chris Bourne-5, Rick Gumble-4, John Vishneowski-2, Jeff Culty-9, Dave Grazul-NYSWOA Committee conference called on these possibilities. Consensus was that if an extra round was added on Saturday, the arena would not have enough time to set-up for finals (as matches would have to be completed by 3:00 pm on Saturday). **An attempt will be made to reduce the amount of time spent at the arena on Friday by reducing the weigh-in time from 1.5 hours to 1 hour, and by announcing the Sportsmanship winners as they parade out for opening ceremonies (vs having their own separate ceremony). Starting the Parade at 9:30 and beginning wrestling at 10:00 should get people out by 8:00 instead of 8:30 pm.**

XII. New Business

- a. Marty Sherman- Discussion of Headgear taping rule. **Request for waiver of taping of headgear for straps above the head and for the chinstrap has been made to the Championship Committee. If approved on Sunday January 22, 2012 the waiver would take effect immediately. A waiver was also submitted to wear pink on uniforms during month of February for Breast Cancer Awareness. A request would have to be made to NYSPHSAA to be able to do this.**
- b. Marty Sherman-. Discussion of new weight classes **Tabled to Spring Meeting**
- c. Ed Ramirez-Use of Tanita Scales for Weight Certifications.
Section 8 used a Tanita test scale and test results were very close to assessor's results.
Todd Nelson will be willing to bring this up to the Safety Committee and look to gather additional information to determine if this might be a viable option for NYS.
Sub-Committee formed: Todd Nelson, Ed Ramirez-8, Bill Kays-3, Rick Gumble-4 and Jeff Culty-9 to report back at Spring meeting.
- d. Review of Coaches Handbook:
PROCEDURE FOR WEIGH-IN'S AND 50% RULE WHEN:
#6. **Schools are cancelled:**
(Snow days are treated like competitions with respect to extra pounds)
Situation 1: **Effect of mid-week snow days**
Thursday: Regularly scheduled Dual Meet: +0 for the dual meet.
Friday: Snow Day (No school)
Saturday: Tournament: All teams get +1 allowance
The NFHS has interpreted the +1 to be correct since there is NO competition on Friday, you don't get consecutive days.
- e. NWCA problems: Some kids are having their records doubled, NWCA is working on the problem.
- f. **Request for earlier January meeting date for next years winter meeting.**
- g. Cost of Sectional uniforms. **Tabled to Spring Meeting**

AJOURNMENT

-Today's Meeting: Start time: 9:00 a.m. End Time: 10:45 p.m. (1 hr 45 minutes)

Next meeting(s):

Seeding Meeting: Albany Office Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

NYS Tournament: Times Union Center Thursday February 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Spring Meeting Conference Call: TBA at State Meeting

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