

WRESTLING
Coaches Advisory Committee
March 13, 2019

MINUTES

Committee in attendance: Committee in attendance: John Hatfield (Random Lake), Jason Lulloff (Holmen), Peter Moe (Cambridge), Randy Ferrell (West Allis Nathan Hale/Coaches Assn. Rep.), Mark Matzek (Ellsworth), Chris Hansen (Hudson), Mike Blasczyk (representing officials) and Justin Tritz (Trackwrestling). Shane Benitz (Trackwrestling) was not able to attend. Wade Labecki attended the meeting representing the WIAA.

Wade Labecki chaired the meeting and Chris Hansen recorded the minutes.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 14, 2018 meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

- A.** The flow chart showing the WIAA committee organization and the rule change process was again provided for the committee. It was noted that Wisconsin was in compliance with all NFHS rules for the first time since 1989.
- B. Constitutional Amendments** – Wade provided clarification of the amendments being considered at the 2019 Annual Meeting. No concerns were communicated with the amendments being considered.

II. REVIEW OF SEASON REGULATIONS, TOPICS, POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- A. Rule Meetings** – No comments from the committee.
- B. Ejections** – The ejection numbers for 2018-19 were provided. One wrestling coach and 21 wrestlers were ejected. Six ejections were for biting, 7 for hitting/pushing/kicking and 4 for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- C. Wrestling Participation – Northern Lakes Conference email**
No action but discussed extensively and the committee recommended this conference utilizes other methods of relief such as the small team scrimmage waiver process.
- D. 7% Committee**
 - 1. Skinfold Measurement Review** – The committee discussed when pinch discrepancies by a measurer occur in the same location on multiple athletes, can there be a method of appeal? Current appeals must be conducted by the same measurer. Possible peer assessment for new measurers. The coaches also questioned why wrestlers aren't allowed to gain weight for an appeal?
 - 2. Consecutive Days Allowance** – Discussed going to NFHS rule of a maximum of two pounds rather than the Wisconsin rule limiting to one pound for consecutive days of competition.
Mark Matzek made a motion to revert to the NFHS rule for a two-pound allowance with consecutive days of competition. Jason Lulloff seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

E. NFHS Proposals

- 1. Cervical/Spine Injuries – Survey results** – Information collected was shared with the committee.

F. Trackwrestling

- 1. Weigh-in Form Improvements** – The committee discussed adding language to the Wrestling Season Regulations, page 49, 5c, to require teams to bring a printed weigh-in sheet to regionals. It was asked if the Trackwrestling program could automatically move wrestlers on the weigh-in print-out to be where they last weighed in. Additional suggestions included: streamlining the form to make it referee-friendly; moving the weight column over and replacing the grade column which is not relevant; making a point of emphasis for 2019-20 that coaches must bring their weigh-in sheet to tournaments and give them to the referee.
Chris Hansen made a motion to require coaches to present their weigh-in forms to tournament hosts. John Hatfield seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

III. REVIEW OF TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

A. TrackWrestling Program – Regional/Sectional/State

There were no comments by the committee.

B. Regional Tournament

The committee discussed facility adequacy for tournament hosts.

C. Sectional Tournaments

There were no comments by the committee.

D. Team Sectional Tournament

1. Seeding D2 & D3 team sectionals

John Hatfield made a motion to have the teams seed 30 minutes prior to weigh-ins, only voting for three.
Chris Hansen seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

2. Assigning AR to All Team Sectional Finals

Randy Ferrell made a motion to assign an AR to all team sectional finals. John Hatfield seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

E. State Individual Tournament

- 1. Entry for wrestlers/coaches** – The coaches questioned whether wrestlers could bring in hydroflasks even though they were metal? Wade will need to check with UW Madison staff.
- 2. Coaches misconduct penalties** – Discussed with no action, but duly noted.
- 3. Seeding Individual State competitors** – The committee would recommend moving forward to seed the State Individual Tournament. 80% of coaches potentially favor this change, through informal inquiry. The WWCA will form an ad hoc committee.

F. State Team Tournament

1. Seeding Teams

John Hatfield proposed running the seeding meetings the same, but have Justin/Trackwrestling run data after the sectionals to have for reference at the meeting. The seeding meeting will be more of an appeal meeting. Jason Lulloff seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- a. Location/noise** – A different location will be considered for next year to move away from noisy areas.
 - b. Start Time** – The meeting will start next year (2020) at 8:00 a.m.
 - c. Hosting & Procedures** – Run D2 and D3 at the same time as D1.
- 2. Team entries into Trackwrestling** – The committee did not recommend any change to the process, even though some teams might not get their entries submitted, and then have Shane/Trackwrestling staff import their roster.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Girls State Info (NFHS)** – The coaches asked if female wrestlers from different teams could practice together. Wade stated that it would need to be discussed with the staff since the current rule allows a scrimmage if a total team has low numbers (below 8). This would be a separate consideration – for example: Team A with 10 boys/2 girls and Team B with 8 boys/1 girl. The request would be to allow only the 3 girls to practice together.

- B. WWCA Items** – There were no additional items by the committee.

V. ITEMS FOR 2019-20 WRESTLING MEETINGS

No topics identified.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.