

# WWCA Spring Caucus Meeting

## Feedback/Responses

May, 2018

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[Original Agenda sent out 5/30/18](#)

Dist 6 School	Dist. 6 Members	No. of Respondents	Respondents by Division			
			D1	D2	D3	Other
70	112	37	D1	D2	D3	Other
		33%	17	10	9	1

\*\*Other (Retired/No Affiliation)

### 1. Division 1 Seeding/Separation Criteria

Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ I'm not a huge fan of seeding state. I would rather see us working on double elimination.</li> <li>→ <b>Seeding might be a good idea, but I don't think it is overly vital</b></li> <li>→ Double elimination is more important than seeding the state tournament.</li> <li>→ <b>This is long overdue. Hate seeing the situations where the top two guys wrestle each other in the quarter finals on Thursday afternoon.</b></li> <li>→ The goal of most individual tournaments is to get the best wrestlers in the finals. It is good the state tournament is moving in that direction. That being said, I'm sure there will be issues which will arise creating controversy. There always seems to be. In order for this to work, all coaches must be on board and supportive of the seeding process despite the effects of their wrestler being seeded. It will be helpful to promote the intent of the seeding throughout the course of the season at tournaments and to get as much feedback as possible. Having a discussion at the coaches clinic would be a great way to start this.</li> <li>→ <b>Not applicable (D2)</b></li> <li>→ All 8 Sectional champs should be seeded</li> </ul>
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Rankings: 5 = Looks Great; 1 = Needs a lot of Work

5's	4's	3's	2's	1's
12	12	9	2	0

\*\*2 No Rank

### 2. Small Roster Co-Practice - Added to verbiage of Scrimmage. Not a new rule.

Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The small schools aren't often that close together to practice. Why do both teams have to be small. Couldn't one team be a bigger school. They would probably rather wrestle with schools in other divisions anyway.</li> <li>→ <b>Co-Practices are a start to helping prevent the increasing number of co-ops.</b></li> <li>→ Anything to promote in those schools.</li> <li>→ <b>Makes sense.</b></li> <li>→ Seems reasonable</li> </ul>
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→ I am not in favor of this.

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5's	4's	3's	2's	1's
13	15	5	1	1

\*\*2 No Rank

### 3. Division 2 & 3 Super Regional - 2 year trial

#### Feedback

- As wrestling coaches we give up every single Saturday for 3 months. Regionals is one week that across the state we can go home at a decent time. Numerous schools are given the opportunity to host and improve awareness in their community. Although a super regional may be beneficial for a few individuals who come out on the short end of the stick at certain regionals it fails to promote our sport in the same light as the current format.
- **Very much in favor of a super regional. I will send a separate email.**
- **Member created proposal**
- **This take away several schools from being able to host and having the ability to promote the sport in there school and city. WIAA does a good job rotating hosts that actually apply to host. I would prefer the current format is kept in place.**
- I don't have an opinion on this.
- **I don't have an opinion since I'm a D1 coach and don't know enough about the current set-up**
- **I think first round losers should continue wrestling back. Wrestlebacks could go all the way to third place. This allows them to possibly advance to sectionals and makes team scores more accurate for the team competition.**
- **I like the concept however a concern I have is it takes away a regional team champion, which for some schools can be a big deal for them and get their program rolling. On the flip side some of the regionals were very low in numbers yet other regionals were quite strong so there was definitely a difference in regional strength from region to region across the state.**
- This isn't a great idea, in my opinion.
- **I am a division 1 school, but I think I would not like this if I was Division 2 or 3.**
- I am not in favor of this.
- **Never do this. It will be the end of small school wrestling.**

Rankings: 5 = Looks Great; 1 = Needs a lot of Work

5's	4's	3's	2's	1's
5	8	11	1	7

\*\*4 No Rank

### 4. Girls Proposal (Option C)

#### Feedback

- I hope we can do this.
- **I don't like the girls wrestling championship. Promoting girls wrestling is not going to increase numbers in boys wrestling. Girls have so many opportunities to excel in our society. We have gone above and beyond helping girls. We need to focus our efforts on helping boys become men. We need to strengthen wrestling for boys and**

men. We need to market wrestling more to the general public and the benefits that it has for helping boys become men!

- It seems as though the focus has been on growing girls wrestling and it's shifting away from growing wrestling as a whole. Increasing female participation doesn't help the declining numbers of boys wrestling. We can't lose sight of the bigger picture.
- 9 states now have female sanctioned wrestling. Missouri just approved. Let's move on this.
- Makes complete sense
- Does not apply.
- Not enough participants yet to have their own tournament, already kind of do at the WWCS, but even that poorly attended
- I think it is great if we have girls at the state tournament. That being said, I have a few concerns. Will we have girls in ten weight classes? Does it water down with that many weights? How many girls competed in those weights last year? Maybe we need to reduce the weight classes at first until we know how many would be competing. The important thing is to get it at state. We can always tweak it once it is in.
- I like this idea for girls. I do have a concern regarding the date that the qualifier takes place. This can cause issues for coaching staff if there is a girl or more at one site and then the rest of the boys sectional qualifiers at another site. What if there was a Friday February 15th Sectional for the girls. This would eliminate the coaches being split, as well as the girls from the boys as they are together all year now they would compete at different events on the same day to qualify for state.
- I like the concept but I don't think there's enough girls to make this work. I'm concerned about having a 4 woman bracket at state. I don't believe this will do anything to help address the continual drop in numbers across the state. We should be focused on that more than creating a girls division.
- I would like to know more. The girls should have to qualify for the state meet.
- We need to create more opportunities for girls.

Rankings: 5 = Looks Great; 1 = Needs a lot of Work

5's	4's	3's	2's	1's
13	12	4	3	2

\*\*3 No Rank

## 5. Feedback for idea of youth clinic for kids grade 6-12 following the luncheon Saturday at the clinic

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| Feedback | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ I would love to practice some of the things I just learned with some athletes.</li> <li>→ Neither for nor against</li> <li>→ Too long of a weekend</li> <li>→ Our youth coaches attend WWCA and this would be well received by them.</li> <li>→ I'm in favor of a clinic, but I'd like to just see a few sessions and not after the lunch. At that point I'm sure most of us just want to go home.</li> <li>→ I'm ready to go home Saturday after the lunch.</li> <li>→ Does not apply.</li> <li>→ I have been trying to get my club guys to join and attend the WWCA for a long time. Increasing the membership would be great.</li> </ul> |
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Rankings: 3 = In Favor (supportive); 1 = Not in Favor (not supportive)

3's	2's	1's
9	17	1

\*\*2 No Rank

## 6. Do you have any further questions or concerns that you'd like me to bring back to the WWCA Executive Board?

### Feedback

- Travel times for sectionals. Currently we travel nearly 2 hours to our sectional while we could travel 30 minutes to a different one. Use coaches to help separate sectionals instead of WIAA.
- **What happened to the money that used to go to the crossface?**
- We need to have fewer Saturday tournaments. Many Kids drop out of wrestling because it is too big of a time commitment and it is too big of a time commitment for coaches as well. Many coaches that are good do not stay with it long term because of the time commitment and the strain on their families. I coached football for many years and it is not nearly as long, no weekends, etc. We can't just keep doing things the way they have been. We are losing numbers across the state.
- **Moving to 10 Dual Meets and 4 Tournaments season.**
- Keep working to get teachers in schools as coaches. Best way to promote on a daily basis. Keep working to bring in new young officials. Start the season after Deer hunting and eliminate one weekend of regular season tournaments. The season is too long and wrestling is the toughest sport in the world. Our kids are not as tough as they used to be and we are losing the middle of road kids. Elite kids can handle the long season. Let's be leaders in the sport and shorten the season and put more of an emphasis on international wrestling after the season.
- **Keep 14 weight classes. Eliminate chatter about weight class reduction. Poss make forfeits worth more in a dual meet +8.**
- Eliminate the growth allowance and take another look at the weight classes
- **We need to focus on adjusting our schedules. We're wrestling too many tournaments which is burning 90% of the kids out. Wrestling 6/7 weekends may work for the top end kids but it doesn't work for most kids. The argument that coaches have flexibility in their schedule lacks comprehension of how scheduling works. To be creative in scheduling requires many other coaches and teams and requires an overall revisit to how we do wrestling in Wisconsin. I think we should go to a 4 tournament, 10 dual blend which would allow for up to 4 duals to be quads which wouldn't count as multi-team events. These quads could be done during the weeknight, reducing weekends. Kids don't want to be putting in 12+ hour days when you consider morning arrival, bus time, weigh-ins/tournament, bus time, evening departure.**
- Change Trackwrestling weight program to only read to the tenth. This way it matches the scale. Ex: 126.03, on scale you have to weigh 126.0 but still can't qualify for 126. And can't weigh 126.1 on scale because then your off track if dropping weight class.
- **We need a plan to enhance, grow and improve our JV wrestling. I am very frustrated that our High School coaches host Tourney's and run 1-2-2 matches or 2-1-1 matches, and the most common answer is- we just want to be done, get this over fast. our kids get on a bus at 6 am and get their matches cut short???? We have been running a JV tourney for over 40 years and always have wrestled 6 minute matches. We were done by 4:00 this year..... This has been going on for a long time**

and it discourages the High School Wrestler who **SHOULD** be wrestling 6 minutes!!! even at our duals. it is common for coaches to say: just line up a bunch, cutting match times and I feel this is the biggest reason our numbers have dropped and sends the message to those wrestlers that they are just "kids club" level guys. Very big issue in my opinion.