

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS WRESTLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2009

The IHSA Boys Wrestling Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Jeffrey Bowers, Bloomington; Tom Chiles, Galesburg (H.S.); Tim Haak, Harvard; Keith Healy, New Lenox (Providence); Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA); Joseph Joyce, Chicago (Kelly); Michael Troll, Normal (University) and Jon Wagner, Edwardsville (H.S.). IHSA Assistant Executive Director Dave Gannaway was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting were approved.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. II. Dates and Sites and VI.-A Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

Recommendation: The Wrestling Advisory Committee would like to have Thursday to start the Individual State Final Wrestling tournament. Thursday would be the day when the Class 3A wrestling would start at 5:00 p.m. and go until 9:30 pm.

Rationale: With the huge geography issue in Class 3A, going to 8 Sectionals where three wrestlers qualify for state, we could have closer geographic Sectionals and cut travel cost for many schools. To assure that no school would stay on Wednesday, the Assembly Hall would not open until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday with the doors opening to the public at 4:00 p.m. The Class 1A and 2A wrestlers would not start wrestling until Friday morning. The current Regional format has 10 or 11 wrestlers in each Regional and we have a possibility of a wrestler having more than five (5) matches in a day. With eight Sectionals we will have Sectionals a lot closer to the fan base of the schools that are in that Sectional and better attendance.

No action taken

2. Item VI. A. – Saturday, Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

Recommendation: Place matches for all classes be at the start of Session Four with any walkovers occurring in the semi-final consolation matches.

Rationale: This year the matches were conducted at the end of Session Three for the first time ever. It was the feeling from the Advisory Committee that the place matches needed to be moved back to the start of Session Four so that the wrestler would wrestle in front of a larger crowd.

approved

3. **Item VIII. G.-2 – Team Scoring, Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: Scoring for the Regional be based on the power of two (2) for all Regionals according to each weight class.

Rationale: This would revert back to the way we did it three (3) years ago. There has been much confusion and special programming that needs to be done to continue to score the Regional this way.

approved

4. **Item VIII. J. 2 – Consolation Matches, Tournament Rules**

Recommendation: All Sectionals be a true wrestle-back to third. This will add approximately 1 ½ hours to the tournament and it will be recommended that at least three mats will be used on Saturday.

Rationale: This was recommended one year ago and the Committee and coaches fully agree that with the new format we need to have the Sectionals be a double elimination for third place to allow all wrestlers the opportunity to advance or not advance, left to the performance of that wrestler, not another person.

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