

Minutes of the IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee Meeting

April 14, 2021

The IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Committee members present: Andrew Johnson, Chicago (C. Military Academy-Bronzeville); Chris Testone, Burlington (Central); Josh Oster, Lockport (Twp.); Kevin Milder, Lena (L.-Winslow); Phil Sexton, Urbana (H.S.); Nick Miller (Washington); Ron Coit, Official – Farmer City and Sam Knox, IHSA. Guests Tony Clarke, Mike Manahan, and Colleen McGlynn were also present.

The committee discussed and approved the minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. V. Tournament Assignments & Seeding Meetings B. 2) Individual Sectional Pairings

Recommendation: Seed the Individual Sectional using similar criteria that is used to seed the Individual State Finals, with adjusted win totals as noted below.

Returning State Champion at any Weight Class = 30 points
Returning State Finals medalist (2nd-6th)
at any Weight Class = 25 points
Returning Sectional Champion at any Weight Class = 20 points
Returning State Qualifier at any Weight Class = 10 points
34 or more wins = 15 points
29-33 wins = 10 points
24-28 wins = 7 points
19-23 wins = 5 points

Rationale: This recommendation is intended to bring consistency to all levels of the state series tournament. The Individual Wrestling state series seeds the Regional and the State Finals brackets but not the Sectional brackets. Currently, the Sectional brackets are created by pre-determined schematics that place wrestlers randomly in the bracket based on their finish at the Regional. Sometimes, the top two wrestlers in the Sectional are randomly placed on the same side of the bracket. Seeding the Individual Sectional will ensure that the #1 and #4 wrestlers are on the same side of the bracket and the #2 and #3 wrestlers are on the same side of the bracket, just like in Regional and State Finals brackets.

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Administrative Recommendation: The IHSA board of directors approved a Girls Individual State Series to begin in the 2021-22 school year. The Wrestling Advisory Committee recommends the following tournament details.

- Girls will wrestle in a one-class tournament according to the IHSA classification policy.
- Girls will wrestle in fourteen weight classes approved by the NFHS.
- Girls will wrestle in four different Sectional tournaments to be held the same weekend as the Boys Sectional tournaments.
- Both genders will follow the same time schedule at the Sectional.
- Coaches will seed wrestlers in the Girls Sectional using the same criteria coaches use to seed the Boys Regional.
- The top four wrestlers in each Sectional will qualify for the State Finals.

- The Girls Individual State Finals will be held in conjunction with the Dual Team State Finals.

Girls Individual State Finals

Dual Team State Finals

2021-22

Proposed Schedule

Friday, February 25

Girls Individual Tournament on 6 mats

- 7:00 a.m. Weigh-ins
- 8:30 a.m. Round 1
- 11:00 a.m. Quarterfinals & Round 1 Wrestlebacks
- 1:30 p.m. Round 2 Wrestlebacks

Dual Team Tournament on 6 mats

- 3:00 p.m. Weigh-ins
- 5:00 p.m. Top bracket quarterfinals
- 7:00 p.m. Bottom bracket quarterfinals

Saturday, February 26

- 7:30 a.m. Weigh-ins for both genders

Girls Individual Tournament on 3 mats

- 9:00 a.m. Championship semifinals & Round 3 Wrestlebacks
- 11:30 a.m. Consolation semifinals
- 12:15 p.m. Placement matches
- 1:45 p.m. Grand March
- 2:00 p.m. Championship matches (on 1 mat)

Dual Team Tournament on 3 mats

- 9:00 a.m. Top bracket semifinals
- 11:00 a.m. Bottom bracket semifinals

Dual Team Tournament on 6 mats

- 7:00 p.m. Championship & 3rd place duals

Approved by the Board of Directors

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed finding a suitable location for wrestlers to warm up during the Individual State Finals in Champaign.
2. The committee learned about current NFHS rules proposals from Tony Clarke who is the IHSA's head clinician and is also a member of the NFHS rules committee.
3. The committee discussed the potential of the IWCOA sponsoring a state series tournament in June.
4. The committee discussed implementing a 2-lb. weight allowance for the rest of this season after a wrestler makes scratch weight at the meet where he/she certifies at a certain weight on his/her descent plan.
5. The committee recognized outgoing members Kevin Milder, Lena (L.-Winslow) and Ron Coit, Official – Farmer City
6. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.