

WR Advisory Meeting 3/2/16

Present – Bruce Hase, Larry Eslick, Dave Wolding, Kevin Morast

Discussion

- 13 weight classes
 - recommended not to spend a lot of time on this issue as the NFHS is doing a study on possible changes
- Class A will utilize a possession arrow to help teams know who is responsible for showing first in each weight class. This will be utilized for conference duals. No regulation change, Larry will send out email reminding coaches of agreement before the start of next season.
- Class A has made a change to their state seeding criteria – Larry will send a copy to Kevin who will then see it gets to Mandy and trackwrestling
- Concern over skin check all three days of the state tournament – This is a NFHS rule and safety will remain top priority
- Keep the parade of athletes
- Contact Randy Johnson on the possibility of Mandy Antony putting on an instructional presentation at coaches' convention.
- Rule change proposal form regarding the use of an alternative uniform was not returned by the March 1 deadline.
- Bring back the head shots in the state program for individual qualifiers

(Tournament Committee)

Items to present to the board for consideration of regulation change

- **1 - Class A duals to be wrestled to 6th place instead of the current 4th place**
- Rationale: Allow kids in duals to have a three match guarantee at state tournament.

- **2 - Increase the number of competitive dates from 16 to 17**

Having to fit an extra dual into a 16 event schedule because of and added conference member (i.e. Legacy and Sheyenne), forces school to

schedule triangulars which have an inconvenient time schedule, the loss of a home dual every two years, and increase cost.

Justification: adding a triangular on a weeknight pulls students and coaches out of school early to travel and participate in weigh ins. By rule weigh ins need to be performed on hour before competition. With the addition to the new skin check rule, more time is dedicated to this process. A triangular encompasses three full duals as well as junior varsity matches. To run a effective triangular, two mats are ideal to allow JV matches to run simultaneously. Schools do not always have an extra mat available to set up. Typically, timing would be 3:00 weigh in, 4:00 preliminary matches, 5:00 dual, 6:30 dual and 8:00 dual. In most situations the final match would end closer to 10:00 pm. Adding triangulars to Friday or Saturday is not always likely with scheduling. There are key two-day tournaments most weekends that have been on many teams' schedules for years. Keeping these tournaments promotes the development of our wrestlers and gives them a change to compete in a variety of events.

Loss of home dual every two years

To reciprocate to participating schools, the dual would have to rotate to teams home gyms every third year. Thus, losing a home dual two out of three years. This is a loss of revenue for all involved as well as lost exposure. Granted, the revenue gained from a triangular could be substantial for the one event but ultimately, it is not split three ways.

Increased Cost

A triangular is three full duals plus preliminary matches in which the officials would be paid. Additionally, any added mileage for officials would be included

Objective:

By allowing one more event / weigh in on the schedule to 17, we are simply adjusting to the new schools coming into the region allowing for a solid JV and varsity dual setting between two conference teams. This would allow for the dual to end at a reasonable time, save costs, and would help eliminate possible loss of school time.

- **3 – Use the same random weigh draw system used on Thursday and Friday of the state tournament on Saturday as well**

Rationale: This would allow the upper weight classes the opportunity to wrestle in front of a backed house at the beginning of the last session and not the end.

- **4 – Change the state tournament dual forfeit regulation to as follows below**

2. State Tournament:

1. In the NDHSAA state tournament series, both teams and individuals must compete in each weight class for which a wrestler has qualified.
2. The only exception to this rule would be for illness or injury certified by the tournament physician.

3. Penalty:

1. Forfeiture of this weight class or the one immediately above or immediately below, in all succeeding matches in team ~~and individual~~ competition.

Rationale: These tournament our two separate events and should be conducted as such.