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WRESTLING ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: February 26, 2018; 10:30 AM
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

WRESTLING Advisory Committee Members:

Coach Rep.	Lance Pearson, Rapid City Central
Coach Rep.	Scott Andal, McCook Central/Montrose
Athletic Director	Toby Bryant, Harrisburg
Principal	Rob Lewis, Redfield
Official	Pat Krause, Aberdeen
Native Am. Sch. Rep.	Clay Leonard, Red Cloud

John Krogstrand called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM with all members present. Guests present included Kelcey Nash of Stanley County and Chris Saylor of Freeman. After the agenda was unanimously approved, expense statements were completed and the duties/responsibilities of the committee were reviewed. It was also noted that the terms for Pat Krause and Scott Andal were expiring at the end of the year, and each were thanked for their years of service to the advisory. Replacements for each position will be sought and approved by the BOD before the next meeting.

Discussion went first to a review of rule changes from the previous year.

- Region Timeline – one region had an issue; not a major turn-in issue; Discussion of the date/deadline options with coaches and region chairmen to turn in; 9:00 AM CT Thursday Official Entries – **Motion Andal, Second Pearson to amend the “deadline” for official entries to be turned in to TrackWrestling be 9:00 AM CT on the Thursday of Region Tournament weekend, regardless of date of event. Motion Passes 7-0;**
- Seeding discussions; Seeding number of wrestlers, 8 v 10 v 12; **Motion by Pearson, Second by Andal, reduce to seeding 10 wrestlers in each weight class, Motion passed 7-0.** Discussion continued regarding region champions being guaranteed one of those top few seeds. **Motion by Andal, second by Pearson to guarantee region champions a Top Ten seed. Motion passed 7-0.** Further discussion continued on the criteria being used to seed for the State Meet, specifically the use/importance of last year’s State Placing being held higher than the region that was literally just completed. **Motion by Andal, Second by Pearson to reorganize State Seeding criteria so that “Current Year, Region Placing” becomes the 3rd criteria, ahead of “Previous Year State Placing”. Motion Passes 7-0.** Several other topics were given extensive discussion on how the seeding system has played out in the past few years and examples where changes to evaluations and criteria might be necessary. Another topic that was discussed extensively by coaches was the question of counting the Region Championship for a second win. **Motion by Pearson, Second by Bryant to remove the “second win” for a region championship win on head-to-head. Motion passed 7-0.** Another key topic was the discussion of ensuring accurate information was placed into the Track Wrestling system by coaches, and that it is maintained properly throughout the year. Finalize/Match to Dual System – coaches/administrators need to complete these steps on the conclusion of each meet to ensure that Track stays up to date with information; Extensive discussion on seeding process itself and how athletes are compared for the state meet; discussion about the option of “pulling kids out”

when comparing, however, issues arise with circular battles for seeds, selective situations where a kid is over- or under-seeded, or incorrect comparisons made with the limited data. Committee unanimously agreed to address this concern of coaches by: (1) providing information in the annual rules meeting to demonstrate the process of how the comparison works, (2) work with TrackWrestling to see if the same seeding criteria can be provided for regular season events, (3) allow the Advisory Committee, during the annual seeding meeting, to evaluate wrestlers more closely on given data points to allow for seed jumps if warranted, based on isolated criteria comparisons.

Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration

- a. Coaches Reps – Clayton Leonard – Red Cloud HS, Issues with student participation and programs discontinuing; Unique opportunities for matches and events at reservation schools to promote the sport; Appreciation for coaches working in our reservation schools expressed by all on the committee for the above and beyond work provided to student-athletes; Athletic trainers and medical professionals and their diagnosis of concussions and/or head issues when they take place in sports that they may not be familiar with; Discussion on Class B – looking at number of wrestlers at the region level again when reclassifying; Scott Andal/Lance Pearson; Unified discussion from coaches to go with duals, mixed opinion on separate weekend, versus same-weekend incorporation, with majority support for the separate weekend option; Issues of qualifier and how it works within the current constraints of scheduling and process; Return of the dual proposal as authored last year for another recommendation; Is what's best for the sport as a whole, can others support it?; **Motion by Pearson, Second by Andal – Propose the return of the State Duals as proposed last year, with slightly modified criteria on qualifying (optional, allow for regular-season duals against others in the region versus a specific region qualifier) Motion Passes 6-0, Lewis excused.** Qualifying to State Meet – discussion of language to allow for flexibility within qualifying system of regular season, single day of competition or other options as allowable; State Tournament locations – options going forward; Website information online – Removal of dated information from website to ensure all are on the same page moving forward;
- b. Administrative Reps – Rob Lewis, Redfield – Discussion among administrators about travel and days missed of school; Cognizant of issues; Toby Bryant, Harrisburg – Administrative questions at the State Tournament and event management; Floor passes vs Entry to meets – manager limitations; discussion on passes of allowing in; SDHSAA will be addressing number of passes provided as well as floor access for future meets.
- c. Official Reps – Patrick Krause – Officials Items for the year; Amount of passes each school has – situations with region/state and increase of coaches in the corner/working the events; Need for control by association over non-coaches suddenly taking on coaches' roles; Listed on roster vs showing up in the corners; Hospitality rooms and access to floor – what should or shouldn't be allowed; SDHSAA working on policy that will limit access to those who are appropriate as defined by current rules/regulations; Discussion of back-and-forth with coaches and officials and effect on officials not being retained; Make a point in rules meetings w/ coaches – proper conduct and decorum during matches; Assistance from Administrators in addressing coaches' conduct; OOB Rules and interpretations – called by NFHS rules; Recommendation List – requests on vote information, etc, possibility to know vote totals; New officials' training opportunities and openings – discussion also held at the State Tournament among officials about chances to develop officials through clinics, jamborees, etc. – promote the positive and help dissipate the negative issues that have previously occurred; Changing number of recc. votes by coaches – **Motion by Andal, Second by Krause – 10 votes given to each coach for the recommendation list and one new official being selected annually instead of two. Motion Passes 7-0.**
- d. Items submitted to SDHSAA Representatives;
 - i. Discussion of working toward a collective bargaining with TrackWrestling to secure “unlimited” use of the program for schools, including the ability to host tournaments, etc., without a per-event or per-user charge. **Motion by Pearson, second by Andal to support SDHSAA & Track Wrestling to pursue an agreement, with cost of program being a discussion point for BOD and SDHSAA staff. Motion Passes 6-0, Lewis excused.**

- ii. **Deadlines in Track for information –Motion Pearson, Second Bryant to develop five “checkpoint dates”, December 15, January 1, January 15, February 1 and Region Meet. By first deadline, roster and schedule should be entered, by each following check point, all meet information from the previous “checkpoint” must be entered into track (Example, by January 15th, all competition from January 1 and prior must be complete and finalized within TrackWrestling system); Motion Passes 6-0, Lewis excused.**

Being no further business before the committee, Motion Krause – Second Andar to adjourn. Meeting adjourned, 2:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John Krogstrand
Asst. Exec. Director
SDHSAA

Wrestling Dual Proposal - Both Classes:

- Utilization of a three-day tournament over the State Tournament Weekend to crown Individual and Dual Team State Champions
- Indication by December 31 of team’s interest in participation for that year’s duals
- Utilize the weekend formerly used as Districts for a Dual Qualifier at the Region level As Follows
 - Within the regions as they exist now – no moving or balancing
 - Wrestle to a “true second” to ensure top two teams from a region move forward
 - Give first dibs to those communities losing their tourney to host the region duals
 - Class A – seed by in-season results
 - Class B – seed by coaches’ ballot
 - Four or more teams – bracket
 - Three – Round-robin w/ use of dual tiebreak if necessary for a 1-1 record for all teams
 - **OR – A Region can elect to use results from regular-season duals to determine qualifiers for the State Dual Tournament. This would require a region to ensure all willing teams are able to dual one another during the season, or, schedule a final “dual tournament” on the weekend formerly used for Districts to complete remaining duals. Head-to-Head record within the dual results would be then used to determine the two teams from that given region to advance to the State Dual Championships.**
- Moving eight teams to the State Tournament, seeded as follows:
 - Four Region champs seeded one through four based on:
 - Head to Head dual meet competition, with most recent dual counting if more than one
 - Dual record against common opponents
 - Dual team winning percentage
 - Random Draw
 - Four Region Runner-Ups drawn and placed into the bracket on the opposite side from their region champion
- Roster: To include your fourteen entered at the region plus three alternates
- Wrestle to all eight places
- Schedule as follows:

Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
10 AM	First Round – Ind	10 AM	1 st & 2 nd Round WB’s	11 AM	3 rd Round WB’s
			Semi-Finals – Ind		4 th Round WB’s
BREAK		BREAK			3 rd /5 th /7 th Places – Ind.
4 PM	Quarterfinals – Ind	4 PM	Semi-Finals – Team		Championship Matches
	First Round – Team		3 rd /5 th /7 th Places – Team		
			Dual Championships		