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Wrestling Advisory Minutes

February 28, 2022; 10:30 AM (Via – Zoom)

Committee Members:

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| Coach Rep. | John Donovan, Chamberlain |
| Coach Rep. | Chris Saylor, Freeman |
| Athletic Director | Michael Ricke, Madison |
| Supt/Principal | Mike Radke, Huron |
| Official | Bud Postma, Madison |
| Native Am. Sch. Rep. | Clay Leonard, Red Cloud |

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am with all members present; Dan Swartos and Randy Soma were present for the SDHSAA Executive Staff. Randy reviewed the operations of the committee and the term lengths.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Saylor 2nd by Postma to approve the agenda. Motion Carries

The committee then moved to individual reports. Note that *this section of the meeting will include creation, discussion, advancement and consideration of proposals for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration and will not be a conclusive list of potential topics. Representatives on the committee should contact their groups statewide for consideration of ideas and proposals with the understanding ideas are to be advanced for further consideration and not “automatically implemented.”*

Coaches Reps

John Donovan

- Region & State Seeding – We had discussion on seeding and regular season tournaments. It was suggested that the SDHSAA office work with Trackwrestling to incorporate the Region and State Criteria throughout the year in the regular season. Randy will contact them to see if this can be accomplished
- OPC – Education – Discussion on what this will entail. We will be forming a committee to make sure we have this up and running for wrestling next year. Schools are encouraged to put in their budgets for hydration testing strips and skin caliper tools. The SDHSAA plans to put together a video and information on how the OPC will be tracked and what the requirements will be for each school.
- Seeding at state – Going back to Random Draw (8 match rules for seeding Regions) This did not gain any traction.
- Dual Tournament on Saturday vs. Intermixed- Felt that the Dual Tournament went well. The SDHSAA will continue to work on the schedule and timing. Had discussion on seeding the 10 teams for the dual tournament. We will do a pre-seed of the tournament and then look at having a zoom meeting with the ten head coaches to go over the seeds to make sure we have everything correct.

- Weighing in on Friday night after finals for state duals – We discussed but did not gain traction after the discussion.
- Girls – Fill 16-person brackets with non-scores until we have 16 girls from different towns. This did not receive backing after the discussion.
- Alternates for the Girls Brackets (Similar to the boys) We will use the same method and criteria to seed the alternate for each bracket.

Chris Sayler

- Deduction of 1 team point if an injured wrestler does not report to award. This is an expectation. The Region Chair will contact the SDHSAA office to inform them of the issue. The SDHSAA will contact the school and head coach.
- Wording on the 5 plus team Round Robin Duals and weigh-ins. The SDHSAA will change the wording in the handbook to reflect weigh-ins for 5 or more dual team meets.

Here is the wording from the Wrestling Handbook.

2. Time of weigh-in for dual meets (4 teams or less) shall be a maximum of one hour and a minimum of thirty minutes before the meet is scheduled to start. If a “sub-varsity” meet precedes the “varsity” meet, weigh-in starts one hour before scheduled start of “sub-varsity” meet and must end one-half hour before the “varsity” meet starts. All wrestlers, varsity and sub-varsity, must make weight during this period. Supervision of weigh-in should be by the referee or other authorized person. Both teams shall be present and it is the responsibility of the visiting team to arrive at the scheduled time of the weigh-in. If the visiting team is late, the home team may start weigh-in at the scheduled time if the meet referee or a school official, not a coach, is present and conducts the weigh-in in person. The two coaches involved in a dual meet may conduct the weigh-in.

3. For regular season tournament competition (5 or more teams) teams or Duals with 5 or more teams will be allowed to weigh-in at home no earlier than 7:00 AM with the following exception: If departure is earlier than 7:00 AM weigh-ins can take place no earlier than one hour prior to departure.

4. Weigh-ins for the second day of a two-day tournament during the regular season will be conducted as follows: Teams traveling home after the first day will be allowed to weigh in at home no earlier than 7:00 AM or 1 hour prior to departure if departure is prior to 7:00 AM. Teams not traveling home and staying in a motel will be Revised 12/21 Wrestling – 5 required to weigh in with the host school at the host site at a time designated by the host team management no earlier than 7:00 AM.

- Region Wrestling – Wrestle out for true 4th an or true 2nd. Discussion but no action was taken.
- We also discussed the following items:
 - a. 10 mats at state – we currently use 8 mats for both sites. We will continue to look at ways to improve how the tournament is run in the facilities we have available.
 - b. Basketball sub-region and region on the same day as state wrestling. The calendar committee reviewed all dates and put together a calendar that best fits. They have overlap but with the amount of activities going on we are unable to create a calendar that does not over lap
 - c. Weigh-in procedure at state. We will be looking at having two scales at each mat for weigh-ins next year. Each region will be responsible for the bringing two certified scales to be used and will also help with weigh-ins. This should elevate length of weigh-ins each day.
 - d. Mics on each Mat. Randy will work with each site to make sure the mics are not live on each mat.

Administrative Reps

Mike Radke

- No additional Items – His concerns were covered in other discussions

Michael Ricke

- Girls Region Qualifier – We are currently going to wait to see the number of girls that we have go out next year.
- Weight Classes for Girls – We had discussion on this and will have a recommendation later in the minutes
- State Dual Qualifier – Top two teams from each Region – This was a proposal and will be listed later in the minutes.
- Official Representation at State Meet – This was brought forward as a proposal but did not get moved forward. This would have to come out of Officials Advisory. The SDHSAA and the Officials Advisory make those recommendations for approval.
- Practice Opportunities at State Wrestling – The SDHSAA will have further discussion with both facilities to see if we are able to accommodate. Each facility is different in what is offered and how many days we have the facility reserved.
- Trackwrestling Training – Proposal to come later in the minutes
- Medals/Trophies 7th/8th place at the Dual Tournament.
 - a. The SDHSAA will bring to the Board the recommendation to add a Dual Qualifying Plaque to the teams that do not place 1st-6th in the dual tournament.

Official Reps

Bud Postma

- Deviations from NFHS on the out of Bounds rule – College Rule- This was a proposal that will be reflected in the minutes
- Officials Evaluations – The SDHSAA and the Wrestling officials are working on a Wrestling Officials Evaluation procedure.
- We had discussion on having an end time for when girls can no longer wrestle in duals.
- Discussed and proposed Weigh-ins for the Saturday State Tournament Duals. The suggestion would be to have weigh-ins on Friday morning. This proposal died for a lack of a 2nd.

Clay Leonard

- No additional Items – His concerns were covered in other discussions

Items submitted to SDHSAA Representatives

- TrackWrestling – The SDHSAA will put together a video for training purposes for coaches and schools
- Handbook (Double Forfeit) – We plan to put into the handbook wording on a ruling for those that double fault at region to gain a better seed at the state tournament. The double fault if not proven injury related will result in them not advancing to the state tournament and the next two wrestlers will move up to wrestle for qualification. (i.e. double fault for 3rd & 4th – The Region Chair will advance the 5th & 6th place wrestlers to wrestle for 3rd and 4th. With the two that double faulted being removed from the tournament.
- Rosters/Coaches Deadlines – The SDHSAA will be adding to the handbook deadlines for rosters, staff and other requirements. Those that do not follow the

requirements will be fined and or not allowed to coach in Region or State events or both.

- OPC – The SDHSAA will be putting together a committee to come up with the proper procedure and requirements. We will also be having training sessions for those that need help with administrating the OPC.
- Weight-Class Options – We discussed the weight classes for both boys and girls. The recommendation is to stay with the current weight classes for next year. Competition for boys’ individual competition and team duals will be in the following fourteen weight classes – 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285.
Competition for girls’ individual competition will be in the following ten weight classes – 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 142, 154, 170, 190 & 285
We will need to pick one of the 3 classes for both boys and girls next year that will go into effect for the school year of 2023-24. Note – in 2023-24 the highest weight class for girls will be 235.

Weight Classes for Girls that we will need to decide on:

12 Classes – 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185 & 235

13 Classes – 100, 106, 112, 118, 130, 136, 142, 148, 155, 170, 190 & 235

14 Classes – 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190 & 235

Weight Classes for Boys that we will need to decide on:

12 Classes – 108, 116, 124, 131, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 190, 215 & 285

13 Classes – 107, 114, 121, 127, 133, 139, 145, 152, 160, 172, 189, 215 & 285

14 Classes – 106, 113, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215 & 285

Proposed Recommendations

1. TrackWrestling Training – Motion by John Donovan, 2nd by Leonard. To make it mandatory TrackWrestling training for wrestling coaches. This will be similar to the online rules meeting that needs to be completed. If this is not completed by the deadline set by the SDHSAA a fine will be assessed of \$50 to the school.

Rationale – Coaches are not properly entering or updating results, which creates issues at Region seeding time. The lack of understanding is creating a negative perception of the process that should not be an issue.

Motion Carries – 6-0

2. Deviation from the NFHS rule on out of bounds ruling for High School. Motion by Postma and 2nd by Sayler to make the out of bounds rule the same as the college out of bounds rule. Simply put if any point of the wrestler is in the circle they are still in bounds.

Rationale – Officials rule differently on each out of bounds situation. This would make it easier for our officials and coaches to be more consistent with their call.

Motion Carries – 6-0

3. Out of State Dual seeding points for wins and losses. Motion by Sayler and 2nd by Donovan. For out of state dual competitions each school will receive 45.5 seed points for a win and 34.5 for any losses that occur.

Rationale – It is continuing to get tougher and tougher to get the accurate results of team records out of state. This would elevate this issue when it comes to seeding time for state duals.

Motion Carries 6-0

4. Proposal to Amend “Tournament Administration and Regulations” Section A (p. 6 in Wrestling Handbook) Motion by Postma and 2nd by Ricke to read as follows: “Each team must use TrackWrestling as live management software for all tournaments and dual competition, to include multi-dual events" In addition, add a section following the TrackWrestling deadlines on page 6 of the Wrestling Handbook that reads as such “Failure to update TrackWrestling via the deadlines above will result in a \$50 fine to the school”

Rationale – Schools need to make it a priority to use TrackWrestling for all events in order to properly update records, weigh-ins and seeding. This will allow schools better record keeping and more accurate records that will help with regular, and post season seeding and scoring.

Motion Carries 6-0

Motion to Adjourn by Postma 2nd by Donovan – Motion Carries.