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.

Wrestling Advisory Minutes

Meeting: March 3, 2025; 10:30 AM (Via – Zoom)

Committee Members:

Coach A Rep.	John Donovan, Chamberlain
Coach B Rep.	Tyler Nolz, Elk Point Jefferson
Girls Coach Rep.	Matt Thorson, Pierre T.F. Riggs
Athletic Director	Michael Ricke, Madison
Supt/Principal	Travis Ahrens, Clark/Willow Lake
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.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Donovan 2nd by Ahrens to approve the agenda. Motion Carries

We will need to find new Advisory Committee members for the following:

- Matt Thorson's first term has ended, and he will remain as the Girls Coaches rep for another term which will end in 2028
- Clay Lenord's second term has ended, and we will be looking for a Native American School Representative on this advisory. We thank him for his two terms of service on this advisory committee.

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

Matt Thorson

• Numbers are increasing – We will be talking about a lot if the issues with the proposals being brought up for a vote

John Donovan

• OPC/TrackWrestling – Need to look at date in which athletes are being locked in and how athletes are ablet o get down in a fast amount of time to a lower weight class with

Randy Soma Assistant Executive Director out having to follow the OPC. Glitch in the system – Randy will work with TrackWrestling to come up with a change to make sure it is working properly.

- State Tournament
 - a. Weigh in procedures (Top 8 on Saturday) Discussion on allowing athletes to weigh in on Friday night for those that qualify for Saturday. Issues to work through, does nt follow the NFHS guidelines, procedure to weigh in and what happens if they do not make weight – do they get the opportunity to make weight on Saturday Morning.
 - b. Looking at finding a new date for advisory. We need to have it completed by our Board Meeting on March 5 so we can have the proper notification. If we do move it issues arise of changes that might need to happen after the state tournament which would not be addressed until the following year. Census of the group is to keep it on this date.
 - c. Other items will come up in proposals

Tyler Nolz

- Discussion on Girls being allowed to still wrestle in boy dual events. A proposal will be coming forward
- Clarification on JV weigh ins and how they count. We have kept the weigh in requirements the same. 15 weigh ins per wrestler. JV events count toward those weigh ins
- Discussion on allowing 3 coaches in the corner for the Individual State Championship Round. No action taken as it is a deviation from the NFHS Rule.

Administrative Reps

Clay Leonard

- Discussion on numbers for both boys and girls have gone up
- Goal is to still build better girls numbers as the sport grows

Michael Ricke

- Most of the items will come under the proposals that have been submitted.
- Brackets for state Girls how do we get them filled

Travis Ahrens

• State Dual format – Schools want to have them both on Saturday. The SDHSAA plan is to rotate the classes each year. Next year Class A Duals would take place on Friday and the Class B would take place on Saturday.

Official Reps

- Bud Postma
 - State Tournament
 - a. Do we need to look at the number of officials working the state tournament on Saturday. This way we do not have officials sitting around waiting for their turn to work on Saturday.
 - b. Reported that we have a good mix of new, mid and veteran officials in the state.

SDHSAA Staff

Dan Swartos

- The NFHS SMAC Committee is looking at moving the OPC minimum fat percentage from 12% to 19% for females next year.
- Dan talked about some word changing in the Wrestling Handbook

1. Tournament Administration and Regulations, Section E- Tournament

Entries/Seeding, Subsection 1 (pg. 8):

1. (NEW: 2018): Each region is responsible for their own seeding and draw process. Final entries for Region competition are due at 9:00 AM CT on the Wednesday of Region Tournament weekend and seed meetings must be completed by 11:59 PM MT on the Wednesday of Region Tournament weekend, regardless of the date of the event, and must be entered into TrackWrestling. The only movement of wrestlers (i.e.- an injury at 126 and moving a submitted wrestler from 132 to 126) allowed after this-the Wednesday 9:00 AM CT deadline will be for documented injury or illness. In order for entered wrestlers entered to be moved between weight classes, a documented injury/illness must exist and verified by school administration. This can occur up until the seed meeting begins, and in regions where no seed meeting is held and pre-seeds are sent for inquiry, up until the pre seeds are sent to the group for inquiry.

2. Tournament Administration and Regulations, Section F- Substitutions (pg. 9)

In the Region Tournaments, substitutions may be made after the seeding and drawing meeting, up until weigh-in time ends, provided the substitution is requested because of illness, injury, or disciplinary action. Substitution means a wrestler who is not entered into the tournament being placed into the tournament, movement of a submitted wrestler from a different weight to the substituted weight is not permitted. Example- wrestler at 150 is injured, a substitute from outside of the tournament can replace the wrestler at 150, you cannot move someone already submitted to the tournament at 144 to 150, as this would then impact more than the original wrestler's weight class.

No substitution is permitted for a wrestler who does not make weight.

3. State Individual Tournament, Section A- Format, Subsection 2 (pg. 12) *This is not a change, this is language that better reflects the actual seeding procedure.* 2. **UPDATED - 2018:** Beginning with the 2016-17 SDHSAA State Tournament, wWrestlers will be seeded for competition by the Wrestling Advisory Committee nominated representatives from each region and their designees. Ten wrestlers in each weight class will be seeded, and each Region Champion is guaranteed to be given one of these a top-ten seeds, regardless of any other criteria. Wrestlers will be seeded using the criteria as listed in the "Region Tournament" section of this handbook, with the following exceptions:

a. Region Champions are guaranteed a top-ten seed

b. After "Head-to-Head" and "common opponents" are evaluated, "Current Year, Region Place" shall be considered prior to other criteria.

c. Winning percentage (to the thousands) shall be considered after returning state place, followed by coin flip.

Note- the criteria above (H2H, Commons, Region Place, Prior Year State Place, Winning Percentage) is run through the Track Wrestling seed program, which compares each wrestler in the bracket individually against the other 15 wrestlers in the bracket using the criteria in order (H2H, commons, etc.). When this is completed, each wrestler has a number (seed points) representing how many other athletes within the bracket that they have criteria over. The athletes are then placed in order of seed points, with the wrestler who has the highest number of seed points receiving the number one seed, the wrestler with the second number of seed points receiving the number two seed, and so on. Wrestlers who are tied in the number of seed points are evaluated against each other to see who has criteria within those wrestlers. In the case of a three (or more)-way tie, the tied wrestlers will be evaluated against each other to determine seed points among those wrestlers. When we have the seed meeting, you can only challenge the next higher seed if you are within two seed points of that indidivudal and have direct cireteria over them (head to head or common opponents). For example, Wrestler A has 7 seed points and is the 6 seed, Wrestler B has 5 seed points and is the 7 seed. If Wrestler B has head to head or common opponents over Wrestler A, they can challenge for that seed because they are right next to each other in seed and within two seed points of each other. However, you cannot jump an opponent to get criteria over another- i.e. A has 12 seed points and the 3 seed, B and C have 11 seed points, B has criteria over C so B is the 4 seed and C is the 5 seed. If C has criteria over A, they cannot jump B to get to A.

Additionally, once the ten seeded wrestlers have been established, a draw will be conducted to place the remaining six qualifying wrestlers. Two wrestlers from the same region will be allowed to match up with one another during the first round of competition.

4. State Individual Tournament, Section A- Format, Subsection 3 (pg. 12)

3. NEW, 2017, UPDATED 2019: The committee reserves the right to reseed/redraw a bracket if a forfeit occurs within the top ten seeds prior to the start of State Tournament competition. Should a wrestler, for any reason (weight, injury or illness) become unable to compete at the first day of competition prior to the conclusion of

weigh-ins, an alternate wrestler will be selected from the pool of fifth-place region finishers. This alternate will be determined by comparing the four fifth-place region wrestlers using the SDHSAA State Seeding criteria. In the event that a region has fewer than four wrestlers at a weight class and a "bye" is pulled forward into the state tournament, the four fifth-place region wrestlers, followed by the four sixth-place region wrestlers, in order of criteria determined by track wrestling, will be used as alternates to fill those byes. If there are more open slots than available wrestlers to be filled, the remaining slots shall become byes. Once bye's have been filled, the next individual in line would be identified as the alternate wrestler for the state tournament at that weight class and sent out with the pre-seeds. All individuals entered into the tournament to fill bye slots and any alternate wrestler added due to illness/injury/discipline/weight prior the end of day one weigh ins are scoring wrestlers within the tournament.

4. State Dual Tournament, Section A, Subsection 1 (pg. 13)

1. On an annual basis, all teams will be considered for participation in the Dual Championships. There is no longer an opportunity to "opt out" of the event other than by way of competing in less than the required number of duals.

a. Teams will need to have the entirety of their DUAL schedule posted to the SDHSAA.com website by no later than December 1st. No further events can be added to the schedule after that date, and only SDHSAA-office-approved changes may be made to the schedule without a win/loss/forfeit being awarded. Duals scheduled for after the power point cutoff date may not be rescheduled to fall within the power point cutoff date after the December 1st deadline. This would be considered an "addition" to the schedule. b. Teams must compete in a minimum of *eight regular-season* varsity duals to be considered as eligible for the SDHSAA State Dual Championships.

Randy Soma

- Discussion on having a penalty (Fine) for school not having their Bound schedule and Scores for Duals updated. Final date to make sure they have them in. Discussion at AD Conference.
- Thanks to Jordan and the Rapid City School District as well as the Monument for all of their hard work and putting on an excellent State Individual Wrestling Tournament
- Thanks to Brian Moser and the Pierre School District for hosting the State Duals. They created a great environment and appreciate all their hard work on putting the dual tournament on.

Proposed Recommendations

Proposal 1- Remove Region Seeding Requirements wording.

Contestants must have a minimum of eight matches actually wrestled at the weight class in which they are entered for competition at the Region Meet in order to be considered for seeding. Any injury, illness, or ineligibility will not alter the above rule. This minimum number may be reduced provided committee members and head coaches in a Region vote by majority to do so.

Motion by: Ricke, 2nd by Nolz

<u>Proposal 2</u> – Fill byes in state tournament bracket with 5th place the 6th place if needed.

In both boys and girls, we will fill the brackets that have byes with the 5th place from regions. We will seed them out just like we have had in the past for alternates. If all 5th places are used, we will move onto the 6th place finishers in Region and seed them for the replacement in brackets or as the alternate. Once bye's are established, we will seed whoever is remaining to determine the alternate to take to state. All atheltes entered into the tournament to fill bye slots or as alternate wrestlers due to injury/illness/discipline/weight are scoring wrestlers.

Motion by: Thorson, 2nd by Lenord Motion carries 6-1

<u>Proposal 3</u> -State Dual Handbook Wording. We have gone through and updated the wording in the handbook on the State Dual Seeding procedure. We have been using this formula to seed duals ever since we reinstate the State Dual tournament. The updates are in Red.

State Dual Tournament, Section A, Subsections 3 and 4 (pg. 13)

This is not a change, this is clarifying language that better reflects what has been actual practice.

Updated, 2020: To determine the eight teams in the State Dual, the top ten teams by seed-power point average will be evaluated for qualification. Each of the top ten teams will be evaluated against each of the other nine teams in criteria order to evaluate seed points, which are the number of teams within the group of ten that each team has criteria over. Evaluation will be done by criteria in order, much as individuals are determined. Qualifications-Criteria will be, in order: Head-to-Head, Common Opponents, Power Point Average, Last year's place @ State Duals, Last year's place @ State Individual, Coin Flip. Once all teams have been evaluated against all other teams within the selected group, the teams will be listed in order of seed points (number of teams they have criteria over) in descending order, with the team with the highest number of seed points at one and the team with the lowest seed points at ten. Teams who are tied in seed points will be evaluated against each other by criteria to determine order. For example, if two teams are sitting at 3 and 4 and each have 6 seed points, those two teams would be evaluated against each other in criteria order until it can be determined who has criteria over the other, and the team with criteria would be placed at three. If three or more teams are tied in seed points, they would be evaluated against each other until a tie is broken positively or negatively and the remaining teams would be reevaluated starting at the top of the criteria. In order to break a three or more-way tie in seed points via head to head or common opponents, every team in the group would have to have wrestled each other (head to head) or all share a common opponent. Once the ties have been broken and every team is listed in seed point order, if a team right below another team has direct (head to head or common opponent) cireteria over the team above them, those two teams would be flipped. Example- Team A has 5 seed points and is the 6 seed. Team B has 4 seed points and is the 7 seed. Team B has head to head criteria over Team A, A and B would be flipped for the 6 and 7 seed. This is only applicable for teams who are right next to each other in seeds. If A is the 2 seed, B is the 3 seed, and C is the 4 seed but C has direct criteria over A, C cannot jump B to get to A.

Once all ties in seed points have been broken and direct criteria among teams right next to each other have been established, the top eight teams advance to the state tournament. Should a tie in power points exist for the last qualifying spot for consideration of a top-eight seeding, the following criteria shall be applied to break the tie (if multiple teams are tied, items a through e shall be used in consecutive order to break the tie either positively or negatively, and the remaining teams will then be re-evaluated using the criteria.

• Criteria will be, in order: Head-to-Head, Common Opponents, Power Point Average,

Last year's place @ State Duals, Last year's place @ State Individual, Coin Flip

Motion by: Ricke, 2nd by Donovan Motion carries 7-0

Proposal 4 – Cutoff date to have your last Dual event count towards Seeding for State Duals

The cutoff date will for duals to be considered for State Dual Seeding will be Thursday of Week 31. This will include out of state opponents records as well.

Motion by: Thorson, 2nd by Donovan **Motion carries 7-0**

Proposal 5 – Change the State Dual Seeding from taking the top Ten Power point teams for seeding to the Top 16 teams in the Dual Seeding. This will provide more data and make the top 8 teams for each class more accurate when to comes to getting the final top 8 teams seeded Motion by: Ahrens, 2nd by Nolz Motion carries 7-0

Proposal 6 – Change in Dual Team Qualification. You will need to have 10 Duals on record instead of 8 to qualify for state dual seeding.

Motion by: Ricke, 2nd by Donovan

Motion carries 7-0

Proposal 7 – Changing the Daily/Session Mat Schedule for the State Wrestling Tournament To change the Daily/Session Mat Schedule for the State Wrestling Tournament. Start times to sessions may have to be adjusted.

Motion by: Thorson, 2nd by Nolz

Motion carries 7-0

ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE



Schools wishing to make a rules proposal change for the advisory committee to consider shall complete this form and submit to the SDHSAA office preferably two weeks PRIOR to the meeting date so the proposal may be added to the agenda.

O Softball

O Tennis

Please select the sport in which the rules proposal is being submitted. O Volleyball O Football O Soccer

- O Basketball
- Comp. Cheer

Comp Dance O Cross Country/Track

O Gymnastics

Title of Proposal: Changing the Daily/Session Mat schedule for th State Wrestling Tournament

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

O Golf

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Proposed Rule Change:

To Change the Daily/Session Mat schedule for the State Wrestling tournament. This is not necessarily a rule change but a request to change how the State Wrestling Tournament is run. I have attached the Daily Mat Schedule and State Mat Diagram for this proposed change.

Rationale for Rule Change:

It is very difficult for some Girls Wrestling coaching staffs that may have only 1-2 coaches be on multiple mats that It is very difficult for some Girls Wrestling coaching staffs that may have only 1-2 coaches be on multiple mats that are spread across the arena floor. For example, a Coach could have a girl wrestling on Mat 8 and Mat 1 at the same time and also have one on Mat 4. If there is only 2 coaches on staff it would be very difficult for them to cover all 3 with the current 8 mat layout, thus possibly missing that athletes match or parts of it. Class A and Class B Boys currently only wrestle each round on 4 mats a piece. This proposal would have the inside 4 mats at the begining of each round, dedicated to the Girls Tournament and when they have concluded, then the next available Boys A&B matches can be called to the inside mats as they open up. This would enable Girls Coaches to have adequate coverage to be in the Girls comer when they are wrestling or if possible be able to split a mat to do 2 at a time , 1 have also contaced Darren Paulson who runs the TrackWrestling for the State Tournament and he agrees that this is something that can be done with no problems.

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Daily Mat Schedule for Individual State Class A Boys, Class B Boys and Girls Wrestling Tournament

DAY 1

1st Session - 10 AM = A Boys 1st Round on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 1st Round on Mats 1 & 2

Girls 1st Round on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

 After Completion of Girls 1st Round Matches, put the next available A Boys 1st Round Matches on mats 5 & 6 and next available B Boys 1st Round Matches on Mats 3 & 4.

2nd Session – 4 PM = A Boys Quarterfinal on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys Quarterfinal on Mats 1 & 2

Girls Quarterfinal on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

 After Completion of Girls Quarterfinal Matches, put the next available A Boys Quarterfinal Matches on mats 5 & 6 and next available B Boys Quarterfinal Matches on Mats 3 & 4.

Day 2

1st Session - 9:30 AM = A Boys 1st Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 1st Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girls 1st Round Consolation on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

- After Completion of Girls 1st Round Consolation Matches, put the next available A Boys 1st Round Consolation Matches on mats 5 & 6 and next available B Boys 1st Round Matches on Mats 3 & 4.
- Break after 1st Round Consolation

1st Session Continued = A Boys 2nd Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 2nd Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girls 2nd Round Consolation on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

 After Completion of Girls 2nd Round Consolation Matches, put the next available A Boys 2nd Round Consolation Matches on mats 5 & 6 and next available B Boys 2nd Round Consolation Matches on Mats 3 & 4.

Daily Mat Schedule for Individual State Class A Boys, Class B Boys and Girls Wrestling Tournament

2nd Session (Day 2) 3PM = A Boys 3rd Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 3rd Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girls Semi-Finals on Mats 4 & 6

Girls 3rd Round Consolation on Mats 3 & 5

- After Completion of Girls Semi-Finals and 3rd Round Consolation matches, A Boys Semi-Finals next available matches on Mats 5 & 6 and B Boys Semi-Finals next available matches on Mats 3 & 4.
- Break after Semi-Finals

2nd Session Continued = A Boys 4th Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 4th Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girls 4th Round Consolation on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

 After Completion of Girls 4th Round Consolation Matches, put the next available A Boys 4th Round Consolation Matches on mats 5 & 6 and next available B Boys 4th Round Consolation Matches on Mats 3 & 4.

Day 3 (Saturday)

1st Session - 10 AM - Placing Matches

- B Boys 7th, 5th and 3rd place matches on Mats 1 & 2
- Girls 7th, 5th and 3rd place matches on Mats 3 & 4
- A Boys 7th, 5th, and 3rd Place matches on Mats 5 & 6
- Note: Run all 7th place matches before 5th place matches, etc...

2nd Session - 1 PM - FINALS

- B Boys Finals on Mat 1
- Girls Finals on Mat 3
- A Boys Finals on Mat 5

Day 3 (Friday)

1st Session – 10 AM – Place Matches

Mat 1 B 7 th Place B 5 th Place B 3 rd Place	Mat 3 Girls 7 th Place Girls 5 th Place Girls 3 rd Place	Mat 5 A 7 th Place A 5 th Place A 3 rd Place	Mat 7 No Matches
Mat 2 B 7 th Place 8 5 th Place B 3 rd Place	Mat 4 Girls 7 th Place Girls 5 th Place Girls 3 rd Place	Mat 6 A 7 th Place A 5 th Place A 3 rd Place	<u>Mat 8</u> No Matches

2nd Session - FINALS - 1 PM

Mat 1	Mat 3	Mat 5
Class B Finals	Girls Finals	Class A Finals

Proposal 8 – Girls State Dual Team Tournament

This proposal would create a Girls Dual Team Tournament – Details to be worked out by a committee to study the date, time, qualifiers and other details. This would be completed and ready for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion by: Thorson, 2nd by Nolz Motion carries 7-0

Proposal 9 – Proposed Girls Region Realignment.

Request that the association look at the participation numbers in Girls Regions and re-align the regions for only the 2025-26 season

Motion by: Thorson, 2nd by Ricke Motion carries 5-1

Proposal 10- Change to the NFHS Weight Class of 14.

 Request the change from the NFHS 12 weight classes to the NFHS 14 Weight Class

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

 NFHS 12 Weights – 100, 107, 114, 120, 126,132,138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235

 Motion by: Thorson, 2nd by Ahrens

 Motion carries 5-1

Proposal 11 – Eliminating Females from Wrestling in Male Dual Events.

It is a separate sport, and it does not count towards either record for male or female. Motion by: Nolz, 2nd by Donovan Motion carries 6-0 Other Discussion Items

- 1. Schools must have their schedules and scores reported on the Bound Website in order to maintain accurate Seeding information for State Duals. Possible fine in the future for those schools that do not fulfill this requirement.
- 2. State Tournament Weigh ins Discussion about Friday Weigh ins for Saturday.
- 3. Discussion on State Individual Tournament staying in Rapid with Track always being in Sioux Falls.

Motion to Adjourn by Donovan