

SOUTH DAKOTA

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WRESTLING ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: March 1, 2021
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

WRESTLING Advisory Committee Members:

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM with members present via teleconference, Radke excused. Dr. Krogstrand and Dr. Swartos were present representing the SDHSAA Office. Krogstrand was selected as recording secretary, and covered roles/responsibilities of the committee members. Krogstrand thanked Toby Bryant for his time on the committee as his term is expiring.

Review Rule Changes for 2020-21

The committee had discussion on NFHS and SDHSAA Rule Changes for 2020-21. Discussion on NFHS changes with singlet and which are legal; Dr. Krogstrand anticipates that NFHS will be approving language in either the case book or rule book to incorporate information about which uniforms are allowable for weigh-ins. Discussion on SD changes was extensive, but most were happy with the modifications that were brought in for the season. Krogstrand and others noted that discussion on the State Tournament format that were moved to the coaches' report.

Report from Committee Members; – *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
 - Chris Saylor, Freeman, Class "B" – Much discussion on duals/schedule of the State Tournament; Discussion on the Middle School State Tournament and allowing kids to

be able to wrestle in the duals as alternates/backups, committee agreed that the tournament formatting for the dual will likely change post-Covid and alleviate the concerns that were brought this year; Discussion on state seeding criteria, committee agreed that potentially rotating the individuals who serve as the region rep on the committee, as seeing the action in-person, further discussion on if all tournaments could use SDHSAA criteria, SDHSAA reps will work with TrackWrestling to see if we can have that criteria more widely available for use during the regular season; Discussion of a "SoDak" setup for determining the eight into the Dual Championships; Committee tabled action on the SoDak

- John Donovan, Class "A" Rep, Chamberlain – State Tournament schedule involving girls competition; Outstanding Wrestler and Most Falls – female consideration for those awards; Preliminary discussion on female weight classes and establishing a formal split of classes for the season and only advancing one female competitor per team to the State Championships annually; Discussion on officials' assignments; Discussion on skin checks and weigh-ins during the season;
- Clay Leonard, Red Cloud, Native American School Representative – No report beyond what has been shared and due to Covid regulations where they are unable to participate this previous season
- Administrative Reps
 - Toby Bryant, Athletic Director Rep, Harrisburg – Discussion on girls' division and qualifiers, OPC and process moving forward; Most of discussion/feedback on scheduling of state meet to be covered upcoming
- Official Reps
 - Bud Postma, Official, Madison – Discussion on drawing on starting weights – ensuring that coaches and schools understand that draw can be done in advance; Hair/Skin/Nails checks – officials appreciative that medical professionals were charged with making those calls as opposed to defaulting to the officials' duties for an event; Increased numbers of unsportsmanlike incidents at State Meet this year as compared to previous years, what can be done to prevent/make better earlier on in the year, Committee members note similar challenges with unsportsmanlike and actions by coaches and others that may precipitate the issue;
- Items submitted to SDHSAA Representatives
 - Girls weight classes: 10 formal weight classes, based on weights from 2020-21, to include 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 142, 154, 170, 190, 285. **Motion by Postma, Second by Bryant to adopt previously listed weight classes for girls, effective 2021-2. Motion passed unanimously.** Team Championship for girls was discussed at length in conjunction with use of these weight classes. Following discussion. **Motion by Saylor, Second by Donovan to Award a Team Championship based on those weight classes. Teams can enter one participant per class. Entries due w/ boys' region entries. 16-Man Brackets will be used for those with 9+ entrants, 8-Man Brackets will be used for those with 6+, Round robin for 5 or fewer. Brackets will seed half of the bracket, draw the rest. If more than 16 are entered into any one weight class, TrackWrestling will use SDHSAA seeding criteria to determine which 16 are selected to participate. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Schedule: Extensive discussion centering on how to best facilitate the State Championships, including facility, weekend, calendar and other restrictions; Committee saw the option for having the duals after or separate from the individual tournament as perhaps the most attractive of the available options given those constraints. Following discussion, there was a **Motion by Sayler, Second by Donovan, to approve moving the Duals to Saturday of the State Championships (schedule below). Motion approved unanimously.**

Thursday - First Session		
6:30 AM	Weigh Ins	
9:00 AM	First Round Matches	All Ten Mats
Thursday - Second Session		
3:00 PM	1 st Round Consolation & Quarterfinal Matches	Bouts scheduled to "next available mat" as possible
to follow	2 nd Round Consolation	All Ten Mats
Friday - First Session		
6:30 AM	Weigh Ins	
9:00 AM	Semifinals & 3 rd Rd Consolation	Consolation on "outside" mats, Semi's on Inside 3 Mats
to follow	4 th Round Consolation Matches	All Ten Mats
Friday - Second Session		
3:00 PM	Place Matches (no face-offs/intros)	All Ten Mats
to follow	Championship Matches	Three Mats - Match order determined by fan vote
Saturday - Single Session		
8:30 AM	Weigh Ins	
11:00 AM	Quarterfinal Duals	Eight Mats
15 min after	Semifinal Duals	Four Mats
15 min after	Championship/3rd Place Duals	Four Mats

- State Duals: Discussion on placing two, four, six or eight teams within the dual. Concerns over how consolations have been competed in the past were noted by the committee, and the hesitance to expand that challenge that has been seen to-date. Committee felt that allowing a placing of six teams in the dual. **Motion by Sayler, Second by Donovan to wrestle out to six places in the Dual Championships (full eight team bracket, no 7th place match). Motion passes unanimously.** Committee agreed with staff's historical question on alternates that absent additional motion/action, the old rule of a max of 5 alternates shall continue for 2021-22 and beyond for the entirety of the Dual Championships.
- State Duals qualifier: Discussion from Sayler on the SoDak format of qualifying in to the State Duals; Discussion on potentially having 5/12, 6/11, 7/10, 8/9 based on power

points wrestle one another to qualify for the dual event; Committee felt it was perhaps best to revisit this specific idea again next year to determine a course of action.

With no other business before the committee, motion by Bryant, second by Postma to adjourn at 1:55 PM. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John Krogstrand
Assistant Executive Director
SDHSAA

APPENDIX – SCHEDULE

The 2020 Wrestling Championships followed the below schedule:

Thursday – First Session:

10:00 AM	First Round	Individual
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Thursday – Second Session:

3:00 PM	Quarterfinals	Individual
To follow	Quarterfinals	Team Dual

Friday – First Session:

9:00 AM	1 st /2 nd Round Consolation	Individual
'to follow'	Semifinals	Individual

Friday – Second Session:

5:00 PM	Semifinals	Team Dual
6:30 PM	3 rd Place Matches	Team Dual
8:00 PM	Championships	Team Dual

Saturday – Single Session:

11:00 AM	3 rd /4 th Round Consolations	Individual
2:00 PM	Place Matches	Individual
5:00 PM	Championships	Individual

The 2021 Wrestling Championships will follow the proposed schedule:

Thursday – First Session:

10:00 AM	First Round	Individual
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Thursday – Second Session:

3:30 PM	Quarterfinals	Team Dual
'to follow'	Semifinals	Team Dual

Friday – First Session:

10:00 AM	Quarterfinals/1 st Rd Consolation	Individual
'to follow'	2 nd Round Consolation	Individual

Friday – Second Session:

3:30 PM	Semifinals	Individual
'to follow'	Championships	Team Dual

Saturday – First Session:

10:00 AM	3 rd Round Consolation	Individual
'to follow'	4 th Round Consolation	Individual

Saturday – Second Session:

3:30 PM	Place Matches	Individual
'to follow'	Championships	Individual