



**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.
STATE WRESTLING COMMITTEE**



MINUTES:

SPRING MEETING- DELMAR OFFICE

05/23/05

In Attendance:

NYS Chairman	Don DeBadts	Geneseo Central School
Section 1 Chair	Eric Romanino	Beacon High School
Section 2 Chair	Marty Sherman	Cornith High School
S2 Asst. Chair	John Vishneowski	Ravena/Coe/Sel.School
Section 3 Chair	Brad Hamer	Jordan-Elbridge HS
S3 Asst. Chair	Bill Kays	Mexico High School
Section 4 Chair	Rick Armstrong	Walton High School
S4 Asst. Chair	Rick Gumble	Chenango Forks HS
Section 6 Chair	Mike DeBarbieri	Portville High School
S6 Asst Chair	Israel Martinez	Niagara Falls HS
Section 7 Chair	Gary Edwards	Peru High School
S7 Asst. Chair	Stan Riggs	Peru High School
Section 8 Chair	Terry Haise	Freeport High School
Section 9 Chair	Jeff Culty	Newburgh F. Academy
Section 10 Chair	Randy Morrison	Gouverneur High School
CHSAA Chair	George Dlugolonski	Chaminade High School
PSAL Chair	Larry Cantor	

Guests:

NYS Exec Dir	Nina Van Erk	
NYS Asst Dir	Lloyd Mott	
NYS Asst Dir	Wa3ter Eaton	
NYS Asst Dir	Joe Altieri	
NYSWOA Pres	Gene Tracy	
NYSWOA	Frank Marotta	
 <u>Absent:</u>		
Section 5 Chair	Mark Hoyt	Brighton Central School
S5 Asst. Chair	Lynn Tewksbury	
Section 11 Chair	Joe Giani	Huntington High School

AGENDA:

I. Introductions

- Folders distributed.
- Rule changes included
- New S6 Asst Chair: Israel Martinez (Niagara Falls)

II. Nina VanErk

- Discussion of the 135 lb Division One final disqualification. The tournament protest committee ruled at the tournament. Decision is final with no appeal. A second appeal was requested by N. Rockland but the request of holding an additional hearing of the appeal was denied, as per the NYSPHSAA handbook. The case has been taken to the courts.
- October meeting we will discuss possible rule changes for end of match procedure.
- Eligibility rule: 6 different contests on six different dates required for post season. A waiver can be requested to the Sectional Athletic council if the wrestler has less than 6. Section 8 wrestler went to a judge vs the council.
- Federation rules questionnaire should be given to Chairmen for input on more timely basis.
- Minutes will be sent to Don DeBadts for approval. Recommendation that Chairmen copy/fax/ or e-mail copies of NYS approved minutes to all coaches in their section.

III. Post Tournament Discussions

Committee recognized Marty Sherman (Section 2) for his hard work in running an excellent tournament at the Pepsi Arena.

a. Hotel Security

Destruction to Crowne Plaza leads us to having to hire our own security for the future. Room assignments need to be given out prior to Chairmen arriving so they can assign actual room numbers to their competitors and coaches so everyone in their party will be able to find their members when needed. A large fan base was intermixed with the competitors. Wrestlers who were "signed out" to their sections, remained in the hotel with their parents and some had parties in rooms. Reports were made that coaches were drinking with athletes. Chairmen need to take responsibility of communicating to the coaches the conduct that is expected.

b. Photographer

Do we want a tournament photographer or would each section prefer to have their own photographer? The state photographer did not allow for mailing of podium photos. Competitors had to wait at the photo booth for an hour after the awards ceremony, if they wanted a photo. Motion made by Rick Armstrong to put out a bid for a tournament photographer where the committee sets the specs we require. Seconded by: Terry Haise. Sections could be responsible for their own team's photos. Parents could be allowed on the floor for podium shots.

c. Video Taping of Finals

Do we want to have the finals videotaped? Empire Sports did not televise the finals this year. Joe Altieri suggested two options: Hire someone to film or have a local TV company do the job. All old finals prior to 2004 are now in the NYS office on DVD.

d. Programs

This year had two-types (one with the photos of past champs, one with the brackets). Joe Altieri has meet with two printers looking to do one combined program. The size of the program may be too large with history and two divisions. Sale of updated brackets is another possibility. Changes to the historical book (name changes, schools, etc) can be given to Don DeBadts. October vote will be made to determine if one or two programs could be made.

e. Reporting Sectional Results

Fax or e-mail to Don DeBadts vs Phoning in results. Chairmen should not allow a different Asst. coach every time a team has more than one participant. NYSPHSAA office will laminate and prepare the floor passes. Clarification of columns listed on the form as follows: Finalist = Have they been there the year before Place = did they place in the top four the year before. Career Record could be deleted.

f. Weigh-In Cards

To be distributed at January meeting. Chairmen fill them out and bring to the state tournament. Coaches should be reminded that wrestlers cannot use hot showers to make weight. If a competitor is in violation they would be removed from the tournament.

g. Passes

Discussion of type of floor pass to be used. Should they be punched, should a separate procedure be developed to mark the passes of the eliminated competitors to keep them off the floor.

IV. Site for 2006

Walter Eaton: Pepsi would be interested in having us return in '06. Nassau is in process of giving a rental figure. Rochester has requested we attempt to find another site for '06 as they are probably not available. If Nassau is used the Marriott which is nearby would be considered as the host site for the tournament.

The 2005 tournament rental was \$75,000 vs the budgeted \$100,000. Books are closed at 8/31 and the official financial report of the tournament will be available then. If costs of arena rental become too high could a smaller arena be used on a staggered basis over three days? Binghamton has an arena that is available.

Marty Sherman spilled his coffee for the second time during the meeting.

Sectional Athletic councils have a new document for local sections to bid (or make proposals) on arenas in their areas that will fit the specs required for the individual sport championships.

V. Report on Evaluations of Officials

Folders include results of evaluations ranking all officials sorted with the best at the top. With the increased number of officials, evaluators had to work right thru the finals this year. Numbers next to the official's names show a separate rating from separate evaluators. Each evaluator may have evaluated an official as many as four times.

VI. Format for '07 and beyond (bring your ideas & proposals)

-Section 5 proposal for 2-Divisions with increased bracket from 12 to 24 man bracket. based on multiple entries (by quantity of schools per section)

-Section 2 read a letter from their Ex. Director opposing the legislation in the NYS Assembly looking for multiple-entry.

-Discussion: Could a regional approach be used where sectional champs go to a regional?.

-Discussion: Could a wild card procedure be used to bring the most qualified? For example a wrestler with over 100 career wins automatically qualifies.

-Discussion: Should we go back to one division or stay with two?

-Proposal by Marty Sherman: Two Divisions with 16 man bracket. 12 spots filled by Sectional Champions, 4 other "At Large" spots to be determined by a criteria pre-set by our committee. Passed as follows:

In Favor: Sections 2,3,4,6,7,9,10 Opposed: Sections 1,5,8 Absent: 11

-“At large” criteria committee: Don DeBadts, Marty Sherman (Sec 2), Bill Kays (Sec 3), Rick Armstrong (Sec 4), Jeff Culty (Sec 9) will meet on 6/20 at noon in Delmar office to develop the criteria for the 4 additional wildcards. They will present at October meeting. Chairmen can send their input to Jeff Culty prior to the meeting.

VII. Report on the Wrestling Advisory Committee from 4/5/05.

a. 33 1/3% Rule for 2005-2006 with 50% Rule for 2006-2007

Weigh-in weight (not weight actually wrestled in a dual) Advisory committee is in favor. That means that 6 of your weigh-in competitions have to be at the weight you will wrestle for post season competition. Passed: 9-1 Must still be passed by Exec Committee.

b. Status of Honor Weigh-In's

Unchanged

c. Hydrostatic Weigh-ins

The actual weight may now be used instead of the original weight on the day of certification.

d. Assessment Methods

All assessors must use the program on the website, they do not have a choice.

14 day waivers must be kept on file by Sectional Chairmen but do not have to be sent to Lloyd Mott.

For 2007: If a wrestler is under 7% his actual wt is his certified weight and you will need a note from school physician stating that they are cleared to wrestle.

They may not lose more than 1.5 percent a week. NYS can waive this rule. Committee will make a decision on this for the October meeting.

e. Centralized Testing Sites

Each section is encouraged to set up regional sites and dates for 2005-06. In 2006-07 the centralized sites will be mandated. Tanita machine in 2007-08 is possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Standard weigh-in form to be used statewide will be distributed at October meeting.

-Lloyd Mott will mail out a schedule for registering new assessors for next year.

-Sub-Committee meeting 6/20 at 9:00 in Delmar, will set up a Clinic for coaches for late October early November '05.

AJOURNMENT

OPEN FORUM FOR OTHER PARTIES:

None present

MEETING DATES:

Next meeting date: Monday, October 3, 2005 at Delmar Office 10:00 a.m.

Winter meeting date: Monday, January x, 2006 Location: T.B.A.