

Sports Advisory Committee

Wrestling

Minutes of March 4, 2013

Call to Order by Al Trejo, Chair at 9:09 am

Roll Call: 1A Rocky Nelson - P 1A Bob Wolfe – Absent
 2A Al Trejo – P 2A Rick St. Clair – Absent
 3A Bob Weir – P (phone) 3A Tim Williams – P
 4A Ryan Ridenour – P (phone) 4A Bryan Smith – Absent
 5A John Allen – P 5A Bob Callison – P

Guests: Jason Lipsey, Charlie Jones, Ed, Montalvo, Dean Visser

- March 4 Agenda approval, motioned by John Allen, seconded by Bob Callison, passed 7-0
- August 20, 2012 minutes approval, motioned by Rocky Nelson, seconded by Tim Williams, passed 7-0
- Due to the time and lengthy agenda Jason Lipsey of ProKure Solutions was allowed to speak concerning skin issues and how the AIA and its member schools could benefit from his product to reduce skin disease issues resulting from wrestling contact. (no action, only information)
- Charlie Jones (AIA Official) spoke to the committee to improve the sport of wrestling by giving sub-varsity wrestlers more opportunities to compete and increase mat time. A proposal to restructure how JV and freshman matches are scheduled and allow JV / freshman wrestlers to compete in weekend tournaments. Many JV/Frosh wrestlers do not get matches during the weekly duals and get discouraged after working hard all week to prepare to compete and then don't have an opponent to wrestle. Concerns of the cost of wrestling officials for a tournament came up as well as weekly duals.
- Sectional & State Seeding Criteria: Discussion on how sectional tournaments were not following the criteria set forth by the advisory committee. There were concerns as to proper seeding of wrestlers in the sectional tournament. Proposal for next year's seeding criteria to get into the seeding pool:
 - #1 – Being an AZ State Wrestling Champ from the previous year
 - #2 – minimum 7 matches in that weight
 - #3 – highest overall win percentages

Wrestlers must have winning record and seed up to eight if possible. Once a wrestler enters the seeding pool they are eligible for seeding.

Motion by Alfred Trejo, seconded by Bob Weir, passed 6 yes, 1 abstain

- Weight Certification: Bylaw 31.1.4 Alternative 2 - to go to a doctor as an alternative for weight certification. Motion by Rocky Nelson to delete this part of the bylaw 31.1.4.2 (alternative two – Doctor’s approval), seconded by Tim Williams, passed 7-0. Discussion to take out alternative one of the rule also.

- Sectional Tournament placements:

Div. I, Section 1 – Desert Vista, Ironwood Ridge

Section 2 – Centennial

Section 3 – Boulder Creek

Section 4 – Skyline

Div. II, Section 1 – Desert Edge, Gila Ridge

Section 2 – Flowing Wells

Section 3 – Higley

Section 4 – Ironwood

Div. III, Section 1 – Winslow

Section 2 – Sabino, Empire, Salpointe Catholic

Section 3 – Greenway

Section 4 – Tempe

Div. IV, Section 1 – Joseph City

Section 2 – Parker, Camp Verde

Section 3 – Benson

Section 4 – Mogollon

Motion by Alfred Trejo, seconded by John Allen, passed 6-0; Ryan Ridenour left the meeting at this time.

Discussion of dropping 6 schools from Div. II to Div. III, and 6 schools from Div. III to Div. IV to help with reducing the number of schools in sections to keep the Sectional Tournament a one day meet. Maybe consider the schools by enrollment with a 750 cap.

Div. I schools are requesting the top 8 state placing schools be assigned sectional by their previous state placing. ie. 1&8 in one section, 2&7 in another, 3&6 in another, and 4&5 in another section.

- Discussion Items:
 - Skin issues NFHS Rule 4 Section 2 Article 3 – to allow wrestlers with ringworm to wrestle at sectional and state tournaments. MRSA and other skin diseases are

not allowed. Suggestion was to bring this proposal to the Sport Medicine advisory committee.

- Review of current seasons NWCA requirements – the current weight classes are not suitable for Arizona wrestlers. Are we allowed to go back to our old weight classes? Can NFHS waive the weight classes for AZ?
- NWCA issues- duplicate results in the system. Teams could not get rid of the duplicates.
- State Tournament information – went well, the extra two mats helped, coaches were dressed professional.
- Scheduling of regular season matches – discussion to have the AIA schedule the matches for the schools. The wrestling advisory committee will schedule a date next month to complete the wrestling schedule.

Div. I – duals and some multi's – 6 duals and two multi's

Div. II – duals and some multi's - 6 duals and two multi's

Div.III - No Duals, only multi's – 4 multi's and 4 freedom multi's

Div.IV – No Duals, only multi's – 6 multi's with 4 or more schools at each multi

Schedule matches on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

- Selection of Wrestling Advisory Chairman: motion by Rocky Nelson for Alfred Trejo to serve another year as Committee Chair, seconded by John Allen; passed 6-0
- Discussion of equal representation of the Wrestling Advisory committee. Concerns from Div. I is that current representation is not by divisions and that some divisions have more say than others. The bigger schools feel they do not have enough representation in comparison to the smaller schools on the current committee. Currently the representation is by conference and not division. Suggestion was to go to the Executive Board to ask for two 'At Large' positions to the wrestling committee for better representation; one Athletic Director and coach from each conference and then two 'At Large' positions to make the committee twelve members. In order to fill these positions there needs to be applicants, and we have not received sufficient applicants in the past and had to go out and solicit members. Concerns were that the committee may get too large and then not enough representation would attend the meetings.

Motion by Bob Callison to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned @ 12:05 pm