

Sports Advisory Committee

Wrestling

Minutes of Oct.16, 2013

Call to Order by Al Trejo, Chair at 9:16 am

Roll Call: 1A Rocky Nelson - P 1A Bob Wolfe – Absent
 2A Al Trejo – P 2A Jimmy Carle - Absent
 3A Bob Weir – P (phone) 3A Tim Williams – Absent
 4A Ryan Ridenour – Absent 4A Bryan Smith – P
 5A John Allen – Absent 5A Bob Callison – P
 AIA Coordinator – Dean Visser

Guests: Craig Anderson, Robert DeBerry

- August 27, 2013 Minutes approval, motioned by Rocky Nelson, seconded by Bryan Smith; passed 5-0
- Sectional Tournament placements: Feb 8, 2014
 - Div. I, Section 1 – Ironwood Ridge
 - Section 2 – Centennial
 - Section 3 – Boulder Creek
 - Section 4 – Skyline
 - Div. II, Section 1 – Gila Ridge
 - Section 2 – Flowing Wells
 - Section 3 – Shadow Mtn.
 - Section 4 – Ironwood
 - Div.III, Section 1 – Winslow
 - Section 2 – Salpointe Catholic
 - Section 3 – Greenway
 - Section 4 – Chandler
 - Div.IV, Section 1 – Joseph City
 - Section 2 – Bourgade
 - Section 3 – Benson
 - Section 4 – Mogollon
- Motion by Bob Weir to place Salt River in Div. 4 Sect. 4 from Div. 4 Sect. 2; seconded by Rocky Nelson; discussion- passed 5-0
- Motion by Bob Callison to place Safford in Div. 3 Sect. 4 from Div. 3 Sect. 2; seconded by Bryan Smith; discussion- passed 5-0

- Sectional Tournament Format – California Model usage for state qualification: presented by Bob Callison; discussion as to make evenhanded sections that have 4 or more top 10 schools in their section and to make the division more equitable. This concept will be implemented across the state for the sport of wrestling. A division section could gain one wrestler and another section would lose a wrestle to qualify for state due to the calculations. This is close to the concept that the NCAA uses for their national qualification.
 - Each member of the committee was emailed the California Model and was instructed to get feedback from their respected regions, conferences, or sections.
 - Feedback was also received when the coaches were in attendance at one of the 4 AIA wrestling meetings in September. The response in three of the meetings was overwhelmingly positive for the California model. The other meeting held at the AIA office had some resistance from a few schools concerning the California model. It was noted that these schools did not have strong wrestling programs.
 - Arizona wrestling data was presented using the California model and those affected would be Division 1, Section 1 and Section 4 gaining one wrestler while Division 1, Section 2 and Section 3 losing one wrestler for state qualification. There would be no change to Division 2 wrestling. Division 3, Section 1 gains one wrestler while Division 3, Section 4 loses one wrestler. Division 4, Section 4 gains one wrestler while Division 4, Section 1 loses ones wrestler. This affects 8 out of 16 sections.
 - Fifth place qualifiers will be randomly drawn for the state meet. Automatically seed the #1 and #2 from each section for the state meet.
 - Motion by Rocky Nelson to pilot (field test) for the upcoming season (2013-14) to use the California model for State Wrestling qualification; get approval from NFHS to wrestle a 6th match if needed and pending approval from the AIA Executive Board.
 1. If the wrestlers have met previously in the tournament, the winner will be determined by the previous match results for 5th/6th. If it is for 3rd/4th both wrestlers qualify for state and the points will be shared by both.
 Seconded by Bryan Smith; discussion, motion passed 5-0

- Discussion Items:
 - Bylaw 31.1.4 weight certification: discussion; no action needed as the issue and proposal was voted on during the March 4 meeting. Proposal needs to go to the Legislative Council for rule change possibly in the spring.
 - Wrestlers must go back to the same assessor within 10 days if they are challenging the weight

- If a wrestler has to have a doctor's approval, there is no way for anyone to know if that wrestler is cleared to wrestle. There should be an asterisk next to his name to denote paperwork from a doctor is needed.
- State Tournament information: Sectionals Feb. 8, 2014; State Championships for Div. 3&4 Thursday / Friday, Feb. 13/14, 2014; Div. 1&2 Thursday/Friday, Feb. 14/15, 2014 in Prescott Valley in the Tim Toyota Center and needing help from local schools to help with mat setup and tear down. Need to cleanup the tournament guide for state wrestling.
- Scheduling of regular season matches: proposed schedules are on the AIA website. Schools need to input their home schedule into the website by October 30, 2013. At the spring meeting, the committee needs to provide a timeline for schools to input and complete the wrestling requirements for the year. Concerns with Thursday matches from Division 1.

Motion by Bob Callison to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned @ 10:39 am