

**NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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TO: Wrestling Committee

FROM: Steven J. Timko, Executive Director

RE: MINUTES MAY 31, 2011 MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Steven J. Timko
**ALSO PRESENT: Steve Anuszewski, Doug Bower, Brad DiRupo, Bob Fredrick,
Bryan Garnett, Howie O'Neil, Eric Schwartz, Jewel Sellers**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Steve Timko welcomed all and thanked everyone for their contributions made during the 2010-2011 season.

Review of Minutes of May, 2010 meeting

Minutes of May, 2010 meeting with correction to read "NCAA" not "NWCA"
Approved unanimously

II. Changes to Regulations During Season

Steve Timko emphasized the need to have no midseason changes to any part of the Regulations after they are posted on our website to avoid any confusion as the season progresses. Copies of the regulations will be sent out section by section for review and approval by the committee. Each committee member is expected to acknowledge receipt of the sections and approve their contents. A date will be sent for approval of each section and a non-response by that date will be considered approval.

III. Additional Rules Interpreters:

Motion to have Gary Kessell, State Rules Interpreter to designate two individuals to be "back-up" rules interpreters in case of emergency. The initial call will go to Kessell and if he's not available, to one of the designees. There is a network of wrestling committee members who are available at all times to assist when needed. **Approved unanimously**

IV. Clarification of Weight Allowance procedure:

Motion made to grant a 2 pound allowance each Monday **Approved unanimously**

V. Weight Classes:

Coaches are not happy with the new NFHS weight classes. Steve advised Committee that NJSIAA is 100 % state and follows NFHS rules. The new weight classes come into affect 2011-12.

VI. Weight Certification:

a. Dates:

Motion to approve recommended start of certification date Nov. 7. End date for certification, opening day, December 16. Athlete must wait 48 hours before each retesting. Dates and times for certification and retesting will be determined by school administrator and assessor. No athletes participating in a fall sport will be allowed to participate in hydration certification until their fall season is over. All participates in the certification process must have parental consent prior to testing. Coaches may not have contact with their athletes prior to start of season as per our constitution and bylaws. Information regarding hydration testing will be sent to the schools to be distributed by assessor and/or administration. If there is a medical/hardship/ineligible situation that prohibits the athlete from testing within the above stated times, properly signed documentation must be faxed to the NJSIAA for review and approval before the athlete can be tested. Medical note signed by doctor, hardship letter signed by parent and athletic director, notice of eligibility signed by principal Note of importance, the starting date for hydration testing is only a **recommendation** by the NJSIAA. Wrestler must weigh in and step on mat in order to establish weight. All paperwork must be completed and filed with the principal by opening day, December 16. – **Approved unanimously**

b. Appeal: No appeal after doctor and parent sign original form.

c. Pretesting – at the discretion of the assessor

d. Recertification of Assessors

No mandatory certification required at this time. Survey sent to all previously certified assessors indicated that the majority of assessors felt no need for mandatory cert. classes. A power point presentation will be placed on website for a refresher course.

e. Certification of new Assessors:

Have a Resource Assessor available, one from each region, for certification of new assessors and to be available to answer any questions regarding the testing process. Steve Timko will send something out on the list serve addressing same.

f. Skin Fold/Tanita Scale - Bob Fredrick:

Give the schools the option of using either the Tanita Scale or Skin Fold to determined body fat. Bob cited the difference in cost between the two devices. Concerns about skin fold testing being more subjective to interpretation was raised by Eric Schwartz. Steve Timko voiced concerns about the training of the assessors in the use of skin folds and the chance of inconsistencies between the two processes.

Motion to allow the option of Tanita Scale or Skin Fold to be presented to the Medical Advisory Committee which is scheduled to meet October, 2011.

VII. Teams

a. Expanding teams from 6 to 8.

This proposal was presented to the Finance Committee on a motion made at the May, 2010 meeting, and was rejected because of cost. The proposal cannot be resubmitted for two years, and will be placed on the agenda for the May, 2012 wrestling meeting.

b. .500% rule

The elimination of the 500% rules came into effect for the 2010-11 year. As per our Constitution and ByLaws: Amendments once voted upon may neither be resubmitted, if defeated, no repealed, if approved, for a period of two years from the effective date.

c. **Correspondence from John Przygocki – Athletic Director - CBA:** Motion to add to Group Sectional: Under **NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS** and under **Note: Weighmaster:** “The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by weighmaster **or designee** on the Team Sectional Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form.” The 2011-2012 regulations will reflect this change and Vinnie Russo will be sent a notice advising him of the addition **Approved unanimously**

d. **60/40** – Motion to amended presale of tickets to 50/50 **Approved unanimously**

e. **Move Groups to Saturday at Rutgers:** Rutgers is holding a wrestling event on Sunday February 12, the day of our Group Finals at Pine Belt Arena. The proposal was made to move the group finals from Sunday at the Pine Belt Arena to Saturday at Rutgers to enable wrestlers to attend the event on Sunday at Rutgers. Steve Timko voiced concerns about cost, Rutgers vs. Toms River – Pine Belt Arena. He also stated that the NJSIAA has a good working relation with Toms River and would not like to jeopardize that relationship because of the uncertainty of whether the event at Rutgers will be held at Rutgers next year. Decision was made to keep the group finals at Pine Belt Arena

VIII. Districts:

a. **Seeding Criteria**

An outline of the seeding criteria was discussed. The philosophy remains the same, to reduce the possibility of having the two best wrestlers meet in the early rounds. Wording to be added:

H. Seeding, NOTE: 5. Pre Seeding for the Districts – New for the 2011-12 season

a. **Wrestlers will be pre-seeded by the OPC based on THEIR BEST 20 IN-STATE MATCHES based on the chart below.**

As per Doug Bower, more changes will be forthcoming and included in the Rules & Regulations.

b. **One day as opposed to two**

The decision by the Committee was to leave the decision up to the district site manager as to whether or not he/she want to hold a one day district as opposed to a two day district. It was strongly recommended by the Committee that site directors get input from schools participating in the districts with regard to one day vs. two day tournament.

IX. Regions:

Elimination of Preassigned draw. Seeding criteria based on merit
Per Doug Bower additional changes will be forthcoming and included in the Rules & Regs.

Motion to recommend moving 1st round of the regions from Tuesday to Wednesday. There will be only one seeding meeting for the whole Region and that meeting will be no later than Monday of the Regions. **Approved unanimously**

X. Individuals State Championship:

The Committee requested that a proposal to add an additional wrestleback to the state tournament on Sunday (first round losers) be presented to the Finance Committee for review. All present agreed that it would be a great move for the athletes and the sport but the additional cost is a concern and the implementation of adding a wrestleback may be contingent upon reconstruction of entry fees

XI. Clarification of 70% rule:

To avoid confusion regarding the 70% in-state rule, the regulations have been amended to read.

All NJSIAA team entry forms must reflect dual meet competition of no less than 70% with the New Jersey Schools.

XII. OPC - Doug Bower:

1. The OPC Individual Bout Summary Form NWCA will add a column that will show the District Pre-Seed points earned for each match for less confusion at District seeding.
2. The Athletic Trainer will have the responsibility to check off a box in the OPC computer program when the wrestler has completed the hydration process. This step will allow the wrestler's name to appear on the Official Weight In Form for competition and be cleared to wrestle. The NWCA now has available the online scorebook. The NJWCA and the NWCA have provided funding to make this available to NJSIAA coaches.

XIII State Tournament Review

Steve Timko complimented Howie O'Neil on running a great tournament. Howie reported no major concerns or suggestions for improvement and in turn thanked everyone for their help throughout the year.

XIV. NFHS Rules Changes:

Motion to approve the NFHS Rules Changes for the upcoming year **Approved.**
unanimously

XV. Officials

It was reported that there were no problems with the officials at the state games. The evaluation and numbering system implemented by the NJWOA this year was a very positive and well-received step by coaches and fans of NJ wrestling.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.