WRESTLING RULES COMMITTEE
Minutes
March 18, 2019
10:00 am
NJSIAA CENTRAL OFFICE

Voting Members Present

Howie O’Neil, Tournament Director
Jack Kinne, Assistant Tournament Director
Roy Dragon, State Rules Interpreter
Vinnie Russo, Assignor
Ken Rossi, NJWCA President
John Gagliano, Coach, Howell H.S.
Mark Pitrowsky, Coach, Pope John
Joe Gallagher, Coach, Red Bank Catholic H.S.
Bill Deniz, AD, Delaware Valley H.S.
Dave LaGamba, AD, Millville H.S.
Dan Geleta, Coach, Clifton H.S.

I.  Bill Bruno, Assistant Director:
   a.  Welcome
   b.  Approval of April 25, 2018 minutes
   c.  Season update
   d.  Review of 2019-2020 wrestling dates

II.  Teams:
   a.  Motion to continue to seed 8 for the sectionals
      Approved unanimously

   b.  Motion to give one pound allowance for the following dates and other circumstances authorized by the NJSIAA: 12/26 and January 2
      Approved unanimously

   c.  10 match requirement to qualify for tournament – change qualifying requirement because some schools can’t meet the 10 match requirement or leave the 10 match requirement in place but divide by 10 if schools have less than 10 matches.
      Motion to keep 10 match requirement to qualify for team tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS
      Approved: 10 – 1
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Ken Rossi, NJWCA, President

Give one year waiver to start the wrestling season on Thursday, 12/19/19

Motion to give one year waiver to start wrestling season on Thursday, 12/19/19

Rationale:

Most teams traditionally wrestle in a tournament opening weekend 12/21/19. The way the calendar falls the next weekend, 12/28, is also scheduled for opening tournaments. During the week 12/23-27, it is difficult to have a dual meet because Tuesday 12/24 is Christmas Eve, 12/25 is Christmas and Thursday, 12/26 is the day after Christmas which makes it difficult to get a match in that week. Thursday, 12/19 would allow teams to get one match during the opening of the season.

Approved 10 – 1

Ken will write up proposal to be presented to program review for vote.

e. Motion to mandate all sectional matches to start at 6:00 – weigh in 4:30

Approved unanimously

III. Districts:

The committee was advised that workouts are permitted during week of districts as stated in the NJSIAA Constitution and Bylaws:

CL 2: No matches, regular season meets or tournaments may be scheduled during or after the week of the District Tournament, but a school may schedule interschool “workouts” (excluding match format-scoring, no officiating and no weigh-ins) the week of the Districts through the week of the State Finals.

b. District 5

Received notification from Athletic Director of Emerson that they will not be hosting District 5 for the 2019-2020 year. West Essex will again host. Both schools have agreed.

c. Reminder: District Realignment is scheduled for the Spring of 2020
IV. **Regions:**

a. Motion to mandate 5:30 time for all Regions for Wed and Fri. weigh in at 3:30  
   Approved unanimously  
   
   Motion to mandate 10:00 start time for all Regions on Saturday weigh in at 8:00  
   Approved unanimously  

b. Weather related delays:  
   Consistent with NFHS Rule 4-4.5 – Weighing In  
   
   **Only regions that have cancellations will receive the following allowances**  
   i. Wednesday match cancelled follow rules & regulations:  
      One (1) pound for Thursday and one (1) pound for Friday, same two (2) pounds for Saturday.  
   ii. If pushed to Friday:  
       Two (2) pounds on Friday and same two pounds on Saturday  

c. Motion to eliminate 5th place match thereby eliminating any replacement wrestlers at the state tournament  
   Denied unanimously  

V. **States:**

a. Motion to keep H mat set up for boy and girls  
   Approved unanimously
VI. Roy Dragon, State Rules Interpreter - 2 Pound Growth Allowance
   a. Motion to move two pound growth allowance to January 15
      Approved 9 - 2
   b. Motion to require scratch weight before any allowances are granted
      Motion denied: 7 – 4

TALLY
YES: Howie O’Neil, Jack Kinneer, Vinnie Russo, Dave LaGamba-
NO: Roy Dragon, Ken Rossi, John Gagliano, Dan Geleta, Mark Pitrowsky, Bill Deniz, Joe Gallagher

Rationale and Explanation:
The weight certification process reflects what weight-class each wrestler's descent plan allows them to compete at any given event (dual meet, tri, quad, tournament).

On event day, whatever the weight-class is for that day of competition, the wrestler's descent plan must allow the wrestler to compete in that weight-class.

The weigh-in sheet will reflect eligible weight-classes as designated in that wrestler's descent plan. This ensures that descent plans are being followed.

Examples:
1. Because of different "variables" and "allowances" during the season, when we refer to the weight-class 106, that includes weights 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110 or whatever the weight-class is for that event.
2. Starting the first day of the regular season, the descent plan must read 106.0 or lower to wrestle 106 at that event.
3. On January 15th there is a 2-pound growth allowance for all wrestlers. The descent plan must read 108.0 or lower to wrestle 108 at that event. Note: The wrestle need not make 106.0 (scratch) when the weight-class is 108.0.
4. Whatever allowances are granted at a particular event, each individual descent plan must allow that wrestler to compete at that weight-class at that event.

   If a wrestler weighs in and appears on the mat in more than one weight class (allowances included) above any eligible weight-class as designated on the descent plan, that wrestler will lose eligibility for the lower weight class.
Examples:
1. Wrestler's descent plan allows participation at 106 (as outlined above) and the wrestler weighs-in over 113 (over the weight-class that is next higher than 106) that wrestler is no longer eligible for 106.
2. Wrestler's descent plan allows participation at 106 and wrestler weighs-in over 120, that wrestler loses eligibility at 106 and 113.

Motion to adjust trackwrestling to reflect minimum weight on descent plan and weigh in sheet

Motion approved: 8 - 3

TALLY
YES: Jack Kinner, Roy Dragon, Vinnie Russo, John Gagliano, Dan Geleta, Mark Pitrowsky, Joe Gallagher, Bill Deniz

NO: Howie O'Neil, Ken Rossi, Dave LaGamba