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## Wrestling Advisory Minutes

February 27, 2023; 10:30 AM (Via – Zoom)

### Committee Members:

Coach Rep.	John Donovan, Chamberlain
Coach Rep.	Chris Sayler, Freeman
Girls Coach Rep.	Matt Thorson, Pierre T. F. Riggs
Athletic Director	Michael Ricke, Madison
Supt/Principal	Mike Radke, Huron
Official	Bud Postma, Madison
Native Am. Sch. Rep.	Clay Leonard, Red Cloud

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am with all members present; Dan Swartos and Randy Soma were present for the SDHSAA Executive Staff. Randy reviewed the operations of the committee.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Ricke 2<sup>nd</sup> by Postma to approve the agenda. Motion Carries

The committee then moved to individual reports. Note that *this section of the meeting will include creation, discussion, advancement and consideration of proposals for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration and will not be a conclusive list of potential topics. Representatives on the committee should contact their groups statewide for consideration of ideas and proposals with the understanding ideas are to be advanced for further consideration and not “automatically implemented.”*

### Coaches Reps

John Donovan

- Dress Code – We had discussion on code for state and sub state for coaches. The question was brought up on what other sports dress codes are. We do not have a dress code for other sport coaches. The Board of Directors action in 2008 approved **Coaches Conduct and Dress for Wrestling**. *Coaches are asked to dress appropriately (comfortable, but not sloppy; no hats, t-shirts, denim jeans, or sweat pants. Coaches are in the spotlight not fans in the stands.*
- On Deck Issues – Coaches would like to see the on-deck wrestler and coach be able to stand at the mat they are assigned to. We currently have issues with coaches not on deck standing in the mat areas and have had to ask all coaches and wrestlers to stay in the on-deck area. If we allow coaches to stand in the on-deck area, we would have to restrict to 1 coach and athlete until they report to wrestle. We will also need to asses a penalty if they are caught in the area without having a wrestler on deck.
- Hospitality Room at State for Coaches – Can the coaches association fund and have a coach’s hospitality room at state. Randy will work with host sites to see if they

have availability to have a room for coaches. The total cost and supervisor of the room will fall on the coach's association.

- Weigh-ins – look at schedule for weigh-ins and skin checks. The weigh-ins and skin checks took the approximate times. Thursday 6:35am-7:10am, Friday 6:30am-6:44am – with skin checks starting at 6:15am, Saturday 8:30am-8:48. We had discussion on how to improve both skin checks and weigh-ins.

Chris Sayler

- Dual Qualifier – 10 duals minimum with no repeat teams counting. Discussion on out of state opponents and if they should count towards their seed points. Discussion on SoDak 16 Qualifier for state Wrestling
- Discussion on splitting up the girls and boys state tournament. The days continue to get longer and we are running out of time during the tournament.

Matt Thorson

- Qualifying Tournament for the Girls. Either 2 Super Regional or 4 Regions. Combine 1A & 1B, 2A & 2B, 3A & 3B, 4A & 4B. When on the Calendar would we do it.
- Alternates for girls. Either 5<sup>th</sup> place if we have regionals similar to the boys or the 17<sup>th</sup> place girl if we continue to seed it.
- The Girls Coaches would like to have the Satte Girls Tournament on a separate Weekend.

Administrative Reps

Michael Ricke

- This year we had a Snow Day Practice. Schools would like to have practice on Wednesday. Class B Boys from 2-4pm and Class A from 4-6 rotating every year. The facility would have to be ok with this as the SDHSAA does not plan on renting the facility and add another substantial cost for another day. The SDHSAA will work with the facility to see if it can handle having it setup in time for a practice.
- AD's would like to see if TrackWrestling can be used the same way we use Athleticnet.com in Track for Rosters and schedule. We are working with Bound to see if we can accommodate this request.

Mike Radke

- No additional Items – His concerns were covered in other discussions

Clay Leonard

- No additional Items – His concerns were covered in other discussions

Official Reps

Bud Postma

- With the numbers the officials feel that we should move toward regionals for qualifying and having a separate state tournament to elevate the time and space issues we have right now and that will continue to get worse as we keep adding weigh classes and more girls to the events.

## Proposed Recommendations

### 1. Weight Classes-

a. Boys- It was moved by Clay Leonard, 2nd by Mike Radke to utilize the NFHS 14 weight class model for boys wrestling, beginning in 2023.

14 Classes – 106, 113, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215 & 285

**Motion carries 4-3, with Saylor, Rickey, and Postma dissenting.**

b. Girls- Moved by Ricke, 2nd by Bud Postma, to utilize the NFHS 12 weight class model for girls.

12 Classes – 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185 & 235

**Motion carries 6-1, with Donovan dissenting.**

c. Boys- It was moved by Mike Ricke, 2nd by Chris Saylor to recognize the NFHS 13 weight class model for boys wrestling as a 2nd choice, beginning in 2023.

13 Classes – 107, 114, 121, 127, 133, 139, 145, 152, 160, 172, 189, 215 & 285

**Motion carries 5-2, with Thorson and Radke dissenting.**

d. Girls- It was moved by Thorson, 2nd by Donovan, to utilize NFHS 13 weight class model for girls wrestling, beginning in 2023.

13 Classes – 100, 106, 112, 118, 130, 136, 142, 148, 155, 170, 190 & 235

**Motion carries 5-2, with Radke and Postma dissenting.**

### 2. Girls Upper Weight Limit-

Motion by Matt Thorson, 2nd by Clay Leonard to deviate from 2023 NFHS girls weight classes for the 2023-24 school year by setting the upper weight in girls wrestling at 250 pounds.

**Motion carries 4-3, with Saylor, Ricke, and Radke dissenting.**

3. It was moved by Chris Saylor, 2nd by Matt Thorson, to **establish girls state wrestling tournament** on F-S of NFHS Week 33, keep boys state individual and duals on Th-Sat of NFHS Week 34, and move Region Wrestling to F-S of NFHS week 32, effective the 2023-24 school year.

**Motion carries 7-0.**

4. Motion by Matt Thorson, 2nd by John Donovan, to **establish girls wrestling regions** by current boys region number, as a qualifier for the girls state wrestling tournament beginning in 2023-24.

**Motion carries 4-3, with Ricke, Radke, and Leonard dissenting.**

5. It was moved by Bud Postma, 2nd by Chris Saylor, to host **Dual Team Regions** with seeds 5-12 dualing each other at the high seed (5v12, 6v11, 7v10, 8v9) on Tuesday of NFHS Week 33 for qualification at the state duals. Seeds 1-4 gain automatic qualification. Teams must declare their intention to participate in the state duals by Jan. 1 of the current season. Removing yourself from state dual consideration after this date will result in ineligibility in state duals for the ensuing two wrestling seasons.

**Motion carries 7-0.**

6. Motion by Matt Thorson, 2nd by for the SDHSAA to **establish alternate wrestlers for the girl's** state wrestling tournament, using either the 17th seed or seeding the 5th place region wrestlers.

**Motion carries 7-0.**

## Other Discussion Items

1. OPC – First day to test will be October 30 (Monday of Week 18) . Last day to test will be the Monday before Regions (Week 32)

2. During weigh-ins Athletes must be wearing a school issues singlet and must present with the straps up when doing skin checks and weigh-ins.
3. Discusses and will implement not showing the wrestlers the printed result after stepping off the certified scale during the OPC. That information will be given to the coach.
4. Discussion on Decent plan for first two weeks. They would like to use 3% instead of the 1.5%. Not possible with the TrackWrestling program at this time.
5. Add a signature for parent to complete the certification process in OPC. The SDHSAA will make a form for this starting in 2023.
6. True 4<sup>th</sup> place match at Regions - Discussion but no motion to bring forward
7. Dual Team Members Weigh-ins for 3 day Tournament. Discussion but no motion brought forward.
8. Skin Check – Single time at State Meet – Discussion NFHS requires it. No motion bought forward.
9. We will create a chart in the wrestling handbook with important dates for the season.

Motion to Adjourn by Sayler 2<sup>nd</sup> by Radke – Motion Carries.