

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.



PIAA WRESTLING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday,
November 4, 2020

10:00 am
via ZOOM MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020, Mark E. Byers, PIAA Chief Executive Officer, called the Wrestling Steering Committee to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denny Kellon	District 1
Jay Starnes	District 2
Mike Craig	District 3
Hal Stockdill.....	District 4
Thad Kiesnowski	District 5
Phil Riccio.....	District 6
Frank Vulcano	District 7
Karen Arnold.....	District 8
Randy Cathcart.....	District 9
Steve Hoover.....	District 10
Bob Hartman	District 11
Barry Strube	District 12
Jack Young.....	PIAA Statewide Wrestling Rules Interpreter
John Reynolds.....	PWCA Representative

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director	PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Chief Operating Officer	PIAA
Patrick B. Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director	PIAA

GUEST PRESENT

Ron Kanaskie	PCA Representative to the Board of Directors
Sean Kelly	District 1
Vince Sortino	District 7

CERTIFICATION OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
AND REVIEW OF STEERING COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

The Chief Operating Officer certified the voting representatives from each District Committee and reviewed the procedure of advancing recommendations to the PIAA Board of Directors.

MINUTES FOR PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTION

1. On a motion by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Directors to recommend the current limitation on Multiple School (Dual) ~~or Individual Pool~~ events from two (2) to four (4) events for the 2020-21 season only.
2. By consensus, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors to include the following be included in the Return to Competition Guidelines:

Suggested Provisions for Schools for In-Season Events:

- Limit tournament competition to single day events;
- Athletes in-season participate for the school team only;
- Limit teams/weight classes to individual mats in tournament competition;
- Permit the use of an intermission during dual meets and/or tournaments to permit proper cleaning and sanitation. As an alternative, two mats may be used for dual events to permit alternating mats by weight class to permit cleaning and sanitation;
- Weigh-ins may take place by team, rather than by weight class. Reminder for the 2020-21 season, weigh-ins are now required as follows from the NFHS Rules Book:

ART. 7 ... All contestants shall weigh-in wearing a legal uniform (4-1-1) and a suitable undergarment that completely covers the buttocks and the groin area. Contestants shall not weigh-in wearing shoes or ear guards. Female contestants shall also wear a suitable form-fitted compression undergarment that completely covers their breasts. Contestants may wear low-cut socks that cannot be removed or added if the wrestlers do not make weight.

NOTE: No additional weight allowance shall be granted for weighing-in wearing a legal uniform.

- Locker Room and shower use availability should be determined by the local school health and safety plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

At its meeting of Wednesday, November 4, 2020, the following administrative and other items were discussed by the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee. The Administrative Staff will give consideration to those items designated as administrative. The following items are shared with the Board of Directors for informational purposes:

1. Discussion was held regarding whether the Committee should make a recommendation on the size of tournaments. Discussion included relying on the local school health and safety plan as well as the current guidance for occupancy limits if indoor facilities.

Discussion included whether a recommendation regarding the total number of teams is appropriate. A separate suggested provision for competition in a later administrative item summarizes this discussion.

2. Discussion was held concerning a need to eliminate scrimmages. The Committee believed that is best handled on a school by school basis.
3. Discussion was held regarding permitting home weigh-ins prior to competition. No action was taken.
4. A concern was raised by members of the Committee that eliminating all tournament competition will increase the number of non-school or out-of-school events being sponsored during the season. The Committee was adamant that our schools will do a better job in maintaining safeguards for participation than out-of-school events.
5. Discussion was held regarding the difficulty Committee members are having with identifying a post-season format. The Committee suggested two additional meetings be scheduled to share information on best practices. Information will be shared with the Committee at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Byers adjourned the meeting of the Wrestling Steering Committee at 11:37 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTION

The following are the actions taken by the PIAA Board of Directors on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, in regard to the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee recommendations:

1. On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to change the limitation on Multiple School (Dual) events from two (2) to four (4) events for the 2020-21 season only.
2. On a motion by Mr. Straub, seconded by Mr. Craig, the Board unanimously approved an update to the Return to Competition Guidelines.
3. On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mrs. Hall, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Wrestling Steering Committee meeting of November 4, 2020