Girls Wrestling Advisory – 3-7-23

Present – Scott Knowlen, Travis Lemar, Matt Berglund, Kevin Morast

Discussion

- 1. Exhibition matches counting towards seeding criteria.
 - a. Prior to the exhibition match, both coaches will determine if the match should be considered as part of the post season seeding criteria. If determined it should be considered results should be entered into trackwrestling.
 - b. If coaches disagree, a determination will need to be made if match should be wrestled or not.
- 2. Adding a small school wrestling representative to advisory.
 - a. If the coach's association allows another member the committee recommends Kelly Hase of Harvey (SW sub-region)
- 3. Weight classes for 2023-24
 - a. Recommend that we utilize 13 weight classes and keep the HWT class at 250 instead of 235.
- 4. Dual team qualifying
 - a. Should both regions utilize the same format. It is not required.
 - b. It is still up to each individual region on how to qualify their 4 teams to the state dual tournament.
- 5. State Seeding Criteria
 - a. Seeding committee will seed the top 8 wrestlers and trackwrestling will seed 9-16. No random draw will be utilized.
- 6. Wrestling to 9th place at region tournaments to determine replacements at state if necessary.
 - a. Time and extra matches are an issue. 39 extra matches would be necessary to determine a 9th place match.
 - b. Not bringing forward
 - c. State tournament replacement will be determined by
 - i. A wrestler for the weight class from the region to be the replacement if possible.
 - ii. The highest seeded wrestler not placing in the weight class will be given the opportunity to compete if possible.
 - iii. If all seeded wrestlers qualified for state, then a coaches determined silent nine will be utilized if possible.
 - iv. A wrestler from the other region will be given opportunity using the above criteria.
- 7. Separation of boys and girls wrestling
 - a. Recommended to follow the original implementation plan and separate boys and girls wrestling.
 - i. Boys and girls would not be able to wrestle each other at any time during the season.

- 8. Tournament organization
 - a. Discussion on tournaments and if they should be combined with existing boys' tournaments.
 - i. No recommendation, leave it up to local tournament managers to determine if they can handle two tournaments.
- 9. Region tournament format
 - a. Advisory is asking for a one-year extension to the unlimited entries per team into the region tournament. This is too ensure at least full 8-man brackets in each weight class.
- 10. Post season 6-minute matches in the consolation rounds
 - a. Recommend keeping the 5-minute matches in all post season consolation matches.

Proposed Regulation Changes

- 1. Use 13 weight classes for the 2023-24 season. This would be in conjunction with the boys' Class A and B recommendations. Still utilizing a 250-pound weight class instead of 235.
- 2. Region tournament format
 - a. Advisory is asking for a one-year extension to the unlimited entries per team into the region tournament. This is to ensure at least full 8-man brackets in each weight class. To be reviewed annually.