Wrestling Committee Minutes  
April 26, 2016

Present: Steve Merlino, Ernie Goodwin, Brian Manzi, Carmen Dellvecchio, Pat Risley, Dave Nowakowski, Chris Gamble, David Green, Ted Oczkowski, Ricky Shook, Bob Swan, Roy Wentworth, Bob Lehr.

Review of the 2016 Tournament – All went well at the sites; however, the Plainville site proved to be well over budget, the cost for police coverage exceeded $3,800. Pat Risley has offered Windham High School as a site for the 2017 Class S tournament.

KAP Wrestling was discussed – It was agreed that KAP must provide the set-up and must deliver the hardware to the various sites. It was also agreed that a pre-tournament seminar should again be held – a refresher course.

Discussion was held on multi-event tournaments. Those present expressed a variety of views on the multi-events. Steve Merlino encouraged the membership to promote more junior varsity tournaments. Ricky Shook suggested that teams should be able to send two varsity teams to two different events on the same day and that it should count as a multi-event day instead of two multiple events, which would have to count toward weekly and seasonal limitations. While some felt that would promote the sport of wrestling within the various programs, others offered that it would inevitably create a greater gap between the elite programs and the rest of the state’s teams.

Dave Nowakowski made a motion and it was seconded by Ted Oczkowski – teams may send a maximum of four competitors to an individually bracketed tournament when the rest of the team is not competing in a dual meet. This will not count toward weekly or seasonal limitations. Teams may do this a maximum of two times per season. The event entered must be completed before the wrestler(s) may enter another event. Motion passed.

Matt Fischer will be asked to develop a dropdown menu for these events.

Matt will also be asked if he could link eligibility rosters with weekly weigh-in sheets.

Steve Merlino will discuss score reporting options with trakwrestling.

Bob Swan made a suggestion to move the Open Meet to East Haven High School. Bob Swan and Bob Lehr will visit East Haven to view the facilities and discuss the possibility with the East Haven Director of Athletics.

There was discussion on an issue that occurred at the State Open in which one of the top four seeds had to withdraw. Dave Nowakowski discussed the options involved in re-seeding if this occurs in the future. There was no support to change the present procedure.

Motion by Ernie Goodwin – If a match is rescheduled to a Monday, a one pound allowance shall be granted. Second by Pat Risley. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.