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NYSWCA Pushes For Proportional Multiple-Entries Within Two Division Tournament

As most people interested in New York State high school wrestling probably know by now, the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee met at the Pepsi Arena in Albany on May 10th and voted to continue the two-division tournament for 2006 (Voting Yes: Sec. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7; Voting No: Sec. 9; Abstaining: Sec. 4 and 10; Absent: Sec. 8 and 11).

The committee then appointed a sub-committee, chaired by Mark Hoyt (section 5) to study and develop proposals for some sort of multiple-entry format within the two-divisions for 2006 state tournament.

The practical result of the committee's action means that the injustice of current format will likely continue. The constraints of a two-day tournament with a maximum of 8 mats makes 32-man brackets for each division impossible so there is only room for marginal improvements. Under the best circumstances, the maximum would likely be 24-man brackets for each division. Sadly, there were a number of conversations among committee members about keeping the tournament limited to a 16-man bracket which would allow for only 4 additional entries in each division statewide.

There is no guarantee that even these marginal changes will be adopted by the October 2004 deadline to be part of the 2006 tournament. Continuing the current system of 12 large school and 12 small school entries has not been ruled out. And, while the committee's stated intention is to expand the tournament within the two-division structure, many members of the committee want to avoid voting and believe instead that there must be consensus, so doing nothing at all could very well be the result.

The NYSWCA respectfully offers the following recommendations to the sub-committee and the wrestling committee as a whole:

1. Establish 24 entries or as close to 24 entries as can be achieved with a multiple-entry plan in each division as the goal.
2. Use a proportionality method to determine which sections get more than one entry. The idea advanced by some committee representatives of giving every section two entries perpetuates the injustice of the current system. Similarly, a wildcard system for choosing additional entries ignores the fundamental unfairness caused by unequal sections and it would be unruly to administer.
3. At a minimum, require a section to have more than 1 team in a classification. There should be a qualifying event to gain entry to the state tournament. If necessary send the single team to the other division to qualify.

Determining fair proportions for multiple entries within the two-division structure is more difficult and not as neat as the multiple-entry single division proposal but it can still be done. Detailed below is an example of one way to do it.

NYSWCA Two Division Multiple-Entry Proposal

This two-division multiple entry proposal is based on establishing 12 teams as the standard with multiples of 12 determining additional entries. In this example, rounding up and down is used. In other words, a section with 14 schools would not get an additional entry but a section with 23 schools would.

<u>Large</u>			<u>Small</u>		
<u>Section</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Entries</u>
1	31	3	1	18	2
2	20	2	2	30	3
3	23	2	3	34	3
4	12	1	4	29	2
5	25	2	5	50	4
6	30	3	6	31	3
7	0	0	7	5	1
8	39	3	8	9	1
9	16	1	9	8	1
10	4	1	10	2	1
11	36	3	11	11	1
CHSAA	13	1	CHSAA	0	0
PSAL	17 (+ 1 small)	<u>2</u>	PSAL	0	<u>0</u>
		24			22