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## **This Is The Best Chance Ever For Fair NYS Tournament**

### ***Morelle's Fairness In Competition Bill Gaining Support***

*While NYSWCA Again Introduces Two-Division Multiple-Entry Proposal With NYSPHSAA*

We are at a point in our fight to reform the state wrestling tournament where we need your help. If there was ever a time where your voice could make the difference, it's right now! The Fairness In Competition Bill (A2162) that was introduced on behalf of the NYSWCA has gotten the attention of policymakers inside and outside of the NYSPHSAA. Despite the NYSPHSAA's negative campaign in opposition to the legislation, the bill continues to gain support. At the same time, the NYSWCA Two-Division Multiple-Entry proposal is getting favorable reviews from many coaches around the state. There has never been and probably there will never be a better opportunity to fix the NYS Tournament than right now.

Incredibly, many sectional officials and school administrators were unaware of the unfair format of the state wrestling tournament. Many more are still not fully informed and wonder why they haven't heard more about it - especially from wrestling coaches. This is where you can help.

Start by letting your AD know that you believe the current tournament format is unfair and that you support the NYSWCA multiple-entry proposal. This is important for two reasons. First, many AD's are unaware because the NYSPHSAA has refused to even acknowledge the state tournament is terribly unfair and the NYSPHSAA deliberately excluded the NYSWCA multiple-entry proposal from last year's survey of high school coaches. Second, not hearing otherwise, opponents will claim and some administrators will assume that wrestling coaches think the current system is just fine the way it is.

Then, let your Assemblyman know that you support the Fairness In Competition Bill. The NYSPHSAA has conducted a campaign of misinformation and exaggeration in an attempt to defeat the bill. The NYSWCA has been vigorously responding to this negative campaign and you can find all the NYSWCA responses and publications as well as information on how to contact your state legislator at:  
[www.sectioniiiwrestling.com/NYSWCA](http://www.sectioniiiwrestling.com/NYSWCA)

Finally, don't let the opposition distract us from the righteousness of our goal with side issues and "new" proposals that don't solve the problem. Assemblyman Morelle said it best in a recent letter to Athletic Directors and School Superintendents: "Creating a fair system of athletic competition for high school students should be the goal of policy makers around the state. While other proposals may achieve this goal and I would be happy to consider alternative ideas, I will not compromise on our basic belief that a flawed system should be reformed."

"I have said repeatedly and most recently in my February 1, 2005 letter to the executive director of the NYSPHSAA, I still remain hopeful that the NYSPHSAA will adopt a system where fair competition and the opportunity to compete will be the controlling factors. Such an action by the NYSPHSAA could make A.2162 unnecessary."

#### **Two-Division Multiple-Entry**

While the Fairness In Competition Bill gathers support in the State Legislature, the NYSWCA has re-submitted its Two-Division Multiple-Entry Proposal for consideration.

The updated proposal has attracted a lot of attention and already enjoys the support of many coaches across the state.

In the past, opponents used coaches well-intended criticisms of a proposal as justification to do nothing at all. This NYSWCA proposal is not perfect but it represents a huge step in the right direction and hopefully has your support.

Of course, any time there is change, there may be detail problems that need to be resolved like the fact that not all sections handle tournament expenses in the same way. These issues can be resolved. They are not insurmountable barriers to a fair and equitable state tournament. Most other states found solutions decades ago, New York is long overdue.

*Two-Division Multiple-Entry proposal on back*



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## The NYSWCA Two-Division Multiple-Entry Proposal

This multiple entry proposal was designed to fit within the two-division format recently extended by the NYSPHSAA. It is based on establishing 12 teams as the standard in Division I with multiples of 12 determining additional entries and 11 teams in Division II with multiples of 11 determining additional entries. The different standards for Division I and Division II result from the difference in the number of schools in each division and the number of sections with no entries. In the example below, rounding up and down is used. In other words, a section with 16 Division I schools would not get an additional entry but a section with 22 Division I schools would.

Division I			Division 2		
<u>Section</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Entries</u>
1	33	3	1	17	2
2	22	2	2	33	3
3	23	2	3	37	3
4	14	1	4	29	3
5	28	2	5	51	5
6	30	3	6	32	3
7	0	0	7	5	1
8	46	4	8	9	1
9	16	1	9	8	1
10	4	1	10	2	1
11	40	3	11	11	1
CHSAA	13	1	CHSAA	0	0
PSAL	17(+ 1 small)	<u>1</u>	PSAL	0	<u>0</u>
		24			24

## NYSWCA Takes NY State Team To Wrestle WPIAL All-Stars 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DAPPER DAN WRESTLING CLASSIC

**Weight Class: 112 lbs.**

Name: Nick Price, Pembroke High School  
 Senior Record: 34 - 2 Career Record: 113 - 12  
 NYS Tournament: 4<sup>th</sup> (02 - 03), 1<sup>st</sup> (03 - 04)

**Weight Class: 119 lbs.**

Name: Tom Magnani, Islip High School  
 Senior Record: 37 - 0 Career Record: 137 - 7  
 NYS Tournament: 2<sup>nd</sup> (01 - 02), 2<sup>nd</sup> (02 - 03), 2<sup>nd</sup> (03 - 04), 1<sup>st</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 125 lbs.**

Name: Patrick Hagerty, Attica High School  
 Senior Record: 30 - 2 Career Record: 129 - 27  
 NYS Tournament: 4<sup>th</sup> (02 - 03), 2<sup>nd</sup> (03 - 04), 1<sup>st</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 130 lbs.**

Name: John Bonaldi, Greece Olympia High School  
 Senior Record: 36 - 7 Career Record: 128 - 38

**Weight Class: 135 lbs.**

Name: Steve Brown, Canton High School  
 Senior Record: 31 - 1 Career Record: 136 - 12  
 NYS Tournament: 5<sup>th</sup> (02 - 03), 2<sup>nd</sup> (03 - 04), 3<sup>rd</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 140 lbs.**

Name: Chris Wade, Islip High School  
 Senior Record: 37 - 2 Career Record: 122 - 19  
 NYS Tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 145 lbs.**

Name: Nathan Patterson, Wayne Central High School  
 Senior Record: 41 - 4 Career Record: 213 - 30  
 NYS Tournament: 3<sup>rd</sup> (03 - 04)

**Weight Class: 152 lbs.**

Name: Mark Bloom, Geneva High School  
 Senior Record: 39 - 2 Career Record: 179 - 37  
 NYS Tournament: 3<sup>rd</sup> (03 - 04), 2<sup>nd</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 160 lbs.**

Name: Tyrell Riley, Iroquois High School  
 Senior Record: 31 - 7 Career Record: 91 - 30  
 NYS Tournament: 5<sup>th</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 171 lbs.**

Name: John Barone, William Floyd High School  
 Senior Record: 34 - 2 Career Record: 144 - 26  
 NYS Tournament: 2<sup>nd</sup> (03 - 04), 2<sup>nd</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 189 lbs.**

Name: Jack Sullivan, Huntington High School  
 Senior Record: 25 - 3 Career Record: 134 - 32  
 NYS Tournament: 2<sup>nd</sup> (03 - 04), 2<sup>nd</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 215 lbs.**

Name: Ed Bordas, Valley Central High School  
 Senior Record: 41 - 0 Career Record: 125 - 25  
 NYS Tournament: 6<sup>th</sup> (02 - 03), 1<sup>st</sup> (04 - 05)

**Weight Class: 275 lbs.**

Name: Arthur Jones, Union Endicott High School  
 Senior Record: 23 - 0 Career Record: 102 - 5  
 NYS Tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> (02 - 03), 2<sup>nd</sup> (03 - 04), 1<sup>st</sup> (04 - 05)

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 Name: Neil Cook, Webster Thomas High School  
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## The NYSWCA - Empowering Coaches

We read all too often about the demise of scholastic wrestling. Those of us who love the sport are saddened by the shrinkage of high school teams and the lost college wrestling programs. We complain about the lack of interest and helplessly accept the unintended effects of Title IX.

It's ironic that the mantra we live by on the mat - *do what it takes* - we have been reluctant to practice off the mat. After all, we all teach the importance of teamwork yet we have difficulty organizing ourselves and working together to achieve common goals. We all teach the importance of developing and using power to win struggles on the mat but, with few exceptions, we fail to develop and use power in the struggle to save our sport.

The New York State Wrestling Coaches Association is working to change that.

In the past two years, the NYSWCA has implemented a communications program to keep our wrestling coaches across the state informed; presented proposals to reform the New York State High School Wrestling Championships; lobbied state officials; and worked to help make the first-ever New York State Wrestling Coaches Convention a reality.

These activities are key components in our effort to build an organization that has the power to be a force where decisions that affect the future of wrestling are made.