

Proposal 1: Age Group Calculation

Amend the first sentence of Article IV, Section 4, Rule 1 to read as follows: "The age group in which a wrestler can participate during the competitive season is determined by his age as of December 31 of the year prior to the start of the current wrestling year."

Proposal 2: Age and Weight Group Bumping at Regionals and Finals

Amend Article IV, Section 4, Rule 3 to eliminate the words: "No weight class movement or age jumping will be allowed for league, regional, or state finals".

Amend Article IV, Section 4, Rule 4 to add the words: "Wrestlers who chose to move up an age or weight class in a qualifying tournament, must compete in the same age and weight class in any succeeding tournaments fed by the qualifier.

Proposal 3: Standard Weigh-in times and exception process.

Amend Article IV, Section 4, Rule 1 to replace the sentence "Teams must weigh in at the tournament site at times specified by the hosting club" with the following:

The standard time for 8 and under and 9&10 age group weigh-ins is between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. the morning of the tournament. The standard time for 11&12 and 13&14 age group weigh-ins is 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the morning of the tournament.

Tournament directors may elect to allow all age groups to weigh-in beginning at 7:30 a.m. if they include this information on tournament flyers and make these flyers available to all NEMWA clubs at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament.

Changes to the standard weigh-in times for any NEMWA-sanctioned tournament must be approved by the majority of NEMWA clubs at least two weeks in advance of the tournament.

Proposal 4: Mat spacing

Amend Article II, Section 1, Rule 4 to start with the words: "Whenever practical". The amended rule would read "Whenever practical, a minimum of 12 inches will be marked as the out-of-bounds line around the perimeter of the entire mat."

Proposal 5: Bout Slip Signatures

Version 1: Amend Article III, Section 1, Rule 10 to read: "Following the end of a match, the referee, and both the winning and losing coaches, must sign the official scorebook or individual score sheet certifying the match results".

Version 2: Amend Article III, Section 1, Rule 10 to read: "Following the end of a match, the referee and the winning wrestler (the winning wrestler's coach being an acceptable substitute signature in appropriate cases) will be required to sign the individual score sheet, certifying the match results."

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Proposal 6: Tournament Grievance Committees

Add rule 6 to Article VI, Section 5, as follows: “A tournament director may select a three person grievance committee prior to the start of a tournament. This committee must be made up of only certified officials and must include the head official for the tournament. The purpose of this committee is to assist the coaches and referee in the resolution of situations caused by the misapplication of a rule (see Article VI, Section 5, Rule 4). The ruling of the grievance committee will be final. If no grievance committee exists, the head official for the tournament will make the final decision.

Proposal 7: Small Brackets

Amend Article X, Section 2, Rule 7 to read “If less than three wrestlers are in a weight class, the tournament director or head pairer may move them up to the next weight class. If the next weight class is heavyweight, brackets may not be combined if it creates a weight difference between wrestlers in the same bracket that exceeds the limits set in Article 4, Section 4, Rule 2.”

Proposal 8: Wrestling for True Second Place

Amend Article X, Section 2, Rule 4 so that the last sentence reads: “Wrestlers in the consolation bracket will wrestle back for second place”.

Proposal 9: Wrestling the Same Wrestler Twice in One Tournament

Amend Article X, Section 2, Rule 6 to read: “In the event that two wrestlers who have competed against each other previously in the tournament are paired again in the consolation bracket, the second match will not be wrestled. The results of the first match will be applied to the second pairing.”

Proposal 10: 5&6 Year old age groups

Version 1:

Amend Article IV, Section 4, rule 1 to add a 5 & 6 year old age group with weight classes of 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, and heavyweight.

Version 2:

A committee shall investigate the potential impacts of creating a separate 5 and 6 year old age group and present their findings (including recommendations on how to implement) prior to the 2005 season.