

## Possible Changes to Tournament Operations

November 9, 2003

### Potential Proposals

#### 1) Age and Eligibility

- a. An athlete's age shall be determined as the age at which the athlete entered the current calendar year.
- b. There shall be a 5-6 yr old age group
- c. Bumping age and weight
  - i. There shall be no age bumping allowed
  - ii. Age and Weight bumping will be also allowed at the regional and finals competition (delete part of section 4 rule 3)
- d. Tourney eligibility for regional
  - i. No change
  - ii. In addition to having competed in 2 tournaments, an athlete must also have placed in the top three in at least one tournament to be eligible for regional participation.

#### 2) Tourney Ops

- a. Weigh-in times
  - i. Weigh-in times shall be standardized to 7-8 am for wrestlers age 10 and under, and 8-9 am for older wrestlers.
  - ii. Weigh in times may deviate from the standard provided at least 2 weeks notice and approval from the tournament operations committee.
  - iii. Weigh-in times are to be determined by the host club.
- b. Bout sheets shall require the winning athletes signature
- c. A method of suspension shall be developed to enforce behavior expectations of parents, coaches, and athletes. Unacceptable behavior includes but is not limited to verbal abuse or intimidation of referees or opponents, and unsafe or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- d. A tournament host may chose to operate a tournament using block weights (closest 8 men) rather than the weight classes determined by the NEMWA.
  - i. Maximum weight difference in a bracket is determined according to section 4 rule 2.

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- e. Tournament hosts must demonstrate liability insurance
  - f. A committee (tournament operations?) shall collect information from teams hosting tournament this year, and compose and present a brief packet to assist first time hosts in running a tournament at the season concluding team meeting
  - g. A committee (tournament operations?) shall gather data on becoming a member league of a wrestling organization (AAU or USA wrestling) for insurance, logistical assistance, and further athlete development opportunity.
- 3) Other concerns
- a. A team sportsmanship award shall be voted upon and awarded at the finals competition to the team that exemplifies the goals of the NEMWA for the entire season.
  - b. Due to change in team size, and adding and dropping teams, a new balance of divisions is to be determined at the x meeting.
  - c. Dates and hosts are to be determined by the x meeting each season.
  - d. An official medal size and type should be adopted
  - e. Birth Certificates and waivers must be enforced without exception
  - f. Table help and referees allow our tournaments to operate and must be encouraged, assisted, and respected by all parties.
  - g. Current rules require a 12 inch border around a mat, and a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a 24 ft mat for wrestling, and a recommendation of 10 feet between the edge of the mat and the scoring table.