Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: October 7, 2020 – 10 am Video Conference Call

Topics Discussed:

1) Welcome, Announcements
2) ACTION ITEMS: None
3) DISCUSSION ITEMS & INPUT/REVIEW ITEMS: Modify the Wrestling Appeals Process, Wrestling Automatic Qualifier Clarifications, Boys Ice Hockey Site Selection, Wrestling Site Selection
5) INFORMATIONAL: 2020-25 Championship Dates & Sites

Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and noted there are no action items today. Assistant Director Joe Altieri welcomed the committee and noted it was necessary to meet so time sensitive items can get to this committee then get on the October 21st Executive Committee agenda instead of wait until January.

ACTION ITEMS:
None at this time

FOR DISCUSSION:

NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion today and will be presented for action/vote at the January 2021 CAC meeting then subsequently at the February Executive Committee meeting.

Wrestling Modify Appeal Process – Wrestling Coordinator Marty Sherman explained the proposal. Mike Andrew confirmed this takes the state committee out of the appeals process. Todd clarified it does eliminate the committee and state coordinator from voting but they will still be a part of the process and listen to the appeal. He also indicated the appeals committee will request a review of the video. Greg confirmed the intentions were for it to be in place for the 2021 tournament. Marty stated yes. Todd noted the timeline allows this to be approved only for the individual wrestling state tournament, not dual meet tournament. Greg asked what happens if the video is not clear. Marty explained they will need to make a decision based on the information available. Greg and Todd discussed specific examples of video review and that there are also sportsmanship penalties that may be implemented during this process. John R. asked if there’s a timeline of when you can file the appeal. Marty explained they need to make a decision based on the information available. Greg and Todd discussed specific examples of video review and that there are also sportsmanship penalties that may be implemented during this process. John R. asked if there’s a timeline of when you can file the appeal. Marty stated it must be done immediately and wrestlers have rules to follow on where they must go during the appeal. Mike A. clarified a referee can correct his call even without the appeal process and video. Marty said yes that is allowable.

Wrestling Automatic Qualifier – Todd indicated amendments on this proposal were necessary to add since the wrestling committee met on September 30th (after CAC approved this Sept. 16th):

- Language should read 1st, 2nd or 3rd places are eligible for the state tournament, not 4th place.
- The NYSPHSAA Executive Director will have the ability to make a decision on who is eligible for the state tournament, if necessary.
• Tie-Breaker Procedure – the number of wrestlers from a section is dependent on three years of points a section accumulates. If there is a tie, there will be a tie-breaker process starting with the section that earned the most points in the season that just ended, most state championships, etc.
• Replacement Wrestlers – If a section has three entries and one withdraws, they cannot replace that wrestler because 4th place finishers are not eligible for the state tournament. If a section has two entries, then 3rd place can fill in prior to the Wednesday after the sectional tournament. Deadline is the scratch meeting on Thursday before the state tournament.

These items will be included in the Championship Operations Packet if this proposal is approved. Mike A. confirmed this would be in writing for the Executive Committee. Greg requested these to be sent out ASAP to inform sections. Joe noted they will be in the CAC minutes for release on Thursday, and Todd noted they would be in the Executive Committee packet due for release on Friday.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

Boys Ice Hockey Site Selection 2022-24 – Joe explained the bids from LECOM Harborcenter in Section VI and RIT in Section V. CAC expressed a concern about hotel rates but agreed with the staff and committee recommending LECOM Harborcenter for 2022-24.

Wrestling Site Selection 2022-24 – Joe explained the bid from Times Union Center in Section 2. He explained the staff and committee recommended re-bidding this event due to the various cost concerns in the proposal in addition to not enough hotels being provided in the bid. Robert also noted he was hopeful to have a meeting with the Times Union Center and the County Executive to discuss costs before we receive new bids. Mike A. asked if the committee has discussed a new format with fewer mats at once. He noted they should think about possible Regionals for this sport. Mike A. agreed the cost is outrageous and choices are limited with this format. Todd indicated in a Regional format you’ll still have a 16-man bracket and that the committee is asking for an expansion of 21 wrestlers in each weight class. Steve asked if it was better to deny the bid due to procedural perspective. Robert agreed we should deny the bid. Paul noted the example of re-bidding boys golf and agreed we should re-bid wrestling due to excessive costs.

A MOTION by Mike M. and SECOND by Mike A. was made concurring that the bid be denied and agreed with the staff and committee’s recommendation to re-bid the event. CARRIED 10-0

INFORMATIONAL:

2020-25 Championship Dates & Sites – Joe noted an updated copy was provided in the packet reflecting ice hockey and wrestling.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Eileen. SECOND by Deb. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am. Carried 10-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved 2:16 pm on 10/8/2020 by CAC Chair, members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.