

SUFFOLK WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING #6
January 4, 2011

Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President L. Barone

Board Members Present: C. Smith, R. Boscarino, G. Wissman, G. Mazzola, R. Boccard, J. Truscello, G. DeMatteo, R. Scott

- ◆ Discussed situation involving an official who had a former association with a school district. Official was warned to use better judgement and that the recommendation is to avoid doing matches with that team in the future.
- ◆ Discussed situation with official where both wrestlers were disqualified for Flagrant Misconduct. Official assumed everyone was aware that the infraction prevented the wrestler from further competition and stated that he informed the wrestler's coaches. The coach claimed he was not aware and he allowed the wrestler to compete in another match, resulting in a team forfeiture at the dual meet tournament. In a similar situation, an official needs to properly communicate the Flagrant infraction, deduct 3 team points, inform the table, coaches, other officials, and tournament director of the ruling.
- ◆ Exec. Board meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:05 PM by President L. Barone

President's Announcements:

- ◆ Discussed recap of previous meeting items.
- ◆ Stated that (2) Board positions are open after this year. Nominations will be accepted and voting is to take place at the next meeting on Jan. 18, 2011.
- ◆ Policy manual changes are being considered to move "policy related" issues from the By-laws to the Policy Manual. All proposed changes will be sent to the membership for voting at an upcoming meeting.
- ◆ New fee for varsity add \$8.00. Extra bout fee applies for more than 15 bouts. A varsity match with 17 or more bouts entitles the official to a full JV fee in addition to the varsity fee.
- ◆ JV officials must still submit extra bout sheets for extra bouts.
- ◆ All injury and skin forms must be sent to George Wissman.
- ◆ Coach Misconduct/Unsportsmanlike Conduct – anytime a coach is removed for either violation, the offended official must let the tournament director and head official know. A call must also be placed to Len Barone and Don Webster at Section XI.
- ◆ **Assignments are by Section XI only.** If you are present at a match as a spectator and asked to officiate because the assigned official has not shown up, you **must** use the following call in procedure until you get someone to discuss the situation. They will have the authority to allow you to proceed. Leave messages with each if no one answers. If you can not get anyone, and have left four messages, do the match.
 - **Len Barone 917-254-7776**
 - **Ed Cinelli 631-335-5125 (Section XI)**
 - **Chad Smith 631-807-3146**
 - **John Truscello 631-807-2189**

- ◆ **Note: If you are not assigned for an open match and you do not call Section XI prior to officiating, you will not be covered by insurance if a wrestler is injured. Section XI (Ed Cinelli or Don Webster) must give permission before proceeding. (NOTE: This does not apply if you were assigned to the preliminary meet by Section and the second official did not show up. In that case you would be authorized to do the second match.)**
- ◆ Avoid problems before they occur. If you have any association with a school or district, you should not be doing matches involving teams from that district. This includes matches involving teams from the district you live in. The same rule would apply if you are a mat judge as well. If at a tournament/multi-dual, have an official from another mat do the match. Stop and wait until the new official is available. This applies to all levels: JH, JV, or V. **ANY VIOLATIONS IN THE FUTURE WILL RESULT IN A FINE EQUAL TO THE DUAL MEET FEE FOR THAT EVENT.**

Secretary Announcements (George Wissman):

- ◆ Budget Balance as of January 1, 2011: \$6,395.52.
- ◆ Any official who did not receive a green book should see George.
- ◆ End of year party will be in early March, most likely at Bruno's. To insure attendance, a \$20.00 fee will be collected from all who plan on attending at the upcoming meetings. This fee will be refunded when you attend the party.

Rules Interpretation - John Truscello:

- ◆ At the pre-meet inspection, inform coaches that they are not to be on the mat. All coaches are to remain on the bench or behind the bench.
- ◆ At coin/disc toss – Bring coaches on mat with captains and inform all of proper sportsmanship and bench decorum.
- ◆ The coaches can request a meeting at the scorer's table to discuss a rule application. It must be done in a sportsmanlike manner, otherwise hit them for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ◆ If a coach questions the ruling or its application and there is no correction, the coach will be penalized for misconduct. The first penalty is a warning.
- ◆ If corrections are made after a coach questions a call, inform both coaches so that they are aware.
- ◆ Always have the wrestlers in your sight. You should never turn your back after an out of bounds situation.
- ◆ Only two coaches are permitted in a mat corner at tournaments.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Wissman
Secretary/Treasurer

