

1/19/11 – to be voted on at the 2/2/11 meeting

Proposed Amendment: To remove the following sections that are currently in the Constitution & By-laws and put them into the Policy Manual that was developed in 2010. With the proposed placement in the policy manual, these items can be updated and modified based on the recommendation of the Executive Board in lieu of voting on an amendment for proposed changes.

Section B - General Principles

1. Make sure that you have all the necessary equipment for conducting a smoothly run meet prior to reporting to an assigned school;
2. Familiarize yourself with the facility before the contest begins, discussing any problem conditions with the coaches of all involved schools and determining conclusions;
3. Conduct - A wrestling official should conduct one's self in a dignified manner at all times and be businesslike throughout every contest officiated. The official should never be careless or lax in making prompt decisions. Keep in mind that every contest is important to the competitor, whether it is the county finals, an invitational tournament or any dual meet at all levels and should be officiated with the utmost efficiency. Our conduct should be covered by the same high standards for every meet or tournament including those held outside Suffolk County. The official should never lose his temper to any official, coach, school representative or young person involved with the sport and should never use "foul" language at any person when representing the Association. The official must arrive at the site of a contest physically unimpaired; physically and mentally prepared to perform the duties of a wrestling official to the best of his/her ability;
4. Teamwork - Officials assigned to work a tournament together should strive to work equally hard from its beginning to end. Whether or not the experience of the officials is equal, their responsibility is equal. They should share and share alike the business of working as near a perfect tournament as possible. They can help themselves by having a discussion of their mutual undertaking before the contest begins. This further amplifies the need to arrive at the site of a tournament at least one-half hour before the scheduled starting time;

5. Public Relations - A wrestling official should not discuss opposing contestants with coaches or participants. The official should not engage in careless discussions regarding coaches, contestants, fellow officials, students or institutions;
6. Cooperation - All officials will cooperate with the Section XI office of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., the schools that he /she serve and the association which he/she represent (the Association). The official will cooperate and be professional with fellow officials and will do nothing to cause them embarrassment or hamper their efforts in any way. The official will accept assignments to Section XI school contests only through the auspices of the office of the Executive Director of Section XI and will not attempt to contact or allow assignments to be made from individual schools. Although we strive for perfection, honest mistakes can and do occur. We must remember that the only forum for criticism is in a general meeting of the Association. This is the only place where a frank, honest and constructive appraisal of our membership and meet conduct should occur;
7. A wrestling official should consider wrestling to be a gentleman's sport and will conduct himself/herself accordingly;
8. Pledge - A wrestling official will pledge full support to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

Article VII – Movement

All new officials will be assigned to at the junior high school level for a minimum of one (1) year.¹ Movement upward and downward shall be conducted by the following policies:

Section A - Junior high to the junior varsity level

1. No official will be moved from the junior high to the junior varsity level unless there is need;
2. A need has been created if there are not enough junior varsity or varsity officials available to cover all meets or tournaments scheduled on any given day;
3. Should the need arise prior to the start of the season, the highest ranked official, as deemed by the Executive Board based on

¹ Approved Change from minimum of (2) years - October 2006

information given by the Evaluation Committee, will be moved up;

4. Should the need arise after the start of the season, the highest ranked official, according to Section A, Part 3 above, will be offered any openings first.

Section B - Junior varsity to the varsity level

1. No official will be moved from the junior varsity to the varsity level unless there is a need;
2. A need has been created if there are not enough varsity officials available to cover all scheduled meets or tournaments on any given day as determined by the President and the Section XI Executive Director;
3. Should the need arise prior to the start of the season, the following procedure will be used to move officials from the junior varsity (JV) to the varsity level:
 - a) Any JV official must have a minimum of two (2) active years total at either JV or JH level;²
 - b) Any JV official must be a member in good standing;
 - c) Any JV official must have had a minimum of thirty-six (36) contests at any level during the minimum two (2) active years total;
 - d) When a need is identified, only the JV official(s) with the highest average rating(s) for the two (2) prior consecutive years will be considered for movement to the varsity level (see also Section C, Part 2, below);
 - e) Officials moved to the varsity level by these criteria will be placed at the bottom of the varsity list for assignment purposes;
4. Should the need arise after the start of the season, the highest ranked official(s), according to Section B, Part 3, above, will be offered any openings first.

Section C - Movement Downward

1. Any official who fails to attain a rating of 3.5 or better, for any

² Approved Change from minimum (3) active years - October 2006

given year will be dropped to the next lower level for the following year. Movement upward will be by the policies outlined in Sections A and B above;

2. Any varsity official(s) with a combined average rating over two (2) consecutive years of 4.0 or below will be moved from the varsity to the JV level if the top ranked JV official(s) ratings for the two (2) prior consecutive years are higher than 4.4 and meet all the criteria of Section B, Part 3. (above);
3. Any varsity official(s) who are dropped to the JV level will be placed at the top of the JV list for assigning purposes. Any official(s) dropped to the JV level by this manner will be considered JV official(s);
4. Any junior high official who fails to attain a rating of 3.5 or better in any given year must attend the New Candidates School prior to being permitted to be active the following year. The official will assume the status of Candidate until he/she meets the requirements of the school. If a junior high official fails to attain a rating of 3.5 or better for two (2) years in a row, he/she will be permanently dropped from the membership.

Article XII - State Tournament Officials' Nominating Procedure

Section A

The following criteria shall be used to nominate qualified Association members for consideration to work the annual New York State Intersectional Wrestling Tournament. The number of Association members nominated is fixed by the NYSPHSAA and is based upon total Association membership.

Section B

The following formula shall be used as criteria for nomination to represent Section XI in the State Tournament. These criteria shall be recalculated each year:

1. A member is not eligible for nomination unless he has been active on the varsity level for three (3) years³ and has worked the final round of the Section XI tournament at least once in that period.
2. The top ten rated officials each of the past five years as determined by the Section XI rating system, shall receive the following points to be added for a five (5) year total:

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- a) Ten(10) points for number 1 official;
 - b) Nine (9) points for number 2 official;
 - c) Eight (8) points for number 3 official;
 - d) Seven (7) points for number 4 official;
 - e) Six (6) points for number 5 official;
 - f) Five (5) points for number 6 official;
 - g) Four (4) points for number 7 official;
 - h) Three (3) points for number 8 official;
 - i) Two (2) points for number 9 official;
 - j) One (1) point for number 10 official.
3. One (1) point shall be given or each year of working the Section XI Tournament during the previous five year period (maximum of five (5) points).

Section C

- 1. An official shall only be eligible to work the State Tournament three (3) years within a five (5) year period.⁴
- 2. If an Association member is nominated to represent Section XI in the State Tournament but is not selected, he will receive five (5) additional points to be applied to the following year's criteria.

⁴ Approved change from two(2) years within a five(5) year period - October 2010