

WESTERN MONTANA LITTLE GUY WRESTLING

2010 SPRING BOARD MEETING NOTES

The board of directors for the Western Montana Little Guy Wrestling Program met at St. Ignatius High School on Wednesday, April 28th. The following proposals were discussed and changes were made to the By-Laws that govern the program. All seven board members were present.

REALIGNMENT OF CLUBS IN THE UNITS

The new configuration of clubs assigned to the four Units will be as follows:

UNIT ONE: Superior, Frenchtown, Eagle, Lolo, Noxon, Plains, Bonner, and Thompson Falls (Approximately 333 Wrestlers)

UNIT TWO: Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Libby, Eureka, Troy, Kalispell, and Libby (Approximately 417 Wrestlers)

UNIT THREE: Corvallis, Missoula, Hamilton, Dillon, Drummond, and Darby (Approximately 389 Wrestlers)

UNIT FOUR: Ronan, Polson, Mission, Arlee, Bigfork, and Evergreen (Approximately 356 Wrestlers)

WRESTLERS MUST FOLLOW THE RULE OF OUT OF SEASON COMPETITION

The issue of wrestlers competing in out-of-season competition prior to the start of the season (First Monday after the high school state tournament) was discussed at length and the following language will be added to the by-laws to re-enforce the program's position.

“Wrestlers that participate in wrestling competitions from the beginning of the school year to the starting date for Little Guy Wrestling practices will not be allowed to participate in the Western Montana Little Guy Wrestling Program.”

Competition after the six-week season and throughout the Summer is permissible.

The discussion included strong sentiments of an unfair advantage that the wrestlers that are in these before-season competitions gain over the rest of the field. To give teams without the resources or means of competing in the out of season competition at a fair and balanced level, the board voted unanimously to enforce this rule.

We realize that this may lead some elite wrestlers to drop out of the program. The board felt that these wrestlers will still be able to wrestle in more advanced competitions through AAU and USAW. The level of competition in those tournaments is probably more well suited for the goals and aspirations of this elite group.

UNIT TOURNAMENT MANAGERS MUST SEND RESULTS TO WEB-SITE

Unit Tournament managers will e-mail the results of the Unit Tournament to the program web-site (montanasportsline.com) by the Monday following the tournament they hosted.

NEW FORMAT FOR DETERMINING TEAM SIZE

The number of entrees at the Unit Tournaments will still determine Team Designation (“Small”, “Medium”, or “Large”). We will no longer include the Beginner Group entrees in this count. The total number of entrees in the Novice, Middle, & Junior Group will be used for the designation.

SEEDING FOR JUNIORS ENTERED IN DISNEY DUAL TRIALS

The Junior Group wrestlers that have been excused from the Unit Tournament to compete in the Disney Duals Try-outs will be seeded into the Inter-Valley Tournaments based on the criteria they established for the Unit Tournament. (ie, a returning Western Montana Champion could be seeded number one)

BRACKETS FORMS FOR TOURNAMENTS ON LINE

Bracket forms to fit all of the multiple bracket combinations that could occur for the tournaments will be available at the montanasportsline.com web-site. Tournament organizers can utilize these forms when making up brackets for the tournament they are hosting. (ie. Unit One advances wrestlers in three different brackets – Unit Two advances wrestlers in two different brackets. The web-site

will offer a bracket format that will evenly disperse the seeded wrestlers on the Inter-Valley Brackets)

ADDITIONAL WEIGHT CLASSES – TABLED

The board discussed the possibility of adding weight classes to alleviate weight differences in the Beginner and Middle Groups. This proposal was tabled until the January meeting. The board will look at the numbers from the Unit Tournaments at those weights and make a determination at that time.

TRUE 2ND PLACE AT WMC

A proposal was made to eliminate the “True 2nd-Place Match” at the WMC. Board members will poll the clubs to get an over-all vote on this issue. The board will re-visit this proposal in January.

WEB-SITE INFORMATION

Russ Hendrickson will contact club representatives for permission to put their phone numbers and e-mail addresses on the web-site. There are some concerns about privacy laws.

COLUMBIA FALLS TO HOST 2011 WMC

Two bids were submitted for the opportunity to host the 2011 Western Montana Championship Tournament. Columbia Falls will host the tournament as they have agreed to share 100% of the gate with visiting clubs.