

Texas Wrestling Officials Association – North Texas Chapter

Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by chapter president Dennis McGrane at 6:38 pm at Coppell High School.

Agenda Items:

- The treasurer's report was presented and approved by Randall Balch (seconded by Zane Stapp).
- Chapter Rules Interpreter Jose Delgado provided updates and clarifications on several topics.
 - Laces have to be taped to the shoes (cannot be taped around the laces only). Or the shoes need to have a velcro strap to secure the laces. Double-knotting is no longer acceptable. Tell coaches and wrestlers in advance (during the pre-meet). If a wrestler does not have his laces taped to the shoe, it is a technical violation, one point for the opponent and start injury time. Be unapologetic about it.
 - Be tough on front end and stay consistently tough throughout the season to reduce issues in the postseason. Coaches have been notified that this will be enforced.
 - Rules now specifically state wrestling shoes must be worn. No weightlifting shoes.
 - Headgear has to be specifically for wrestling. Randall Balch mentioned a wrestling helmet that has been developed. That helmet is not approved.
 - Shirts under the singlet must be single, solid color, unadorned (one manufacturer logo no bigger than a 2 ¼ inch square). No longer than short sleeve.
 - Referee should be at weigh ins and conduct all skin checks. (only exception is when the coach states in advance that an authorized medical professional will be at weigh ins). If a wrestler clears skin checks in the morning, they are not clear for the entire day if something emerges or was missed.
 - Trapped-arm lifts were discussed. Monitor, speak to the wrestlers, but you do not have to blow the whistle every time. Every time the offensive wrestler lifts the defensive wrestler with both feet off the mat, it will be called potentially dangerous. It is not stalling if the wrestlers reach this situation repeatedly.
- Randall Balch provided an update on evaluations.
 - The postcards are in the process of being completed and Zane has created a google doc.
 - At a tournament or dual, officials should be informing coaches of the google doc and encouraging coaches to complete the form.
 - Dennis McGrane stated that head officials should be completing evaluations. Mentors should be making an effort to see their mentees work.
 - Zane Stapp suggested that officials should ask coaches if there is somewhere they can get video from matches to evaluate themselves.
 - Evaluations should be turned into Brian SanFilippo.
- Zane Stapp gave scheduling updates.
 - Every weekend is short. Check emails once a day and accept or decline ASAP.
- Matt Nole gave a tour of the new chapter website (twoa-dfw.org).

- New officials introduced themselves.
- Dennis McGrane went through the fee schedule. Only the 1204 can be enforced.
 - No schools are beyond zone 2. No one should be charged actual mileage.
 - In previous years, we have had discussions about extra fees depending on the start time and length of tournaments. No of that is official, approved by the UIL, and can be charged individually.
 - The only person that can make special arrangements with the school and athletic director is the scheduler.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Recorded by Brian SanFilippo, Secretary/Treasurer