

1. Officials Report

- Tony Guerrero expressed his concern about the high number of complaints regarding the inclusion of the IVL referee who officiated at Masters. He explained that his organization (SDCWOA) cannot change the previous agreement that guarantees that the IVL have at least one representative at Masters, even if the official is not in the top 15 rated referees in the section.
- Guerrero pointed out that the IVL Officials Association has refused to receive help/training from the SDCWOA. He also mentioned that we have the only section in the state that has an evaluation committee of the officials at the Masters tournament in which they review and then rank each official.
- Guerrero suggested that the coaches establish an evaluation process that can be used during the season to determine which of the interested referees will officiate at Masters.
- John Labeta confirmed that our section office would be on board to help ensure that the best referees are the ones officiating at Masters.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** Communication between our section office and the IVL Officials Association regarding educational training opportunities to further develop the needed skills necessary to officiate at the higher level tournaments.
- Mark Dexter expressed his concern regarding coaches changing their tournament format without giving prior notice to the SDWCOA. He said that there has also been a problem with teams not wrestling all of the matches at tri-meets and quads.
- Dexter also pointed out that the assignments for referees are posted on their website and can be accessed by the coaches.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** Ron Rogers will address the coaches at the pre-season meetings to remind them of the correct process.

2. Post-Season Review

- Jim Hall expressed his praise for the divisional hosts as well as those that helped with Masters.
- Hall then proposed that we cap the brackets at the divisional meets at 16 wrestlers per weight to avoid any issues with the 5-Match rule. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that our current process for handling the situation is satisfactory.
- Hall also noted that the Playoff Bulletin needs to be amended to reflect the correct times for running the quarter-finals and the third round of consolation concurrently.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** Ron Rogers and Jim Hall will amend the current bulletin and then forward the corrections to our section office.
- Jim Hall asked about the reason for no team awards at Masters this year. It was determined that this was a result of a lack of communication between the Coaches Association and the section office. It was determined that in the future, our section office will provide the medals

and team awards at the divisional meets, the medals only at Masters, and the award for the four champions of the Dual Meet Championships. The Coaches Association will supply team awards for Masters, and the runner up awards for the Dual Meet Championships.

- **ACTION NEEDED:** The Coaches Association will have to determine how they will provide the awards.
- Wayne Branstetter suggested that the finals matches at the state meet be moved to an earlier start time.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** Ron Rogers will communicate this request at the post-season state wrestling advisory meeting.
- John Labeta asks if we should add portable bathrooms at the sites for Masters to help curb the issue of long lines. It was determined that this is a site issue that may change from year to year.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** The tournament director of Masters will need to determine if this is necessary based on the facilities to be used each year.
- Ron Rogers recommended that we amend our “Wrestling Seeding Criteria” to allow a wrestler to use both Head to Head AND Common Opponent, as well as eliminate the list of examples currently suggested under “Special Circumstances” to throw our criteria. This was unanimously approved.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** Ron Rogers will update the “Wrestling Seeding Criteria” to reflect these changes.
- John Labeta indicated that the section office is still looking for an arena to be used to host Masters. It was also determined that it would be possible for a place like the old Sports Arena to host two divisional meets on Friday and two on Saturday based on the floor space available.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** Our section office will continue to communicate with the local arenas.
- Dwayne Buth proposed that the 3rd place matches at Masters should be run simultaneously with the finals. After much discussion it was clear that the coaches have been in favor of this recommendation for several years. It was also determined that there is no logical reason to date to wrestle the 5th place matches.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** The Playoff Bulletin will be adjusted to reflect these changes, and coaches will be informed at the pre-season association meeting.
- The committee ended the meeting by voting Ian Baker of La Costa Canyon as the “Wrestler of the Year” and Dwayne Buth of La Costa Canyon as the “Coach of the Year.”