

## **SWC Proposal to Modify Competition Guidelines**

**Proposal-** the State Wrestling Committee proposes a modification to the competition guidelines. The proposed change would revise wording governing the maximum number of tournaments by striking the words “of which no more than six may be individual tournaments” and replacing with “of which no more than six may be individually bracketed tournaments; or, five individually bracketed plus one team advancement or round robin tournament.

**Regulation Affected-** DIAA Regulation 1009.4.3/FAQ 1009.4.3.1

**Rationale-** Wrestling has increasingly focused on the elite wrestler via individual tournaments. The average wrestler may compete in only two matches in a double elimination individual tournament. Dual team or round robin style tournaments assure all wrestlers an equal number of matches. In addition, dual team tournaments permit substitutions from dual to dual enabling more wrestlers to participate in the tournament. The SWC seeks to promote increased opportunities for the average wrestler to compete in more matches while not increasing the number of matches for elite wrestlers. An added bonus is that in a dual team format the average wrestlers’ contributions to the team are more meaningful than in an individual tournament. More meaningful opportunities for average wrestlers to compete may encourage non-elite wrestlers to remain in the sport and decrease the number of varsity and JV forfeits currently plaguing the sport.

### **Definitions-**

1. **Individually Bracketed Tournament-** as defined in NFHS Wrestling Rule 10
2. **Team Advancement Tournaments-** as defined in NFHS Wrestling Rule 11
3. **Round Robin Tournament-** teams compete in pool play and each team’s wrestler in a weight class competes against all other teams’ wrestlers in that weight. Per NFHS wrestling rules no wrestler can compete in more than 5 matches per day. Round Robin Tournament are limited to two days in length.

### **Additional Factors-**

- Can only participate in one Team Advancement or Round Robin tournament per season which will count as one of the six tournaments allowed per season
- Can be multiple teams in a round robin format as long as no more than 5 matches a day are wrestled (ie: Day one; 6 teams in 6 pools to determine a pool champion, Day two; the six pool champions to determine a tournament champion)
- Per DIAA Reg 1009.4.3.2.2 a Tri-Meet or Quad- Meet are not considered tournaments and will count as two or three, respectively, of the 18 allowable contests per season
- Each dual meet result of a Team Advancement tournament counts towards the team’s won-loss record, but only counts as one of the six tournaments of the 18 allowable contests