



# **Wrestling News**

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## **Wrestling Committee Approves State Regional Tournaments**

### *Championship Advisory Committee Takes Up Proposal Next*

Today, the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee overwhelmingly approved a new state tournament format that is fair to its competitors and will enhance the sport in the state. The new tournament format would replace the current State Intersectional Tournament where each section sends one representative to compete against other sections with a true multiple-entry state tournament.

The new system, modeled after the highly successful Pennsylvania State Tournament, would send multiple entries based on the number of schools in a section from the sectional tournaments to a state regional tournament. The state regional tournament then sends multiple entries – again based on the number of schools in the region - to the state tournament’s “final sixteen” event - called the State Finals Tournament. Using this true multiple entry system and adding state regional tournaments as part of the state “playoff system” would – in effect - level the playing field and give each wrestler in the state at least a similar chance of reaching the state finals tournament.

A slide show detailing the proposal can be found at <http://www.cnywrestling.com/NYSWCA/>

The State Regional Tournament proposal was supported by eight of NYSPHSAA’s eleven sectional representatives. Sections 3, 7 and 8 voted no.

The proposal now goes to NYSPHSAA’s Championship Advisory Committee and will be considered at their October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. If it wins approval there, the proposal’s final hurdle will be the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The new tournament format would take effect for the 2010 State Tournament.

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