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State Regional Tournaments Status

Answers And Revisions To Be Offered During Moratorium



The proposal to establish a state regional wrestling tournament system that's been under consideration by NYSPHSAA's Executive Committee has been put on hold.

At their quarterly meeting on January 31st, NYSPHSAA's Executive Committee approved a number of cost-cutting measures for the organization and its member schools. Included among their actions was "a moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation" for the next two years. The regional tournament proposal was developed to be part of the state tournament's "play-off" system - consequently the proposal is covered by the moratorium and has basically been put on hold. It's important to note though that the proposal was not voted down or otherwise killed by the Executive Committee. In fact, NYSPHSAA President Patrick Pizzarelli commented during the fall meeting that "the proposal has merit". So the regional tournament proposal remains a live matter before the committee - now waiting for action either when the moratorium ends or when there's a change in the moratorium policy.

As matters now stand, pending final approval of the proposal, the first possible implementation date for state regionals has been put off until the 2012 tournament. In the meantime, questions and concerns about the regional tournament proposal raised by the executive committee members are going unanswered.

State Wrestling Committee Chairman Marty Sherman recognized that letting the proposal lie dormant with unanswered questions for as much as two years could jeopardize its final approval. So, Sherman has asked the regional tournament subcommittee to help answer any outstanding questions and address the concerns raised by NYSPHSAA's Executive Committee. Chief among these concerns are the treatment of the PSAL and CHSAA and the erroneous notion that state regional tournaments will cost money rather than make money.

There's nothing prohibiting a request to the executive committee to approve state regional tournaments now while scheduling it all to start at a later date. Winning the executive committee's approval sooner rather than later would establish the regional tournament system as part of the New York State Tournament and allow officials to make it ready for implementation whenever the moratorium ends or the policy changes.

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NYS Wrestling Coaches Association President Rich Romeo serves as the NWCA's representative for New York State.

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