



NEWS

Contact: Dick Farfaglia 315-593-6017

May 14, 2005

172 Coaches Register Support For NYSWCA Proposal

Majority Of Coaches In Sections 5, 6, and 8 Are In Support

NYSWCA Request To Attend State Meeting Denied

Sec V Rep Requesting Adoption Of Multi-Entry Philosophy

To date, 172 wrestling coaches from across New York State have registered their support for the NYSWCA's Two-Division Multiple-Entry State Tournament proposal.

"We are really encouraged by the number of coaches who took the time to contact us and indicate their support for the NYSWCA Two-Division Multiple-Entry Proposal," said Rich Romeo, President of the NYSWCA. "This much support will be hard for the NYSHPSAA to ignore."

The Coaches Association has been contacting wrestling coaches around the state about the NYSWCA Two-Division Multiple-Entry proposal for the past six weeks. Coaches who supported the proposal were asked to respond by e-mail or by post card. There are 172 coaches in favor and 9 in opposition thus far.

"We have had a difficult time trying to reach coaches," said Dick Farfaglia, Executive Director of the NYSWCA. "There wasn't a good statewide list we could access so we pieced together all the e-mail directories and mailing lists we could find. We're confident that even more coaches will sign on to the proposal once they learn about it."

Romeo pointed to the fact that a majority of coaches from sections 5, 6, and 8 had registered their support for the proposal as evidence of how deep the support may be for the multiple-entry format.

"That we would get solid majorities in these sections when we know we didn't even reach all the coaches tells us that support among the state's coaches for the NYSWCA proposal is even greater than what's been registered so far," said Romeo.

Rich Romeo and John Leone had planned to represent the 172 coaches supporting the NYSWCA Proposal at the NYSPHSAA wrestling committee meeting on May 23rd in Delmar, NY but their request to attend the meeting was denied by the State Wrestling Coordinator.

"We wanted to attend the meeting to let the wrestling chairmen from around the state know that support for the two-division multiple-entry tournament is strong and continues to grow. Our intention was to answer questions and encourage them to adopt the proposal. We are more than disappointed," said Romeo.

In related news, Section V Wrestling Coordinator Mark Hoyt, intends to ask the State Wrestling Committee to adopt a proposal he drafted that was endorsed by Section V last week. The proposal would establish a "multiple-entry philosophy" for the 2007 State Tournament. Critical details like the number of entries and proportionality would be worked out at a later date.

"Obviously, we would prefer that the committee vote to adopt NYSWCA proposal but we see the Hoyt proposal as an opportunity to make some progress. Our hope is that the committee adopts the "multiple-entry philosophy" and that when they add the details later they take into account the 172 coaches who have indicated their support for our proposal," concluded Romeo.