

**Name** Assistant Commissioner Joe Angolia

**Topic** Sports Report

**Sports Report**

**Sport** Winter Wrestling

**Positive Developments and Highlights**

The format of the 2022 state tournament was modified from what was developed for 2021 in response to the pandemic. For 2022, two first round sites were utilized (as opposed to four the prior year) with Union County and Great Crossing High School hosting Regions 1-4 and 5-8, respectively. The top-8 finishers from each weight class at each site advanced to the final rounds at George Rogers Clark HS for a 16-person bracket, which doubled the number of participants that were brought to the final site in 2021.

**Issues of Concern (legal, playing Rules, fiscal management, etc.)**

Officials encountered issues during the regular season with home school students seeking to enter events who were not registered in Trackwrestling with a dedicated weight management plan.

**Championship Update/Review**

The formats and schedules for the first round sites will need to be evaluated, as conducting the event with just four mats creates a long day for all involved. At the same time, expanding to a two-day event increases the expenses for participating schools.

George Rogers Clark HS is a first-class venue but the number of fans at the final round pushes the seating capacity to its limits.

**Officials Update/Review**

Increasing the number of registered officials is a continued area of focus, with only 86 officials during the 2021-22 season. Officials expressed concerns on several occasions with mistreatment by fans and coaches, including a few instances at the regional tournaments. An emphasis on proper event management and crowd control will be stressed to the member schools in advance of next season.

**Noteworthy Changes / Anticipates Changes**

Monitor the continued growth of female wrestling participation with possible adoption in the future.