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Sport Winter Wrestling

Issues of Concern (legal, playing Rules, fiscal management, etc.) We encountered issues this year with schools that purchased illegal mats that did not include the required 10-foot circle. A rule proposal was sent to the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee to remove that requirement but it did not pass.

Championship Update/Review

Ryle and Atherton should be commended for their efforts in hosting the first round events this year. As evident at both sites, the current format (with qualifiers from four regions going to each site) makes it challenging to find venues that can accommodate the number of participants and fans.

George Rogers Clark HS once again provided a first-class facility for the final round of the state championship and we are thankful for the support and efforts of Jamie Keene, Michael Ritchie and the rest of GRC's staff. Crowd capacity continued to be an issue at GRC due to the number of fans and participants coupled with the inability to use the lower bleachers due to the mat setup.

For the championship bouts, we lowered the bleachers on the court, since we were down to a single mat, in order to create more of an atmosphere for the finals and alleviate crowd issues. The podium also returned for the awards presentation after it was not used the last two years due to Covid-19 procedures. Both changes were positively received by coaches, participants and fans.

Noteworthy Changes / Anticipates Changes

There is a lot of excitement in the wrestling community for the addition of girls' wrestling next year. With that said, there are a lot of questions about participation limits and postseason qualifying/format.