

**2018-2019 -- Proposal**

**Amend By-law 5.171**

**Submitted By:**

**By-law 5.171 Currently Reads:**

**BOYS WRESTLING**

**5.171 Season Limitation**

a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Wrestling teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 19 or later than Saturday of Week 34 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Wrestling no earlier than Monday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**5.172 Team Limitations**

No Boys Wrestling team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- a. eighteen (18) dates and no (0) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- b. seventeen (17) dates and one (1) tournament exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- c. sixteen (16) dates and two (2) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- d. fifteen (15) dates and three (3) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- e. fourteen (14) dates and four (4) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series.

**5.173 Individual Limitations**

Students who participate on a school squad in Boys Wrestling may participate in no more than twenty-one (21) matches in any one season, exclusive of tournaments. Students may participate in no more than four (4) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA State Tournament Series except that a student who does not participate in the IHSA State Tournament Series may participate in one (1) additional tournament. Participation in a tournament shall mean that a student actually competes (regardless of the length of the time) in a match.

**Revise By-law 5.171 to Read:**

**GIRLS FALL FREESTYLE WRESTLING**

**Season Limitation**

a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Wrestling teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 16 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

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b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Wrestling no earlier than Monday of Week 8 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

#### **2. Team Limitations**

No girls Freestyle Wrestling team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- a. eighteen (18) dates and no (0) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- b. seventeen (17) dates and one (1) tournament exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- c. sixteen (16) dates and two (2) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- d. fifteen (15) dates and three (3) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- e. fourteen (14) dates and four (4) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series.

#### **Individual Limitations**

Students who participate on a school squad in Girls Fall Freestyle Wrestling may participate in no more than twenty-one (21) matches in any one season, exclusive of tournaments. Students may participate in no more than four (4) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA State Tournament Series except that a student who does not participate in the IHSA State Tournament Series may participate in one (1) additional tournament. Participation in a tournament shall mean that a student actually competes (regardless of the length of the time) in a match.

#### **Rationale of Submitter:**

Adds Girls Fall Freestyle Wrestling as an individual sport with a designated or dedicated season.

This amendment adds girls freestyle wrestling as an individual sport while also giving girls freestyle wrestling its own season. The Boys Wrestling By-law currently gives boys the opportunity to compete against girls which poses an injury risk to girls and potential lawsuits for inappropriate actions during competition. This by-law proposal gives girls the same opportunity as boys or to compete against the same gender. As a public school, we are confident that the Board of Directors will prevent any situation in which the safety of a sport is at risk due to the physical strength advantage boys have when competing against girls. We are also confident that the Board of Directors will prevent any & all inappropriate touching in wrestling due to the nature of the sport for the opposite gender.