

# **WIAA 32-man State Tournament Bracket Information**

## **from Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association Executive Board**

### **Financial gains for the WIAA and member schools**

- pay officials for one weekend of travel instead of two
- many schools could have less travel expense by eliminating regional tournaments
  - may not be the case for smaller eastside schools
- travelling schools save on hotels for weekend of regional tournaments
- schools save on meal money the weekend of regional tournaments
- award medals only needed for state tournament
- t-shirt sales at state would increase
- ticket sales should be substantially larger at state. Extended family and friends will come watch Billy at state, but may not go to regional tournaments a lot of the time.
- WIAA is already renting Tacoma Dome Thursday through Saturday, would need to determine timeline in order to make Thur-Sat work
- don't have to pay for the regional manager meeting at WIAA office
- open a weekend for a dual team state tournament that would bring in a lot of money for WIAA

### **Wrestling aspects**

- takes away the unbalanced regions and the exchange of year-to-year allocation rotation where regions split an allocation over a two-year period
- gets the best kids to the state tournament to ensure a true top eight
- opens a weekend to eventually run a state dual team tournament
- promotes the sport which is hurting in our state at the collegiate level
- does not change any of the academic qualifications for WSWCA Coaches Awards
- opens a weekend for WIAA to help adjust basketball schedule possibly

### **Organization of Mat Classic**

- start the 32-man bracket portions of the tournament on Thursday night for one round
- could add four more mats on the one end where trophy area is for Thursday night and Friday morning, then tear it down Friday evening to adjust back to normal schedule
- take over the mats of smaller schools and girls as they finish
- could have the smaller classifications start on Friday afternoon, and could run the B's in one day on Saturday
- can still look at possibility of different sized brackets: 32-32-24-16-8 (girls 16, 24 or 32)
- majority of coaches would rather not take breaks and leave the dome. There is no where to go when you leave. Teams manage all season without breaks at tournaments
- Feed the officials at the dome in that back corner room where we use to have a hospitality room years ago. WIAA gives them meal money; use this in the Dome instead of releasing them.