

Dear Coaches,

We have never been closer to reforming the state wrestling tournament than we are right now. Last week, the Assembly Education Committee overwhelmingly approved the Fairness In Competition Bill and now the legislation may come up for a vote by the entire Assembly in as soon as a few days.

The NYSPHSAA has opposed a multiple-entry state tournament all along and tried to kill the legislation when it was originally proposed. They are contacting the sections and school districts and asking them to lobby their Assemblymembers.

Unfortunately, the timing couldn't be worse for us as coaches availability and fan attention is obviously not where it was in February. It will take an extra special effort to reach and wake all those who care and get them to act by letting their Assemblyman know that this legislation is the right thing to do for the kids.

Please contact your Assemblymember by phone or by e-mail through the New York State Wrestling Coaches Association web site listed below, click on Get Involved and follow the instructions. E-mail or call your Assembly representative(s) and ask him or her to vote for A2162a.

Talk to other coaches, your assistant coaches, booster clubs, parents and alumni and ask them to do the same, right away.

I have attached a Q&A about the bill to assist you. There's also a power point available. If you have any questions or we can help in any way please let us know.

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