

Permission to Compete for West Fork Wrestling

Background:

This year—for the first time in Iowa—girls wrestling is a sanctioned high school interscholastic sport.

One BK high school girl enjoys wrestling and would like to compete in a girls program. The girl has been attending open mat time in West Fork. West Fork is sponsoring a girls team and expects significant numbers. Clarion (CGD) has no girls program.

The girl has submitted a written request to be part of the West Fork Girls Wrestling team.

West Fork has opened the door and will allow any of our BK girls to compete as part of their team. They have sent us a 28E sharing agreement for approval.

State Rules on Sharing:

The state rule is when a school does not have a program, student-athletes may play elsewhere. But they must all compete for the same school and team. So, our wrestlers must all compete for West Fork or all for some other school or not at all.

28E Sharing Agreement:

Code of Iowa Chapter 28E provides the ability for governmental entities to enter into contracts with one another. The purpose of the law is to “permit state and local governments in Iowa to make efficient use of their powers by enabling them to provide joint services and facilities with other agencies and to cooperate in other ways of mutual advantage.”

Schools that wish to share sports programs are required to enter into a 28E sharing agreement.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the Board move to approve a 28E sharing agreement with the West Fork Community School District for the purpose of allowing our female high school wrestlers to compete as part of their school wrestling program.