

★ Editorial Comment

PUBLICATION OF GUIDES

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has decided to continue the publication of all guides for the duration even though certain features of the guides will of necessity be abridged and the demand for many of the guides decidedly below normal.

FREEZING OF RULES OF COMPETITION

At a meeting of the executive committee of the N.C.A.A. held in September, 1942, it was voted to recommend that all National Collegiate rules of competition be frozen for the duration. In accordance with this directive, the wrestling rules committee has made no change in either the college or high school wrestling rules for the season of 1944.

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Some months before the usual dates for the annual tournament a thorough canvass was made of all institutions that have heretofore shown interest in the annual National Collegiate wrestling tournament to determine whether or not there was sufficient interest to justify the holding of an N.C.A.A. meet in 1943. The results of this canvass showed such a lack of general interest and lack of a sufficient number of prospective contestants that the rules committee voted to forego the tournament this year. What the general policy of the rules committee will be for the remainder of the duration cannot be predicted, but undoubtedly the committee will be glad to sponsor this annual meet when and if sufficient interest develops to guarantee reasonably satisfactory competition.

WRESTLING FOR THE DURATION

Travel restrictions along with many other factors have forced a considerable number of the colleges and secondary schools to curtail or to cancel entirely intercollegiate and interscholastic wrestling competition during the past season. This in turn has resulted in the curtailing of material for some sections of this annual wrestling guide.

All of the colleges and secondary schools are urged to continue intercollegiate, interscholastic and intramural wrestling to the greatest possible degree during the remainder of the duration. Class instruction in wrestling should be stressed. Under these present war-time conditions wrestling should be taught with a dual purpose. First, it should be taught from the standpoint of the usual amateur code and, secondly, from the standpoint of the prospective Army and Navy draftee who should be taught methods of using wrestling holds to disable an opponent. Such instruction, however, should be given only after most careful warning as to possible danger to the opponent in class practice and repeated cautions against the use of force in such maneuvers.

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