



TEAM WRESTLING FINALS SEEDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 19, 2012

In May of 2008, the MHSAA Representative Council passed the following seeding policy for the Team Finals in Battle Creek. In May of 2010, it was revised to allow more than four teams to be seeded based on the discretion of the committee.

“For the Team Final tournament, seed the top teams in each division and draw the remaining teams into the bracket (if any teams remain unseeded) for the Quarterfinal round of wrestling. This will be done by a seeding committee that will identify the top teams in each division. Each team will submit a required team season summary form (record, opponents, scores, etc) and the committee will assess each team. In resolving issues, the seeding will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Head-to-head competition; if tied, the most recent winner prevails.
- 2) Record against common opponents.
- 3) A team with an exceptional record vs. acknowledged strong opposition.
- 4) Majority decision of the seeding committee.

If a coach or athletic director is on the seeding committee and their team advances to the Quarterfinal round, that coach or athletic director would be replaced on the committee for that year.”

The 2012 seeding committee met via conference call at 9:00 am on February 19. This year’s committee members included the following individuals:

Shawn Murray, WR Coach at Sterling Heights HS
Shawn Veitch, WR Coach at Caledonia HS
Tom Flynn, AD at Groves HS
Russ Mackenzie, AD & WR Coach at Madison Heights Lamphere HS
Mike Ritt, WR Coach at Freeland HS
Brandon Pastor, WR Coach at Fruitport HS
Chris Ricketts, WR Coach at Maple Valley HS
Mike Garvey, AD at Kalamazoo Hackett HS
Karen Leinaar, AD at Bear Lake

All committee members had received the dual-by-dual data for all Team Finalists (one school failed to provide data) in advance of the conference call, and discussion took place using the published criteria in seeding the teams in each division. This year, the committee seeded all four divisions 1-8; no teams were drawn into the bracket. As the conversations took place, it was clear that the committee again looked favorably

upon those teams that wrestled a quality schedule against acknowledged strong opposition. When there was no head to head competition or common opponents, and the schools being considered for seeds also had similar strength of schedule, the committee discussed other known data prior to making the final seeding determination through a vote of the committee members.

Pairings for the 2012 Team Finals will be posted at MHSAA.com by 6:00 pm on Sunday, February 19.