



2017-18 WRESTLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 17, 2018

Members Present

RJ Boudro; Lowell
Chris Ervin; St. Johns
Nate Ethridge; Remus
Mike Garvey; Kalamazoo (MIAAA)
Tony Greathouse; Brighton
Mike Humphry; Monroe
Tim Jones; Pine River
Russ McKenzie; Madison Heights
Steve Newkirk; Clare
Nicole Norris; Corunna
Casey Randolph; Clinton (MWA)
Neil Szuch; Carleton
Pete Ryan; Saginaw
Kevin Vogel; Temperance

Members Absent

Del Craven; Sault Ste. Marie

Michigan Athletic Trainers Society

Fleming, Kevin

MHSAA Staff

Sam Davis
Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Wrestling Committee met on Jan. 17, 2018 in the MHSAA Office. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule changes, and was also provided the "Ten Basic Beliefs For Interscholastic Athletics In Michigan". The following items were discussed and action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The MWA (Michigan Wrestling Coaches Association) had no formal proposal for the Representative Council this year. During the meeting, there were a few topics that this group indicated they would add to their agenda for future discussions.

- As the 2018 Individual Wrestling Finals will utilize one weigh-in, the MWA (Michigan Wrestling Coaches Association) indicated they would like to explore a potential "weight study" to see how much weight a wrestler gains during a two-day event.
- The MWA will discuss the new weigh-in form that includes inspection. They would like to explore ways to streamline the process to create consistency and ease of application.
- The MWA will discuss the Team Regional Hosting process adopted in May of 2017. In limited instances, a Team Regional may cover a very large area. The MWA will explore options to aid Team Regionals that fall into this category.
- The MWA will continue to discuss scrimmage allowance for schools that have extremely low numbers, and as a result, there are no practice partners near their weight class.

The committee discussed the two new venues for both the Individual Finals (Ford Field: Detroit) as well as the Team Finals (Wings Event Center: Kalamazoo). The MHSAA will seek feedback, and review both events following their conclusion in an effort to continually improve on both.

Staff shared final versions of documents regarding hygiene and the steps teams and individuals should take to avoid skin issues. The committee was asked to share this information with their community youth programs as well.

The following items were discussed but no action was taken:

- Reviewed current weight classes used by Michigan.
- Discussed Girls Wrestling and potential options moving forward.
- Reviewed NFHS regulations regarding out of bounds, 2-piece uniforms, & illegal maneuvers.
- Discussed JH/MS Wrestling and Limited Team Membership rules.
- Reviewed coaches & officials communication protocol.

RECCOMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

There were no recommendation to the Representative Council.