



2020-21 WRESTLING COMMITTEE #215 MINUTES
December 15, 2020 @ 9:30AM

Members Present

RJ Boudro; Lowell (MWA)
Todd Cheney; Hartland
Dave Chiola; Livonia
Tom Flynn; Birmingham
Jeff Kline; Mt. Morris (MIAAA)
Scott Marry; Hudson
Greg Mayer; Warren
Steve Newkirk; Clare
Casey Randolph; Clinton
Isaiah Thomas; Bay City
Duane Watson; Allendale

Members Absent:

Kacy Datema; Carson City
Mike Fosburg; Remus

Guests

Mike Garvey; Kalamazoo
Mitch Smiles; MATS

MHSAA Staff

Sam Davis
Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Wrestling Committee met on Dec. 15, 2020 utilizing a virtual format. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule changes, as well as the "Ten Basic Beliefs for Interscholastic Athletics in Michigan". The following items were discussed and action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Wrestling Committee was presented the 2020-21 Wrestling rules changes, revisions & reminders handout, and noted the information is available online the MHSAA wrestling page.

The committee discussed the up and coming season, and the need to be flexible due to current challenges presented by COVID.

The group discussed the current MHSAA weight classes, which continue to differ from the NFHS. The group supports the use of the current MHSAA weight classes, and the coach's association will continue to monitor membership feedback in regards to their use.

Concussion information was provided in regards to the 2019-2020 season, and compared with data from the 2018-2019 seasons.

The committee discussed various topics as it related to officials. Coaches' conduct as well as recruitment of potential officials (especially in this year of COVID) were addressed. Coaches were reminded that the best recruiters of future officials continue to be the coaches themselves.

Girls wrestling was discussed and a proposal to add girls wrestling was presented by the MHSAA staff.

STAFF RECCOMENDATIONS

None.

RECCOMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Girls Wrestling Divisional Proposal: The MHSAA would add girls wrestling as a division as opposed to a new sport. (D1, D2, D3, D4, Girls). This system would be based on a “sectionals” concept that would allow for a qualifying event before the Finals. Girls would still be allowed to wrestle on the boys teams during the team post season series, and may choose to participate in either the boys individual post season or the girls individual post season. (11-0)
2. Late Arrival Skin Check for Multiple Dual Meets: This proposal would allow individuals the opportunity to compete mainly during weekend dual competitions, where a student may have weighed-in the night before, but missed morning inspection due to educational reasons or unforeseen circumstances. Coaches must alert the officials during the regularly scheduled team inspection time. The late skin check must be completed prior to the start of the dual meet in which the wrestler may compete. (11-0)