

**2007-2008**

**TEAM TOURNAMENT**

**WRESTLING FORMAT**

*Sport Specific Information*

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**MIAA Staff Liaison**

Mr. Bill McGuirk  
Assistant Director

**2007-2008 TEAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT TIMETABLE**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Minimum Weight Control List Due to Divisional Directors	Received on or before December 10, 2007 or prior to the first contest.	<p align="center"><b>Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website</b></p>
Season Schedule and Commitment Form <b>(See note below)</b>	Received on or before Tuesday, January 15, 2008	
Team Tournament Entry Form	Note: No 2008 Team Entry Form. See "Qualifying Criteria and Seeding" on page 3.	<p><b>State Director</b> Mr. William Wassel</p>
Tournament Compliance Forms	Received on or before February 11, 2008	<p><b>Division I</b> Mr. Brian Urquhart</p>
Sectional Semi-Finals- 6:00 PM Sectional Finals- 8:00 PM	Tuesday/Wednesday February 12, 13, 2008	<p><b>Division II</b> Mr. Robert Gay</p>
Divisional State Semi-Finals	Tuesday/Wednesday February 19, 20, 2008	<p><b>Division III</b> Mr. Paul Gibbons</p>
Divisional State Finals	Tuesday ,February 26, 2008	
New England Tournament	Friday/Saturday February 29, 2008 March 1, 2008	

**\*NOTE:**

*All dual meets must be listed as well as tournaments. If opponents have not been determined (i.e. dual meet tournaments), the number of dual meets to be wrestled that day must be recorded separately as TBA's.*

*All required forms should be sent to the respective Divisional Tournament Directors.*

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## Tournament Information

1. **Team Rosters:** Team rosters are determined by the MIAA Minimum Weight Control List submitted to Divisional Directors. Only wrestlers on that list will be permitted to participate in the Team Tournament.
2. **Warm-up Time:** Towels and equipment must be furnished by each team. Each team will be permitted a minimum of ten (10) minutes pre-match warm-up.
3. **Cheerleaders:** Varsity wrestling cheerleaders, accompanied by their advisor, and numbering not more than twenty (20) will be admitted free to the tournament games in which their school is participating. They must, however, be in uniform and accompanied by an adult who is an official school representative.
4. **Uniforms:** The team with the higher seed will be the home team through the tournament and team uniforms must meet all NFHS specifications.
5. **Rules:** All matches will be wrestled under the rules of the National Federation as modified by the MIAA.
6. **Exclusions:** Horns, posters, noisemakers, confetti, pompoms, balloons, and banners are not to be allowed inside any gym. **(See General Section concerning bands)**
7. **Solicitations:** Solicitation of funds is not permitted at tournament site. **Fund raising activities by the host schools and host sites must be approved by the MIAA Executive Staff.**
8. **Suspended Match:** If a match is suspended for some reason, the match will be completed from that point, on the next available date. However, the Tournament Director reserves the right to call the match a completed contest and also to change the site of the continuation of the match.
9. **Presentations:** Presentations of awards will only occur after all matches are completed.
10. **Postponement:** Postponements due to inclement weather or other unusual circumstances will be determined by the MIAA Executive Staff and Tournament Director who will attempt to consult with the Principals of the participating schools. The rescheduling of a postponed match will be the decision of the MIAA Executive Staff and the Tournament Director.
11. **Practice Regulations:** No competing team is to practice on a tournament site after the tournament cut-off date. (Exception - if it is a team's home site.) Each team will be permitted a minimum of at least a ten-minute pre-match warm-up.
12. **Medical Coverage:** A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be provided/compensated by the Host School in tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage at MIAA designated neutral sites.
13. **Qualifying Criteria and Seeding:**

### Sectional Championships:

Qualifiers for the sectional championships will be determined solely by the total number of team points accumulated during the Individual Sectional Tournament competition. The four teams with the highest totals of team points will be seeded #1 through #4 in the order of total points scored.

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*If two or more teams score the same number of team points, the tie-breakers (in order) will be:*

1. *total number of place winners (first through sixth place)*
2. *total number of wrestlers who scored team points*
3. *coin-toss*

In the semi-finals #1 will wrestle #4 and simultaneously, #2 will wrestle #3 at the site of the #1 seed at 6:00 PM, followed by the championship match at 8:00 PM.

***(NOTE: Traditional MIAA tournament qualifying criteria (e.g. Won/Lost percentage, League Champion, League Runner-Up, 70% Rule, etc.) DO NOT APPLY for the Wrestling Team Tournament)***

#### Divisional State Championships:

To determine the state semi-final matches, the sectional champions will be seeded #1 through #4 by a committee comprised of the State Director, the three Divisional Directors, the President and the three Divisional Vice-Presidents of the Coaches Association, the Chairperson of the MIAA Wrestling Committee, and the MIAA Liaison to the Wrestling Committee, according to the following criteria:

1. **Head-to Head Competition** --Of the four teams (A,B,C,D) in each Division, if one team has defeated the other, they would be the higher seed.
2. **Record vs. Common Opponents** --Calculate W/L record versus common opponents.
3. **Overall Won-Lost Percentage**
4. **Coin Toss** -- If ties still remain after above criteria has been applied, ties will be broken by a coin toss or "draw"

#### **14. Playing Sites and Site Changes:**

##### Sectional Championships

In each section, the two sectional semi-final matches and the sectional final match, will take place on the same date and at the same site. The host team for these matches will be the team scoring the highest number of points at the Individual Sectional tournament. *If the team with the most points cannot host the sectional championships, the team with the second highest total will host, etc.*

##### Divisional State Championships

The sectional champions will be seeded #1 through #4 by the seeding committee referenced in #13 of this format. The state semi-final matches will be hosted by the #1 and #2 seeded teams on Tuesday or Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. The #1 seed wrestles #4 and the #2 seed wrestles #3. The State Finals in all three divisions will be played at site selected by the MIAA Staff Liaison and the State Tournament Director.

*Exceptions: If in the opinion of the seeding committee, the gymnasium or facilities of the team with the highest number of points are not suitable, another site will be selected by the MIAA Staff Liaison and the Tournament Director. For the purpose of safety, expense, convenience or other valid reasons, the Tournament Director shall have the prerogative to set or change the site of any tournament contest after consultation with the MIAA Staff Liaison.*

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15. **Post-Game Behavior & Sportsmanship:** Officials and site managers will have the authority to issue game exclusion penalties to coaches or players for unsportsmanlike behavior at the tournament site before, during, and after the contest.

16. **Game Officials:** An assistant referee will be utilized in the State Semi-Finals and Finals.

17. **Forms and Deadlines:**

Form	Deadline
Minimum Weight Control List	December 10, 2007 or prior to first contest <i>Available in the "Members Only" section in the Individual Wrestling Forms.</i>
Wrestling Season Schedule and Commitment Form	January 15, 2008
Wrestling Team Tournament Entry Form	<b><i>*Does not apply for 2008*</i></b>
Tournament Compliance Forms	February 11, 2008
Tournament Code of Conduct Form	February 11, 2008
Wrestling Team Sportsmanship Nomination Form	February 15, 2008

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## 2007-2008 MIAA Wrestling Tournament Compliance Policy Sportsmanship Responsibility for Competing Schools

As part of MIAA continuing efforts to promote the concepts of sportsmanship and provide the on-site atmosphere that will keep interscholastic athletic events in an educational perspective, the Wrestling Committee has adopted the following guidelines relative to the participation in the MIAA Wrestling Tournament.

### Sportsmanship Expectations of Tournament Participants

1. Either the Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director or a designee of the administration must be present at the event. The designee may be the coach or trainer of the school.
2. The designee will make his/her presence known to the site manager and tournament director.
3. The designee shall discourage all unacceptable behavior and activity that provokes or results in unacceptable behavior by others or is retaliatory to the unacceptable behavior of others.
4. The designee shall assist in enforcing tournament regulations related to signs, banners, noisemakers, etc.
2. The designee must make all team members aware of the specific sportsmanship expectations of the school.
3. The designee shall make sure that no member of the schools team (including coaches) shall seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
4. The designee will inform the coach that he/she is expected to exert his/her influence to enhance sportsmanship among the participants and the spectators.
5. The designee will inform the coach that he/she must review any situation(s) where violations of good sportsmanship occur.
6. The designee must inform the coach that he/she must always exemplify professional behavior and leadership with strong ethical standards.
7. The designee shall make certain that all team members accept and understand the emphasis on sportsmanship and the privilege of representing that school and community.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of school) has read the Tournament Compliance Policy and will support and abide by that policy to help promote good sportsmanship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Principal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Athletic Director

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Wrestling Coach

**THIS FORM MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SECTIONAL SEEDING MEETING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2008.**

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# ADDENDUM

## WEIGHT CONTROL AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Enclosed are the necessary forms that must be used to properly certify your wrestlers for MIAA competition. Please take the time to review Rule 82.4 Weight Control and Certification Procedures on pages 79 thru 81 of the MIAA Handbook to insure that you are aware of what needs to be done. ALL DEADLINES MUST BE MET AND ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AS DIRECTED IN ORDER FOR YOUR WRESTLERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MIAA COMPETITION.

### Notes:

1. The MIAA Minimum Weight Control Certificate **MUST** be on file in the Athletic Director's Office **PRIOR** TO the wrestler's first interscholastic competition. (See enclosed form.)
2. The MIAA Minimum Weight Control List must be submitted electronically to the MIAA and to the **Divisional Directors** prior to December 10, 2008. Any wrestler who joins the team after the list has been submitted must be added to the list **prior** to his first competition. The Athletic Director should call the Divisional Director and then mail an updated list ASAP.

3. This paragraph should read:

To qualify at a certain weight for MIAA sectional and state tournaments, ***BOTH INDIVIDUAL and TEAM***, a wrestler must make weight at his/her certified weight class at scratch weight **at least once** during the season. If a wrestler is making his/her lowest certified weight on or after the two pound weight allowance is granted (January 7, 2008) he/she must make scratch weight the first time he/she weighs in. No wrestler can utilize the two pound weight allowance until he/she has made scratch weight. He/she must also weigh in at base weight (scratch plus any rulebook allowance) 60% of the varsity days of competition on which the wrestler competes. A wrestler **MUST COMPETE** on the day of competition in order to count that weigh-in towards the 60% requirement for certification. Rulebook weight allowances count towards certification.

4. The home weigh-in period **MUST** take place:
  - **ONLY** during the 60 minute period immediately prior to the start of the academic school day.
  - **ONLY** during a **SINGLE** 60-minute period between 6:00 AM and 12:00 Noon for matches beginning **after** 3:00 PM on a non-school day. All other weigh-ins on a non-school day must be at base weight.

**IMPORTANT!** Both the coach and a school administrator (the Principal or his/her designee) must sign each and every weigh-in sheet. The school administrator need not be present at the weigh-ins, but must sign the sheet to validate the weigh-in.



**Team Wrestling Sportsmanship Award**



*The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to a school in every sport at the MIAA State Championship.*

*We would like to encourage you to nominate a varsity wrestling team for consideration by the MIAA Wrestling Committee for recognition at the MIAA Team Wrestling Championships. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Self-nominations are acceptable.*

***I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Team Wrestling Sportsmanship Award:***

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Girls: \_\_\_\_\_ Boys: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: MIAA  
Attn: Bill McGuirk  
33 Forge Parkway  
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2008**

## **PHYSICIAN RELEASE FOR WRESTLER TO PARTICIPATE WITH SKIN LESION(S)**

The National Federation of State High School State Associations (NFHS) has developed the release form found on the reverse side of this page as a suggested model you may consider adopting for your state. The NFHS conducted a survey among specialty, academic, public health and primary care physicians and reviewed extensively the literature available on the communicability of various skin lesions at different stages of disease and treatment. No definitive data exists that allow us to absolutely predict when a lesion is no longer shedding organisms that could be transmitted to another. Another finding from the survey was the significant differences that exist among physicians relating to when they will permit a wrestler to return to participation after having a skin infection.

The NFHS does not presume to dictate to professionals how to practice medicine. Neither is the information on this form meant to establish a standard of care. The NFHS does feel, however, that the guidelines included on the form represent a summary consensus of the various responses obtained from the survey, from conversations and from the literature. The NFHS also feels that the components of the form are very relevant to addressing the concerns of coaches, parents, wrestlers and physicians that lead to the research into this subject and to the development of this form.

### **GOALS FOR ESTABLISHING A WIDELY USED FORM:**

1. Protect wrestlers from exposure to communicable skin disorders. Although most of the skin lesions being discussed generally have no major long term consequences and are not life threatening, some do have morbidity associated with them and student athletes should be protected from contracting skin disorders from other wrestlers or contaminated equipment such as mats.
2. Allow wrestlers to participate as soon as it is reasonably safe for them and for their opponents and/or teammates using the same mat.
3. Establish guidelines to help minimize major differences in management among physicians who are signing "return to competition forms". Consistent use of these guidelines should protect wrestlers from catching a skin disease from participation and should protect them from inequalities as to who can or can not participate.
4. Provide a basis to support physician decisions on when a wrestler can or can not participate. This should help the physician who may face incredible pressure from many fronts to return a youngster to competition ASAP. This can involve "Joe Blow who never wins a match" or the next state champion with a scholarship pending.

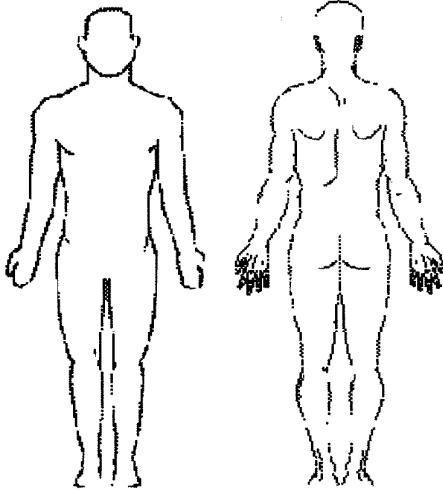
### **IMPORTANT COMPONENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE FORM:**

1. Inclusion of the applicable NFHS wrestling rule so physicians will understand that covering a lesion is not an acceptable option.
2. Inclusion of the date and nature of treatment and the earliest date a wrestler can return to participation. This should minimize the need for a family to incur the expense of additional office visits as occurs when a form must be signed within three days of wrestling as some do.
3. Inclusion of a "bodygram" with front and back views should clearly identify the lesion in question. This should result in less confusion or conflict.
4. Inclusion of guidelines for minimum treatment before returning the wrestler to action as discussed above. This should enhance the likelihood that all wrestlers are managed safely and fairly.
5. Inclusion of all of the components discussed has the potential to remove the referee from making a medical decision. If a lesion is questioned the referee's role could appropriately be only to see if the coach can provide a fully completed medical release form allowing the wrestler to wrestle.

This form may be reproduced, if desired for use by various individuals or organizations. In addition, the NFHS would welcome comments and suggestions for inclusion in future versions as this will continue to be a work in progress.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS  
PHYSICIAN RELEASE FOR WRESTLER TO  
PARTICIPATE WITH SKIN LESION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Mark Location of Lesion(s)



Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Communicable \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Contagious \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Lesion(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Treatment Started: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Medication(s) used to treat lesion(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Earliest Date may return to participation: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Physician Name (Printed or Typed) \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(M.D. or D.O.)

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to Providers:** Non-contagious lesions do not require treatment prior to return to participation (e.g. eczema, psoriasis, etc.). Please familiarize yourself with NFHS Rule 4-2-3 which states: *"If a participant is suspected by the referee or coach of having a communicable skin disease or any other condition that makes participation appear inadvisable, his coach shall provide current written documentation from a physician stating that the suspected disease or condition is not communicable and that the athlete's participation would not be harmful to his opponent. Covering a communicable condition shall not be considered acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. This document shall be furnished at the weigh-in or prior to competition in the dual meet or tournament.*

**Note:** If an on-site tournament physician is present, he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the physician signing this form. Below are some Treatment guidelines that suggest minimum treatment before return to wrestling:

**Bacterial diseases (impetigo, boils):** Oral antibiotic for 2 days and no drainage, oozing, or moist lesions.

**Herpetic lesions (Simplex fever blisters, Zooster, Gladiatorum):** Minimum of 120 hours or a full five days of oral anti-viral treatment with no new lesions and all lesions scabbed over. If no oral treatment has been given, no visible lesions may be present.

**Tinea lesions (ringworm scalp, skin):** Oral or topical treatment for 7 days on skin and 14 days on scalp.

**Scabies, Head Lice:** 24 hours after appropriate topical management.

**Conjunctivitis:** 24 hours of topical or oral medication and no discharge.

**Molluscum Contagiosum:** 24 hours after curettage.