

MIAA Wrestling Committee Meeting (Remote)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Phil Napolitano, Brendan Kent and Ann Palumbo thanked the committee for their tireless work throughout the year.

a. **Attendance** - Phil Napolitano, Amy Daniels, Ann Palumbo, Brendan Kent, Brian Brewer, Brian Tildsley, Brian Urquhart, Jason St. Peter, Jeff Lareau, Joseph Bianca, Keith Crowley, Keith Poloskey, Mary Sokol, Paul Shvartsman, Dr. Robert Pritchett,

Media: Danny Ventura, Brandon Chase, Eric McHugh.

2. **Minutes of February 25, 2021 meeting** – Approved 12-0

3. **New Business**

a. **2021 Wrestling Modifications – Reviewed and opened up to any questions from the first few weeks of the season.**

- Clarified that mats are not required to be cleaned after every individual match.
- Brian Tildsley has sent this clarification to the officials
- Brendan Kent reviewed the process of when a mask comes off. He reminded everyone of the recommendation for the coaches and officials to meet prior to the dual meet.

b. **Weight certification reminders** – Must be put on MIAA website and FLO arena.

c. **Wrestling specific handbook rule that needs attention for this spring**

➤ **MIAA Rule 84.4.6 – January 1st, 2lb growth allowance**

- Weight allowance discussion. Committee members did not feel it was necessary for a shortened season, with no individual postseason. Focus should not be on kids cutting weight. Members expressed that they 2lb allowance is for a long season, with long periods of cutting weight. This was not the case for this spring.

No motion made for a universal plus 2lb growth allowance.

d. **NFHS Rule Changes**

- All weigh-ins must be conducted in a suitable uniform.
 - Hair rule has been removed. Thus there are no more required hair caps. Long hair is permitted as long as it is not abrasive.
 - Pulling of hair is a misconduct (-) 1 pt.
 - Whether your shoe comes off or comes untied, it is a misconduct
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- 3 separate weight class options for girls and mixed gender wrestling, effective July 1, 2023 (2023-24 impact). Each state association must adopt which weight classes series they will be following

- NFHS Rule change states:
Effective July 1, 2023: *We have more member state associations (30) sponsoring girls wrestling and providing an equal number of uniform weight classifications is now necessary. Due to fluctuating demographics of our student enrollment, each state association shall select one of the three sets (12, 13, 14) of listed weight classes for boys and one of the three sets (12, 13, 14) for girls. These recommended weights are based upon data from over 215,000 National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) assessments.*

ART. 1 . . . A state association shall select one weight class. Competition shall be in one of the following sets of weight classes when girls are wrestling girls:

~~106 lbs., 113 lbs., 120 lbs., 126 lbs., 132 lbs., 138 lbs., 145 lbs., 152 lbs., 160 lbs., 170 lbs., 182., 195 lbs., 220 lbs., 285 lbs.~~

a) (12) 100 lbs., 107 lbs., 114 lbs., 120 lbs., 126 lbs., 132 lbs., 138 lbs., 145 lbs., 152 lbs., 165 lbs., 185 lbs., 235 lbs.

(13) 100 lbs., 106 lbs., 112 lbs., 118 lbs., 124 lbs., 130 lbs., 136 lbs., 142 lbs., 148 lbs., 155 lbs., 170 lbs., 190 lbs., 235 lbs.

(14) 100 lbs., 105 lbs., 110 lbs., 115 lbs., 120 lbs., 125 lbs., 130 lbs., 135 lbs., 140 lbs., 145 lbs., 155 lbs., 170 lbs., 190 lbs., 235 lbs.

b. A state association shall select one weight class. Competition shall be in one of the following sets of weight classes when boys wrestle boys (or when boys wrestle girls):

~~106 lbs., 113 lbs., 120 lbs., 126 lbs., 132 lbs., 138 lbs., 145 lbs., 152 lbs., 160 lbs., 170 lbs., 182., 195 lbs., 220 lbs., 285 lbs.~~

(12) 108 lbs., 116 lbs., 124 lbs., 131 lbs., 138 lbs., 145 lbs., 152 lbs., 160 lbs., 170 lbs., 190 lbs., 215 lbs., 285 lbs.

(13) 107 lbs., 114 lbs., 121 lbs., 127 lbs., 133 lbs., 139 lbs., 145 lbs., 152 lbs., 160 lbs., 172 lbs., 189 lbs., 215 lbs., 285 lbs.

(14) 106 lbs., 113 lbs., 120 lbs., 126 lbs., 132 lbs., 138 lbs., 144 lbs., 150 lbs., 157 lbs., 165 lbs., 175 lbs., 190 lbs., 215 lbs., 285 lbs.

- Paul S – It will be important for all New England States to adopt the same weight class sets for several reasons, including tournaments (New England’s).

- Phil N- It will also be important send a survey to our member schools to allow the committee to make an informed decision on the weight class set.

e. FloArena – Desi Kaplan

- Schools should be using FloArena this year. Allows for ADs/coaches to remain engaged on Flo and inputting data on the platform.

f. TMC update - Winter alignments

- Proposed winter alignments will be released soon. Then appeal process will begin.
- Phil N informed committee of the appeals process.

4. 2021-22 Wrestling Tournament Format - DRAFT attached

- Review and identification of any errors was requested.
- Motion made to accept the format and structure as presented by Jeff Lareau, seconded by Dr. Pritchett – **passed unanimously 14-0.**

5. Future wrestling tournament structure - subcommittee

- If interested in sub-committee for the future tournament structure, please email Phil

6. Coaches Input

- Post-season discussion, thoughts on individual and/or sectional/state team tournament.
- Phil N mentioned that this item will be on the TMC's next agenda. TMC has not met since wrestling was approved a few weeks ago.
- Jeff L – Teams are real small out west. Schools unlikely to compete once school ends
- Paul S- No reason we cannot do a sectional dual meet that leads into a state dual meet.
- Mary S – We should give the kids every opportunity to compete in a postseason
- Robert – If we can do something, we should.

7. Officials Input

- 39 officials have opted in for the season.
- Officials would like to get with Ads to get schedules sooner than later to help with the scheduling of officials. Officials are excited to be part of the solution and help the season be successful.
- Phil acknowledged the officials flexibility and willingness to support the athletes.
- Officials are on board for any tournament

8. Educational Athletics Initiatives

a. 4th Annual MIAA/MSAA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Symposium

- Phil promoted the event and encourage members to register.

9. Informational item - reviewed

10. Meeting Dates to Remember: 2021-22 dates are TBD

11. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Dr. Pritchett