

MIAA Wrestling Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

In-person with no virtual option

1. Call to Order: by Phil @ 10:07

- a. Attendance- Brendan Kent, Christopher Jones, Mary Sokol, Eric Conti, Scott Tremlett, Amy Daniels, Keith Poloskey, Paul Shvartsman, Brian Brewer, Phil Mombeleur, Jason St. Peters, Brian Tildsley (call in), Keith Crowley, Robert Pritchett, Phil Napolitano, Katie Kampersal
- b. Introduction of members

2. [Minutes of October 13, 2022 meeting](#)

- Review of minutes- **Motion to approve minutes by Keith 2nd by Mary all in favor 11-0-0**

3. New Business

- a. 2022-23 Individual Wrestling Tournament
- b. Steve Sentes has accepted the D1 Tournament Director position
 - [2022-23 Wrestling Format](#)
 - Female wrestler entries update-still need to register prior to sectionals. If they qualify for the mixed gender tournament we will be reaching out to the coach to see which tournament they would like to wrestle in. We will then manually remove them from whichever tournament they will not be wrestling in.
 - Tournament sites-Still need Division 3 west sectional site. All other sites have been filled. Scott- I am working with 3 different sites. Reading has hosted All States 3 times. Phil-there are a few new sites, Northbridge/Bridgewater are new for example.

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D1N- Methuen	D1S- Brockton	D1C/M- Newton South	D1W/C- Algonquin
D2N- Salem	D2S- Bridgewater-Raynham	D2C- Bellingham	D2W- Northbridge
D3N- Tewksbury	D3S- Foxboro	D3C- Wayland	D3W- NEED SITE

February 17 & 18, 2023

D1 Divisional States - Methuen
D2 Divisional States - Milton
D3 Divisional States - Wakefield

February 24 & 25, 2023

All-States and Girls All-States – Reading

- Host School virtual meeting- January 25th at 12:30pm-All the materials have been put together for each site, medals/trophies/banners etc. If you are in contact with a site please feel free to take the information with you and deliver after today's meeting.
- Status of seasonal data input on FloArena- A report was run, sectional reps are going through the reports currently and will be working with coaches to update prior to the cutoff date. We will be reaching out to schools that are missing information to start to update Flo.
- [Team Sportsmanship Award Nominations](#)- Please nominate a team for this award.

- b. Other-Phil- I think we are in good shape going into this post season. We need EMTs on site, but we have clerks ready to go and will have officials ready as well.

4. 2023-25 Proposed Wrestling Alignments -

- Review of Proposals A & B (*attached*) - Proposal A went out last week, however we were not able to talk about it as a committee. Phil, Ann, Keith, Brendan, Paul met as a subcommittee. They came up with Proposal B and took out geography. Division 1 is the top 53 with CEM, Division 2 is the next 53 based on CEM and Division 3 is the last 55 based on CEM. From there geography is looked at. Some schools were moved from different sections then

where they have placed for years. Proposal B will keep school competing against schools with similar enrollment size when it comes to States, unlike proposal A.

- The cut off between divisions was only a few students, 5 students
- Wrestling still has a sectional model, there is still not a state wide model. Still not a state wide qualifier at this time. The qualifier is the sectional tournament.
- Whichever proposal we as a committee agree on will go forward to TMC and they will review it.
- Tradition vs. travel
- There will be an appeal process-but this will be for division not for sections. There will be need to be balanced division and balanced sections.
- If a school moves down a divisions a school may need to move up a division.
- Do we change the title of title “north/south/central/west” to a/b/c/d?
- Private schools will get moved up 1 division this will probably be the school in that division with the highest enrollment. They are able to also appeal.
- Single gender schools will have enrollment numbers doubled.
- There are no longer co-op multiplier

Motion by Eric Conti to approve proposal B Keith Crowley 2nd 11-0-0

5. Coaches Input

- Discussion on number of qualifiers from sectionals to divisional states (4 to 5)
- Currently the 5th athlete is an alternate-leaves the wrestler in limbo all week. 6th place would not be an alternate, 75 percent to 100 percent would show up to wrestler. We do this during All State. This would not be for this year.
- Phil- this would add an hour and a half to the 1st day, which is typically a school day. As it is the day runs until 9-10pm. Would we have to bring the matches into the 2nd day?
- Would the state bracket be a 20 athlete bracket? Yes it would be a 20 athlete bracket
- Adding an hour and a half is a concern
- 6th would not be considered as an alternate at all
- This would truly be a recommendation
- Motion by Eric to allow a 5th place sectional wrestler as a full participant in the state tournament with no alternates 2nd by Paul S 12-0-0

6. Officials Input

Everything is all set- we will be ready to go for tournaments. Barriers for crowd control is the only concern, but this will be figured out prior to the all events.

7. Informational Items

- a. Wrestling cut-off date reminder – Wednesday, February 8, 2023
- b. [New England Wrestling Championship information packet](#) – covered the new seeding criteria put into place by the New England Wrestling Council
- c. [NFHS Weight Classification options](#) – Effective July 1, 2023
 - MIAA Wrestling committee adopted the 14 traditional weight classes and 12 girls weight classes

8. Educational Athletics Initiatives

- a. [Upcoming conferences and workshops](#)

9. Meeting Dates to Remember: April 27, 2023

10. Adjournment @ 11:00