



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA Wrestling Committee Highlights October 7, 2021

The MIAA Wrestling Committee held their scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021. The following information is an effort to keep you updated on the meeting.

- New members were welcomed to the committee. The MIAA Conflict of Interest Form was reviewed, signed and submitted. The Governance Structure of the MIAA was reviewed.
- **Elected Officers** – Brendan Kent (Chair), Ann Palumbo (Vice), Joe Bianca (Sec)
- Review of the **spring 2021 wrestling season**. Committee applauded school leaders, coaches, athletes and the wrestling community for efforts to ensure a positive experience for the students.
- Discussion regarding the 2021-22 wrestling season outlook. No modifications currently exist but committee understands things can change. Masks are currently required for indoor fall sports.
- Due to the absence of an MIAA Individual Wrestling Postseason last year, **seeding criteria #2 will NOT** be used to seed the 2021-22 postseason tournaments. (Approved 13-0 - Shvartsman/Pritchett). All other seeding criteria will remain the same.
- MIAA will host a **virtual FloArena** training on **Monday, October 18, 2021** from 6:30-8:00 PM. This training will cover a variety of topics related to upcoming wrestling season, including minimum weight entries, scheduling and posting results. All required by the MIAA throughout the wrestling season. [Click here](#) to register.
- MIAA Wrestling rule change that eliminates morning weigh-ins was discussed, changing MIAA Rule 84.4.8, which now reads, "**For all team matches beginning after 3:00 p.m., wrestlers will get an additional two (2) pound allowance at the match site weigh-in. Actual weights will be recorded on all dual meet weigh-in sheets. Signatures of the coach and a school administrator (the principal or his designee) must appear in ink on the dual meet weigh-in sheets in order for the weigh-in to be validated. These dual meet weigh-in sheets will be kept by the coaches and one for each and every day of competition must be handed in at the sectional seeding meeting, or the day will not count toward certification or seeding. Morning weigh-ins are no longer permitted.**"
- Growth of **girls' wrestling** was a topic as it continues to grow across the country. Discussion around creativity to get more matches for female wrestlers and continuing to educate coaches, wrestlers and families about the importance of accepting mixed gender matches. Several committee members reported an increase in female wrestling participation at their school over the last few years.

- Coaches Rep., Paul Shvartsman, reviewed the **2021-22 NFHS wrestling rule changes**. [Here is a link](#) to view all of the 2021-22 NFHS wrestling rule changes. Phil Napolitano will work to get all of the New England State Association Wrestling Liaisons on a call to discuss the weight class options for the 2023-24 season.
- Discussion surrounding a change in the **MIAA postseason wrestling tournament structure**, e.g. state wide tournament. Subcommittee will be formed to review potential ideas and present to the full committee at a later date. It is understood that any changes to the tournament structure would need TMC approval.
- **MIAA Officials Rep., Brian Tildsley**, provided a positive report on the state of wrestling officials, their training and system they will adopt for postseason assignments.
- Phil Napolitano announced an opening for the **MIAA D2 Wrestling Tournament Director** position. Information can be found [here](#).

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