



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA Wrestling Committee Highlights October 8, 2020

The MIAA Wrestling Committee held their scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020. 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)
- Discussion regarding the 2020-21 athletic outlook. Additionally, the MIAA **COVID-19 resource page** was shown to the committee.
- Brendan Kent gave an overview of the wrestling modifications subcommittee meetings that took place over the summer. The subcommittee included Brendan Kent, Eric Conti, Phil Napolitano, along with MYWA members Joe Nugent and Todd Darling. This group prepared and participated in a **wrestling specific modifications presentation to the Lt. Governor Polito and the EEA**. Brendan reviewed specifics of the presentation and challenges ahead.
- Committee will **hold a future meeting** to further discuss and prepare modifications specific to wrestling. It is understood that the modifications will be adjusted based on the EEA guidelines that are expected to be released in early November.
- Coaches Rep, Paul Shvartsman, reviewed the **2020-21 NFHS wrestling rule changes**. [Here is a link](#) to view all of the 2020-21 NFHS wrestling rule changes.
- Discussion surrounding a change in the **MIAA postseason wrestling tournament structure**, e.g. state wide tournament. Subcommittee was 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. Subcommittee members are Brendan Kent, Ann Palumbo, Paul Shvartsman, Jason St. Peter and Scott Tremlett
- Committee recognized **MIAA Wrestling Coach of the Year, Deshawn Fentress** of Brockton HS and **MIAA Official of the Year, Dan Buckley**. Both incredibly deserving recipients!

- Phil Napolitano announced an opening for the **MIAA D2 Wrestling Tournament Director** position. Information can be found [here](#).
- **2021-2023 MIAA Rule Change Proposals** were reviewed and voted on. Result tallies have been submitted to MIAA Assistant Executive Director Phil Napolitano and will be added to the rules packet on the MIAA website. This is the first step in the rule change proposal process.

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