



## 2019-20 WRESTLING COMMITTEE #215 MINUTES

January 15, 2020 @ 9:30AM

### Members Present:

Steve Baker; Grand Ledge  
Todd Cheney; Hartland  
Dave Chiola; Livonia  
Kacy Datema; Carson City  
Chris Henderson; Lansing  
Jeff Kline; Mt. Morris (MIAAA)  
Don Markel; Cass City  
Greg Mayer; Warren  
Don McKenzie; Lincoln Park  
Steve Newkirk; Clare  
Casey Randolph; Clinton (MWA)  
Chris Riker; Portage

Vance Stratton; Niles  
Isaiah Thomas; Bay City  
Duane Watson; Allendale

### Members Absent:

Marty Mix; Onaway

### Guest:

Smelis, Mitch (MATS)

### MHSAA Staff:

Sam Davis  
Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)

## INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The MHSAA Wrestling Committee met on Jan. 15, 2020 in the John E. "Jack" Roberts Building. The committee was reminded of its responsibility and the process for rule changes, as well as the "Ten Basic Beliefs for Interscholastic Athletics in Michigan". The following items were discussed and action was taken.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Wrestling Committee was presented the 2019-20 Wrestling rules changes, revisions & reminders handout, and noted the information is available online the MHSAA wrestling page.

The committee discussed MHSAA Wrestling Finals locations, Finals format adjustments and reviewed the approved rotational process utilized for Team Regional hosting.

Participation numbers were reviewed. The group discussed the current MHSAA weight classes, which differ from the NFHS. It was shared that the NFHS continues to monitor participation numbers as well as voids/forfeits nationwide which could lead to an adjustment of NFHS weight classes. The group supports the continued use of the current MHSAA weight classes, and the coaches association will continue to monitor membership feedback in regards to their use. The group also discussed the need to promote and increase participation and suggested various tools to accomplish this task.

Items such as inspections including the use of the communicable disease form, alpha weigh-ins and hygiene were discussed, and were suggested as topics for the MHSAA's newly-formed Sport Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC). The group dialoged with the SMAC representative in regards to the new NFHS rule in regards to Head, Neck & Cervical (HNC) time. The group reviewed the new nutrition videos on the MHSAA wrestling web page that are available for school use. Concussion information from the 2018-2019 season was also shared and discussed as it pertained to wrestling.

The committee discussed various topics as it related to officials. Coaches' conduct as well as recruitment of potential officials were addressed. Coaches were reminded that the best recruiters of future officials are coaches themselves.

Details of the girls wrestling tournament being conducted by the MWA were shared, reviewed and discussed. Girls wrestling in general was discussed as well as participation data. The MWA is pleased with the flexibility they enjoy in conducting the girls finals, and will continue to provide feedback from the event as it continues to grow.

A “weigh-in” information sheet was shared with the committee. The committee reviewed and will provide feedback before the information is shared with the coaches association and posted online. The tool addressed many weigh-in question as well as questions pertaining to “scratch” weight.

Committee members once again stressed the need for member coaches to submit team information into TrackWrestling in a timely manner.

The groups discussed numerous topics and potential pilot programs that will go back to the coaches association for further discussion and formalization before presenting to the wrestling committee.

### **STAFF RECCOMENDATIONS**

No staff recommendations at this time.

### **RECCOMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

None.