



2012 MHSAA WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Tournament Plan – Key Points Of Review

- The MHSAA Wrestling Tournament is conducted in four equal divisions by enrollment in both individual and team competition.
- Tournament dates for individual competition are February 11 for the Individual District and February 18 for the Individual Regional.
- Tournament dates for team competition are February 8-9 for Team Districts and February 15 for Team Regionals.
- Seed/entry meetings for the Individual District take place on the Friday night prior to competition.
- On-site weigh in procedures on the day of competition will be used.
- Wrestlers who fail to make weight for their entered weight may not be moved to another weight class at the Individual Districts and Individual Regionals.
- For the individual tournament, a wrestler must have a record (win, loss or forfeit) to be eligible to compete.
- Packets/materials should be provided to participating schools and officials in advance of the tournament.
- Managers hire officials at the District level. The MHSAA selection committee assigns officials for Regional and Finals tournaments.
- Trophies and medals are shipped directly to managers from ESCO, Inc.
- Financial reports must be filed within 30 days at the end of the tournament.
- It is recommended that a physician or DO be on site to assist meet officials with skin inspections.



WRESTLING TOURNAMENT MANAGERS MANUAL (Alpha by topic, forms follow topics)

For 2012 MHSAA Individual District & Regional Team District & Regional Wrestling

ADMISSIONS - All tickets for Team or Individual District and Regional meets shall be \$5.00 for all persons. Tickets shall be sold until the championship and consolation rounds begin in the Individual Tournaments. Tickets shall be sold until the completion of the 7th match during the final dual match in the Team District or Regional tournament.

Free admission is allowed to all wrestlers who weigh-in on the day of the tournament, two coaches and one manager for teams of six wrestlers or more at each MHSAA tournament. Children not yet of school age may be admitted at no charge at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. Representative Council members with an engraved pass and staff members with a business card are to be admitted. Cheerleaders, mat maids, bus drivers, and other quasi-team members are required to pay admission. Wrestlers failing to qualify must also pay admission. It is recommended a hand stamp be used for admitting contestants to the various sessions.

On recommendation of the MHSAA auditors, all or a random sampling of unsold tournament tickets may be audited. Managers should keep unsold tickets until June 1 of the tournament year.

APPLIANCES - The MHSAA discourages the use of electrical appliances by spectators at MHSAA tournaments. Local management shall include a statement in the host packet, which outlines the local policies regarding the use of appliances.

CHECKLIST - Equipment

- One match time clock per mat.
- One visual time display per mat.
- One injury time clock per mat.
- One timer's signaling device per mat.
- Two sets of red and green leg bands for each mat.
- National Anthem reproduction equipment - It is required that the National Anthem be played prior to the start of each Tournament.
- Disposable towels, disinfectant, disposable gloves, trash bags at each mat.
- Three regulation size mats (28' circle is the minimum size required). Team Tournament requires one or two mats.
- A sufficient quantity of mat tape.
- One "Head Table" for announcer, and tournament clerical workers.
- One table per mat.

- One chair for each person to be seated at the tables.
- A public-address system.
- One awards presentation stand or area.
- Chairs near mats for coaches of competing contestants.
- Computer and knowledgeable operator. (Individual Tournament)
- Copy machine.
- FAX capabilities.

CHECKLIST - Supplies

- Score sheets- MHSAA will supply via MHSAA.com.
- Pens, pencils, and note paper.
- Wall charts (MHSAA will supply).
- Felt marking pens or typing tape labels for wall charts.
- Bracket sheets and/or programs (Provide free, one per team).

CHECKLIST - Personnel

- Ticket sellers and ticket takers (Adults)
- Computer Operator (Individual Tournament)
- Wall chart (student personnel to post results) (Individual Tournament)
- Announcer
- One runner per mat (Student) (Individual Tournament)
- One match scorer per official (Adult)
- One match timer per official (Adult)
- Doctor available for the duration of the Tournament

CONTESTANT SEATING - Contestants may be seated near the mat, either in the bleachers or parallel to the mat, but in either case, no closer than ten feet. Please give special attention to this issue.

ENTRY- OPT OUT DUE DATE - The deadline for opting-out and delivering materials to the District Tournament Manager is January 25 by 4 p.m. The school's Master Eligibility List and Alpha Master Roster are due to both the Team and Individual District manager by January 25. In addition for the Individual District tournament, the Individual Season Summary forms and entry sheet must be in the hands of the Individual District manager by the start of the entry and seeding meeting on Friday, February 10.

Late Materials – For a school that fails to submit their materials by January 25 a \$50 must be paid before the contestant or team will be allowed to participate. Weigh-in is the first act of participation for Team tournaments and the entry and seeding meeting is the first act of participation in the Individual District tournament. The \$50 fee is to be retained by the host manager. There are to be no late entries after the entry and seeding meeting (Individual District) and weigh-in period ends (Team tournaments).

FORFEITURE POLICIES - Individuals or teams which are defeated by an ineligible opponent or teams which allowed one or more ineligible students to participate do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. If placements in MHSAA tournaments are vacated as a result of an individual being ineligible or a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those places.

FINANCIAL REPORT – All Tournament Managers must complete the appropriate level Financial Report form within 30 days of the conclusion of the event. All revenue and expenses should be included in the report. Individual Managers shall receive the following honorariums - District \$175, Regional \$125. Team Managers Honorarium - District \$50; Regional \$50. The MHSAA does not reimburse workers who are hired by the local tournament manager for any activity, which produces revenue for the local site. This includes concession workers, sellers of programs or merchandise, and parking attendants.

HANDOUTS - Only information about MHSAA activities and competition may be distributed to the general public. Camp/Clinic materials may not be distributed without MHSAA approval.

HOST PACKET (COMPETING TEAMS AND OFFICIALS) - Managers shall supply each competing school and official with the following information (Regional and Final Managers must supply managers of qualifying tournaments with enough copies of this material to give to each qualifying team). Be brief and concise.

- Location of host school (Provide map)
- Location of dressing facilities
- Locations of public restaurants
- Locations and telephone numbers of hotels and motels
- Host school building rules
- List of tournament referees and their ID numbers
- Team seating arrangement, if any
- Parking arrangements for competing schools and referees
- Send a copy to the MHSAA.

INJUNCTION/RESTRAINING ORDER - Managers are reminded of the following statement adopted by the Representative Council and which is in effect for all MHSAA tournaments: “In the interest of fairness to all participants, if an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet or game has begun, it shall be completed.”

INSPECTION FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE - The MHSAA is keenly aware of the increase of various infections caused in part by impetigo or one of the many herpes virus strains which seem to thrive in the wrestling room or are carried by wrestlers.

In a responsible effort to control and reduce the chances of exposure of wrestlers to these infections, the MHSAA has adopted a procedure which shall be followed at all MHSAA Team and Individual Wrestling Tournaments. Prior to the weighing-in for each MHSAA tournament competition, each wrestler shall be inspected to evaluate whether there is evidence that a communicable disease or a condition which is suspiciously similar to a communicable disease is present or visible on any wrestler.

The person who inspects the wrestlers should be a meet-appointed physician (MD or DO) with experience in skin conditions (dermatology, for example) if at all possible. If no meet-appointed physician is available, the inspection of contestants is performed by the officials with assistance from athletic trainers, if needed and requested by the officials.

- No wrestler may weigh-in (step on the scales) until they have passed the communicable disease inspection and met the requirements of National Federation Rule 4-2-3.
- Coaches are responsible to be aware of the health condition of their wrestlers and are expected to advise the tournament manager, as outlined in the MHSAA Wrestling *PSTI* of any conditions which are suspicious.
- Physicians will be encouraged to participate with the inspection of wrestlers under the conditions of 1988 State of Michigan Public Act 30 which provides immunity for physicians who volunteer their services to schools.
- All skin inspections, whether done by a physician or official, must be done in the same manner for all wrestlers at a tournament site.

MANAGERS REPORTS – Individual District Managers will arrange delivery of District results to the Individual Regional Manager prior to 4 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 13** (certified mail, UPS, Federal Express, e-mail, hand carried). Each Regional Manager is to e-mail a copy of the "Report of Qualifiers" to the MHSAA office prior to **noon** February 20.

MEDIA - Adequate arrangements should be made to take care of working press representatives at the tournaments.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY POLICY - Host school Tournament Managers should follow all local school district policies regarding medical emergencies for participating athletes, coaches, student and adult spectators for competition conducted in school facilities. It is advised that AED devices be readily available during tournament competition. In addition:

- Trainers are an allowed expense and encouraged but not required
- All MHSAA concussion protocols will be followed
- MHSAA tornado watches and warnings shall be followed.

When MHSAA tournament contests are conducted at non-school facilities, plans should be developed for the following needs and/or circumstances:

- Student, coach and spectator shelter for outdoor events
- Host facility emergency equipment such as AED's, fire escape, etc.
- Emergency communications, i.e. phone numbers and school administration contact
- Coordination with facility management regarding evacuation, first aid, on-site responsibilities
- Medical transport or first responder contact procedures
- Proximity/directions of nearest medical facility

MATSIDE RESTRICTIONS - National Federation wrestling rules restrict team members, other team personnel (cheerleaders, mat maids), and spectators from being at mat side closer than ten (10) feet. Two team representatives may occupy chairs at one corner of a mat on which a team member is competing. Tournament Managers shall enforce this rule to assure that there is compliance with this rule.

OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENTS - All District officials are hired by the District manager from the approved list of officials who attended a current rules meeting. All Regional and Final officials are assigned by the MHSAA.

OFFICIALS FEES – Tournament managers pay officials at the District and Regional Tournaments according to the following schedule:

Individual Tournament

District - \$158.00

Regional - \$135.00

The one, assigned head official shall receive an additional \$15 for conducting inspection, observing the weigh-in and serving on the Grievance Committee.

Team Tournament

District - \$40.00 per Dual

Regional - \$40.00 per Dual

Mileage will be paid to officials at the rate of .20/per mile beginning with the 51st mile (50 mile deductible). Minimum mileage is no longer paid. Tournament Managers will prepare a check for each official including the fee and total round trip mileage and present that check to the official before competition begins. Figure mileage from home city to tournament city using the Michigan highway map.

OFFICIALS ACCOMMODATIONS – Managers should provide tournament officials with the following accommodations:

Host - An assigned person who will meet the official(s), escort the official to the dressing area, and assist the official as necessary.

Security - A person or persons identified to the officials who will assist in safe passage from the contest site to the dressing area. The security person will be able to unlock and lock the dressing area when necessary. A security person can be assigned to the dressing area to assure that officials are not interrupted by the media, the fans, the players or the coaches.

Officials' room - The room for officials should be private and separate from the dressing area of any contestants and provide security for valuables belonging to officials. An adjacent office within a locker room is not desirable. The area should be absent of distractions to enable a proper pregame meeting. Separate facilities are expected for male and female officials. At no time is it reasonable to expect an official to use an area accessible to the public.

Showers/restrooms - Showers and restroom facilities should be available to officials for private use. It is unacceptable to place officials in a position which require them to share public facilities. In the event facilities must be shared with contestants, it is best that that use be separate and uninterrupted.

POSTPONEMENT - If an emergency or Act of God prevents more than 40% of the contestants (not schools) from competing, the tournament is to be rescheduled for the next available day, and prior to next level. The same time schedule is to be used. Every effort should be made to conduct the tournament as scheduled.

PROGRAMS - District and Regional sites may create local programs for their tournaments. If the host school desires to earn the profit, the MHSAA cannot be charged for any expenses connected with the program. The MHSAA will provide souvenir programs for sale at the Final Tournament site.

SIGNAGE - The Tournament Manager should inspect all signs to be posted by competing schools in or near the cheering sections. Any sign that carries questionable implications or is degrading should

not be allowed. Managers should restrict schools to one sign each if available space is not available for multiple signs.

SPORTSMANSHIP – MHSAA Regulation V, Section 3 applies in all tournament contests, including the following provisions:

Unsportsmanlike Conduct in Previous Contest - A player or coach who is ejected during a contest for sportsmanlike conduct shall be withheld by his/her school for at least the next day of competition for that team. If a school fails to enforce the subsequent disqualification with respect to one of its students or coaches, the tournament managers or any registered official or representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

Player Suspension - A suspended player is treated as an ineligible player, which means that student shall not participate. It is permissible, but is not recommended, that the player may sit with the team, even in uniform. The minimum requirement is that the suspended student shall not enter the contest as a participant. **Coach Suspension** - Suspension from coaching requires at least that the coach not be at or near the team bench before, during or after the contest, not be in or near the locker room before, during or after the contest, and not give instructions directly or indirectly to coaches or players from any position in or near the gymnasium or field of play.

Multiple Disqualifications/Abuse of Officials- Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

The school of the disqualified coach or player must prohibit that person from being present on the property of the tournament venue for the remainder of the tournament series. If that school fails to enforce this, the tournament manager, any registered official or representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

Taunting - In all sports, officials are to consider taunting a flagrant unsportsmanlike foul that disqualifies the offending bench personnel or contestant from the contest/day of competition (and the next contest/day of competition). A warning may be given but is not required before ejection. Taunting includes any actions or comments by coaches, players or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Included is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates or threatens based on race, gender, ethnic origin or background, and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs or personal matters.

At all MHSAA tournament venues, tournament management may give spectators one warning for taunting. Thereafter, spectators who taunt others are to be ejected by security.

TROPHIES AND MEDALS – All trophies and medals for the MHSAA Individual District & Regional events and Team District and Regional events will be sent to tournament host managers by ESCO, Inc of Wisconsin, supplier for both trophies and medals. Please examine the medals and the trophy for damage and proper engraving, quantities, etc. Tournament Managers should call ESCO directly at 800-852-4266 with problems or questions.

VIDEO - The following videotaping and filming procedures have been set for managers of all MHSAA sponsored District, Regional and Final Tournaments:

Competing Schools - The film/tape is not to be used to second guess decisions made by game/meet officials. The film/tape may not be sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

Media - The taping of MHSAA events must be cleared through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Members of the media may, without paying a fee, arrange with the local Tournament Manager to take clips of MHSAA events for public showing. Under no conditions may an MHSAA event be filmed or taped for showing in its entirety without advance clearance through the MHSAA.

Spectator - Spectators must receive permission from the Tournament Manager for any live action taken of athletic events other than snapshots. If permission is granted for spectators to film the entire event or take clips, it is to be with the understanding the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, rented for commercial purposes or shown on television. The Tournament Manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity; is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space; may require spectator videotaping from a designated location(s); and if there is any questions as to the purposes of filming or taping, the request should be denied by the local tournament management.

TV/RADIO - No radio, television or cable origination (live or delayed) is permitted at any site until application has been made through the MHSAA, fee paid and authorization given by the MHSAA through the tournament manager.

TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY - For coaches and officials at all MHSAA tournaments, use of tobacco products of any kind within sight of players and spectators and use of alcohol during a contest or at any time before it on the day of the contest is prohibited.

Tobacco - It is not intended that a violation of the tobacco policy should lead to immediate ejection of a coach. He or she should be reminded of the policy and reported to his or her school administration after the contest. Only if the coach is unwilling to comply promptly should he or she be disqualified from coaching at the event. Officials should be reminded of the tobacco policy and reported in writing by the tournament manager to the MHSAA.

Alcohol - Historically, officials promptly disqualified coaches, and tournament managers immediately replaced officials who were under the influence of alcohol; and no change in such procedures is intended by these policies.

TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY - Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the draw is completed for team sports or the pairings, heat assignments or flights are determined for individual sports of the first level of the MHSAA tournament in a sport. The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by MHSAA staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year-probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES – INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT

1. The Individual District Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 11. An entry and seeding meeting must be held on Friday, February 10 at a time and location set by the

Individual District manager. All entries will remain confidential until all entry sheets have been turned in to the tournament manager.

2. The MHSAA will post the starting weight class for all Individual District sites on Monday, February 6. The weigh-in for the District tournament shall start with this same weight class.
3. A minimum of three mats must be used, with four mats recommended, for all Individual District tournaments. Two mats shall be used for the Consolation and Championship Finals.
4. The tournament must be run using "The Wrestling Tourney" software. Please contact John Johnson of the MHSAA (jjohnson@mhsaa.com) if your site does not have this software.
5. For a wrestler to be eligible as one of the 14 school entries at the Individual District Tournament, a wrestler must have a varsity record (win, loss, forfeit). If a wrestler competes at a weight class for the first time at the Individual District, the wrestler would be required to make scratch weight. Each school is allowed 14 entries with no more than two (2) wrestlers in any one weight class.
6. District Managers will hire officials for all District competition from the MHSAA approved list; the MHSAA will assign all officials for Regional competition.
7. For the Individual District Tournament, the entry sheet and Individual Season Summary Forms must be in the hands of the Individual District Manager by the start of the Friday night entry and seeding meeting on February 10. Coaches may hand deliver these forms before the meeting. Please know that wrestlers DO NOT have to have a winning record to get seeding consideration.

Time Schedule

Friday, February 10:

TBA - Entry and Seeding Meeting (starting weight class will be announced by the MHSAA the previous Monday)

Saturday, February 11:

7:30 a.m. - Optional Inspection of Wrestlers

8:00 a.m. - Inspection / Weigh-In

8:30 a.m. - Coaches Meeting

9:30 am - Wrestling Begins

TBA - Consolation & Championship Finals (to start within 20 Minutes after the last Semifinal match)

Note: All matches shall be wrestled before any awards are presented.

Weigh-In

A referee, and when possible a physician (MD or DO) with experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example), shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. After once entering, wrestlers are to remain in the weigh-in area until they have completed the weigh-in. A minimum of two scales shall be used in the Individual District weigh-in. The weigh-in shall be up to one hour in length, and the actual weight of each contestant shall be recorded on the weigh-in card. The order of weight classes at weigh-in shall follow the order of weight classes to be wrestled at that tournament. Each contestant must declare his or her weight class before leaving the scales at weigh-in. All wrestlers weighing-in at the same weight class must use the same scale.

Seeding

All schools are to be assigned to a seeding group. A school may be represented in only one seeding group and by one coach. Two groups will seed three (3) weight classes; two groups will seed four (4) weight classes. The "Wrestling Weigh-In Cards" are to be assembled according to won-lost records. The following seeding criteria shall be followed in order listed without exception.

These criteria shall be applied in the order listed:

1. Head-to-head competition; if tied, the most recent winner prevails.
2. Record against common opponents.
3. A wrestler with an exceptional record vs. acknowledged strong opposition.
4. Majority decision of the seeding committee group.
5. If agreement for seeding in each weight class cannot be reached within 20 minutes, the contestants not yet agreed upon shall be drawn in.

The number one and two seeds shall receive a bye if there are 14 or 15 entrants, respectively.

A maximum number of 10 wrestlers can be seeded in each weight class. Note that a wrestler need not have a winning record to receive seeding consideration.

Twenty minutes is provided to seed each weight class. It may be necessary to adjust the bracket (seeded wrestlers only) if a seeded contestant fails to make weight or fails to compete for any reason after his or her bracket has been completed, but before wrestling begins. A forfeit will be awarded to the opponent of any contestant who fails to compete for any reason after drawing for his or her bracket has taken place.

If a wrestler does not have an individual season summary form but the seeding group knows the wrestler is a strong wrestler, that wrestler should still be seeded as not to negatively impact the bracket for other wrestlers. Remember that a wrestler is not required to have a winning record to receive seeding consideration.

Note: Seeding meetings are not debates! The decision of the subgroup is final except when the Tournament Manager is convinced that a wrestler with credentials may have been overlooked. In this case, the Tournament Manager will reconvene the subgroup and direct it to reconsider the seeded wrestlers and the wrestler(s) considered to have been overlooked. If changes are made, they will stand. At no point does a weight class require the approval of the head coaches after the subgroup has determined the seeding.

Failure to make weight - After the entry and seeding meeting on Friday night, if a wrestler fails to make weight, that wrestler is out of the tournament. That wrestler may not be substituted for, and the bracket will be edited in the following manner:

If the wrestler not making weight was a seeded wrestler, the other seeded wrestlers will be advanced. If the #5 seed does not make weight, the #6 seed becomes the #5 seed (and so on). The non-seeded wrestlers will then be redrawn into the weight class after the existing seeds have been advanced.

If the wrestler not making weight was an unseeded wrestler, the unseeded wrestlers will simply be advanced the appropriate number of bracket lines.

Brackets & “Second Wrestlers”

- Brackets may not exceed 32 competitors. It is necessary that District places be determined by competition. Wrestlers are restricted to a maximum of five matches per day.
- Each school is limited to 14 wrestlers, with no more than two wrestlers in any weight class.
- Coaches are urged to enter only “second wrestlers” who are legitimate contenders.
- When the number of entrants exceeds 32, the total number of entrants must be reduced to 32, or fewer, competitors.
- Initially, call for volunteers to withdraw “second wrestlers.”
- If the bracket continues to exceed 32, withdraw those second wrestlers with the most total varsity losses. Use the Season Summary Form for this purpose.
- If necessary, to break the tie, withdraw those second wrestlers with the fewest number of varsity wins.
- If necessary, place the names of all second wrestlers who remained tied in a container. Withdraw those wrestlers whose names are drawn from the container until the number of contestants is reduced to the allowable 32.

Draw Format - Use only when competitors exceed 16

- Determine the number of wrestlers in the bracket.
- Remove unnecessary letters beginning with "V", in reverse alphabetical order, until the number of wrestlers in the weight class equals the available lines. (22 = A - V; 21 = A - U; 20 = A - T; 19 = A - S; 18 = A - R; 17 = A - Q; 16 = A - P). Less than 16 wrestlers - see item eight.
- The "Rattails" are placed and shall not be altered.
- As few as one wrestler may be seeded; however, no more than eight may be seeded. (#1-#8 indicate the seed placement)
- All unseeded wrestlers shall be placed in the open lines by computer program **or** blind draw.
- The seeding criteria listed in the Participating School Tournament Information shall be followed in the order listed without exception.
- Double elimination begins at the Quarterfinal bracket in the District.
- When less than 16 wrestlers are entered, the BYES shall be **drawn** as prescribed by Rule 10-3-2.

Grievance Committee - This committee of three consists of:

- Meet Manager or Designee
- Head Official (OIC at Final Tournament)
- Coaches Representative (one of three identified)

This committee may be convened to hear grievances based on tournament administration and MHSAA/National Federation Wrestling rules application (not an official's judgment).

Wrestling matches will not be interrupted to convene the Grievance Committee for grievances based on rule application. A coach must follow Rule 6-6-6.

Decisions rendered by the Grievance Committee, based on rule application, will not change the outcome of matches already wrestled. The committee's decisions will apply to all future matches.

The procedure for filing grievances must include a coach reporting the grievance in writing to the Tournament Manager. The Manager will then render a decision on the grievance, dismiss the grievance, or convene the Grievance Committee.

If the committee is convened, the referees and coaches involved in the grievance will be excused from serving on the committee. The committee will then be secluded from the tournament; they will collect necessary information, and then render a decision. The Tournament Manager, or designee, will state the decision of the committee. This decision is final and may not be reversed or appealed.

Awards - Medals will be awarded to the first four place winners in each weight class. Those place winners will qualify to the assigned Individual Regional Tournament.

Officiating System - Individual District - Four officials will work on three mats and five officials will work on four mats. The head official assigned by the Tournament Manager as prescribed by the MHSAA, shall inspect the wrestlers and observe the weigh-in. In addition, the head official shall serve on the tournament Grievance Committee. The Final matches in the championship and consolation round shall employ the two official system of officiating. (Compensation: \$158 plus mileage where applicable). The one, assigned head official shall receive an additional \$15 for conducting inspection, observing the weigh-in and serving on the Grievance Committee.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES – INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL

General Information

The Individual Regional Tournaments will be held on Saturday, February 18.

The MHSAA will post the starting weight class for all Individual Regional sites on Monday, February 13. The weigh-in for the Regional tournament shall start with this same weight class.

The MHSAA will assign all officials for Regional competition.

The tournament must be run using “The Wrestling Tourney” software. Please contact John Johnson of the MHSAA (jjohnson@mhsaa.com) if your site does not have this software.

Time Schedule

7:30 a.m. - Optional Inspection of Wrestlers

8:00 a.m. - Inspection / Weigh-In

8:30 a.m. - Coaches Meeting

9:30 a.m. - Wrestling Begins

TBA - Consolation & Championship Finals (to start within 20 minutes after the last Semifinal match)

Weigh-In

A referee, and when possible a physician (MD or DO) with experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example), shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. After once entering, wrestlers are to remain in the weigh-in area until they have completed the weigh-in. A minimum of two scales shall be used in the Individual Regional weigh-in and shall begin with the 103 pound weight class.

The weigh-in shall be up to one hour in length, and the actual weight of each contestant shall be recorded on the weigh-in card. The order of weight classes at weigh-in shall follow the order of weight classes to be wrestled at that tournament. All wrestlers weighing-in at the same weight class must be weighed on the same scale. A Regional contestant shall compete in the weight class for which he or she qualified at the Individual District Tournament.

Conducting the Individual Regional Tournament - Individual Regional Tournaments will all be eight wrestler brackets. The pairings are as follows:

District A 1st Place vs. District B 4th Place

District A 3rd Place vs. District B 2nd Place

District A 2nd Place vs. District B 3rd Place

District A 4th Place vs. District B 1st Place

- Individual Regional Tournaments will utilize a double elimination format.
- All contestants in the Individual Regional Tournament shall compete until eliminated. Prior to the affected match, illness or injury must be cleared through the Tournament Manager, who may consult with the tournament physician. A forfeit without evidence of injury or illness will cause a wrestler to become disqualified.
- The Consolation and Championship Final matches shall be conducted simultaneously on two mats.
- The two-person officiating system shall be used for all Consolation and Championship Final matches at the Individual Regional Tournament. All matches shall be wrestled before any awards are presented.

Grievance Committee - This committee of three consists of:

- Meet Manager or Designee
- Head Official (OIC at Final Tournament)
- Coaches Representative (one of three identified)

This committee may be convened to hear grievances based on tournament administration and MHSAA AND National Federation Wrestling rules application (not an official's judgment).

- Wrestling matches will not be interrupted to convene the Grievance Committee for grievances based on rule application. A coach must follow Rule 6-6-6.

- Decisions rendered by the Grievance Committee, based on rule application, will not change the outcome of matches already wrestled. The committee's decisions will apply to all future matches.
- The procedure for filing grievances must include a coach reporting the grievance in writing to the Tournament Manager. The Manager will then render a decision on the grievance, dismiss the grievance, or convene the Grievance Committee.
- If the committee is convened, the referees and coaches involved in the grievance will be excused from serving on the committee. The committee will then be secluded from the tournament; they will collect necessary information, and then render a decision. The Tournament Manager, or designee, will state the decision of the committee. **THIS DECISION IS FINAL AND MAY NOT BE REVERSED OR APPEALED!**

Awards - Medals will be awarded to the first four place winners in each weight class. The first four place winners at each Individual Regional will advance to the Individual Finals, to be held on March 1-3 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Individual Final placement formula will be posted on the MHSAA Web site by Tuesday, February 21.

Officiating System - Individual regional - Four officials will work on three mats. The head official assigned (*) by the MHSAA, shall inspect the wrestlers and observe the weigh-in. In addition, the head official shall serve on the Grievance Committee. The Final matches in the championship and consolation round shall employ the two official system of officiating. (Compensation: \$135 fee plus mileage where applicable). The one, assigned head official shall receive an additional \$15 for conducting inspection, observing the weigh-in and serving on the Grievance Committee.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES – Team District & Regional

Dates - For the 2012 Team District Tournament, Divisions 2 & 4 will compete on Wednesday, February 8 and Divisions 1 & 3 will compete on Thursday, February 9. The Team Regional will be held on Wednesday, February 15.

Draw - The Team District draw shall be conducted from January 17-February 3. All participating schools must receive prior notice of the draw date, time and location. Each Team District shall be comprised of three or four teams. A four-team bracket shall be used for all Team District sites. A host school may draw a bye.

Officials - District Managers will hire officials for all District competition from the MHSAA approved list; the MHSAA will assign all officials for Regional competition.

Procedures for Districts with three teams

- One mat shall be used for both the Semifinal and Final matches.
- One official shall be contracted.
- Host school may draw the bye.

Procedures for Districts with four teams and all Regional sites

- Two mats shall be used for the Semifinals.
- One mat shall be used for the Finals.
- Two officials shall be contracted and each will work a Semifinal match.

- For the Finals, the officials will use the two official system (referee and assistant referee) for all Final matches.

Entry requirements - There is no requirement that a participant in the Team Tournament must have wrestled a match during the regular season. The only requirement of a Team participant is that their name appears on the Master Eligibility and Alpha Master rosters of the school, as well as being eligible under the Weight Monitoring Program. Each school is allowed to weigh-in a maximum of twenty eight (28) wrestlers.

Time Schedule

- Wrestling may not begin before 3:30 p.m. but must begin by 6:00 p.m.
- Shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-ins are to be conducted on-site **60 MINUTES** before the meet is scheduled to begin. Weigh-in shall be conducted as stated in the 2011-12 MHSAA Weigh-In Procedures (MHSAA.com).
- A referee, and when possible a physician (MD or DO) with experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example), shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. After once entering, wrestlers are to remain in the weigh-in area until they have completed the weigh-in. One scale shall be used in the Team weigh-in and shall begin with the 103 pound weight class. The Tournament Manager will declare the order of wrestlers to be weighed-in at each weight class. The weigh-in concludes after the 285 pound weight class. The weigh-in shall be up to one hour in length, and the exact weight of each contestant shall be recorded on the Team Weigh-In Form.
- There is to be a ten (10) minute break between the Semifinal and Final rounds of wrestling.

Draw for starting weight class - A random draw shall be conducted by the official observing the weigh-in immediately after it has concluded. The weight drawn shall be starting weight class for the Semifinal match (es). For the Final match, the starting weight class shall be one weight class above the Semifinal starting weight as prescribed by NF Wrestling Rule 1-1-2.

Team Regional Pairings:

- Highest District Number vs. 2nd Lowest District Number
- 2nd Highest District Number vs. Lowest District Number

Awards

- One team trophy will be awarded to the District championship team.
- Twenty eight (28) medals will be awarded to the District championship team.
- For championship teams wishing to order additional medals, use the School Additional Awards form (MHSAA.com).

Officials Assignments – Team District managers will hire officials from the MHSAA approved list. The MHSAA committee will assign officials for the Team Regionals.

Officiating System, District & Regional team Tournament - Tournament management will determine which official will work the odd matches as the official and the even matches as the assistant in the Final match. The second official shall perform the duties of the assistant referee. The Meet Manager will determine the team dual(s) to be worked by each official.

Officials Fees – Team District

3-Team District - One official who will work two matches on one mat. Fees - \$40 x two, plus mileage where applicable.

4-Team District - Two officials using two mats; each will work one match alone and the Final match as a team. Fees - \$40 x two, plus mileage where applicable.

Officials Fees – Team Regional – The Tournament Manager will assign one of the two assigned officials to a Semifinal match. Both assigned officials will work the Regional Final. Fees - \$40 x two, plus mileage where applicable.

Individual Wrestling District Bracket Examples with Weigh-In Procedures

16 Wrestler Bracket

#1 Seed- Adams

 16- Perkins

9- Inge

 #8 Seed- Hudson

#5 Seed- Everett

 12- Lyon

13- Madison

 #4 Seed- Daniel

#3 Seed- Collins

 14- Nelson

11- Kimmel

 #6 Seed- Franks

#7 Seed- Grant

 10- Jackson

15- Orange

 #2 Seed- Beach

#2 Seed Beach Does Not Make Weight

#1 Seed- Adams

 16/ BYE

9

 8

#5 Seed- Franks

 12

13

 #4 Seed- Everett

#3 Seed- Daniel

 14

11

 #6 Seed- Grant

#7 Seed- Hudson

 10

15

 #2 Seed- Collins

Once these seeds are all advanced one bracket position, the rest of the weight class is redrawn. The first name drawn goes on line 8, the next on line 9, and so on.

This procedure is used if we would have a seeded wrestler and a non-seeded wrestler fail to make weight in the same weight class!

Individual Wrestling District Bracket Examples with Weigh-In Procedures, cont.

16 Wrestler Bracket

#1 Seed- Adams

 16- Perkins

9- Inge

 #8 Seed- Hudson

#5 Seed- Everett

 12- Lyon

13- Madison

 #4 Seed- Daniel

#3 Seed- Collins

 14- Nelson

11- Kimmel

 #6 Seed- Franks

#7 Seed- Grant

 10- Jackson

15- Orange

 #2 Seed- Beach

Inge and Nelson (non-seeds) Do Not Make Weight

#1 Seed- Adams

 16- Bye

9- Jackson

 #8 Seed- Hudson

#5 Seed- Everett

 12- Madison

13- Orange

 #4 Seed- Daniel

#3 Seed- Collins

 14- Perkins

11- Lyon

 #6 Seed- Franks

#7 Seed- Grant

 10- Kimmel

15- Bye

 #2 Seed- Beach

In this situation, the other non-seeded wrestlers are moved up the appropriate number of bracket lines, giving the 1 and 2 seeds the byes.

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
2011-12 WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS

DISTRICT
NUMBER

TEAM DISTRICT TOURNAMENT (RESULTS OF DRAWING)
FAX IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRAWING (517-332-4071)
Drawings to be made after Jan. 17, 2012



HOST SCHOOL _____ DIVISION _____

DIRECTIONS:

1. Enter the date of the Team District Tournament in the blank. **Divisions 2 and 4 must wrestle on Wednesday while Divisions 1 and 3 must wrestle on Thursday in 2012.**
2. Enter the competition times in each bracket. (No earlier than 3:30 p.m.; no later than 6:00 p.m.)
3. Consult bracket samples on the back of this sheet to determine the bracket to be followed.
4. Place names of all participating schools in a container.
5. Host teams may draw byes.
6. Draw names one by one and place on designated line according to sample brackets.

Wednesday

Feb. 8
Div. 2 & 4

(1) _____
Time _____

Thursday

Feb. 9
Div. 1 & 3

(2) _____
Date _____

(3) _____
Time _____

(4) _____
Date _____

FINAL

The Final match will begin one Weight classes beyond the Semi-final draw. (i.e. if the Semifinal began at 140, the Final will begin at 145)

● Minimum recess 10 minutes

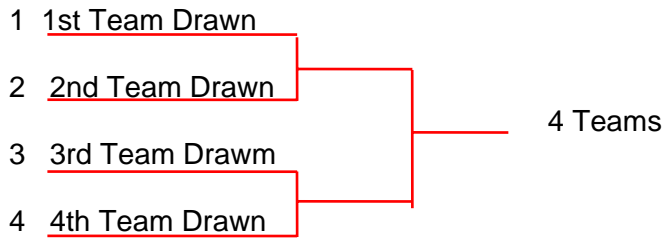
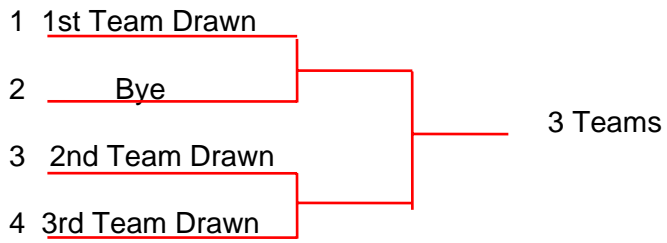
Date _____ (Signed) _____

(Tournament Manager)

School Phone _____ Home Phone _____

NOTE: Please complete and FAX immediately after completing draw to (517) 332-4071 ATTN: Mark Uyl, Assistant Director, Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Your immediate cooperation will be appreciated.

DISTRICT DRAW - SAMPLE BRACKETS



2011-12 TEAM WRESTLING HOUSING FORM

FAX OR MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MHSAA ON OR BEFORE NOON THURSDAY, FEB. 16, 2012.

**WE REQUEST
NO HOUSING**

SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

COACH _____

RES. PHONE _____ SCHOOL PHONE _____

COACH'S EMAIL _____

IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE HOUSING PLEASE COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THIS FORM

1. Number of wrestlers to weigh-in: LIMIT 28

2. Number of Coaches: One Two

3. Manager Number (limit 2) _____. Gender: Male Female

4. The MHSAA will reimburse for housing up to two nights for L.P. teams (up to three nights for U.P. teams) based on the progress of the team in the Final Team Tournament.

OUR TEAM WILL STAY:

- Thursday, February 23, 2012
 Friday, February 24, 2012
 Saturday, February 25, 2012

NOTES:

- Teams eliminated prior to the Quarter-Finals are not responsible for team housing reservations.

The Tournament Committee will assign housing for qualifiers, coaches and managers only.

- Your school will be charged for rooms for the dates checked. There are no provisions for refunds.

Full payment in the form of cash or credit card is due at check out.

**FAX (517-332-4071) THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MHSAA
OFFICE ON OR
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