



## PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### **2023-24 MHSAA WRESTLING**

#### **1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The MHSAA Wrestling Tournament is conducted in four equal divisions by enrollment for team competitions, and four equal divisions by enrollment, plus a fifth division for girls-only individual competitions.

**TEAM FORMAT** - In the Team tournament series, schools will be assigned to one of 32 District tournaments in each division. Four District champions will advance to one of eight Regional tournaments in each division. Regional champions advance to the MHSAA Team Finals, which consist of Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final matches at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo. All Team tournament matches will be single-elimination, team dual format. An open draw will determine pairings at the initial District tournament. The pre-determined pairings for the Team Regional tournament are as follows:

#### **2024 Team Wrestling Regional pairings:**

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

Pairings for the Team Finals - Quarterfinal round will be determined by a seeding and draw process. Seeding criteria (*similar to the individual District seed criteria*) will determine the top teams (a minimum of 4 seeded teams, and the remaining teams either seeded or drawn in).

#### **2024: Team Tournament Dates**

Districts – **February 7 (Divisions 1 & 3)**  
**February 8 (Divisions 2 & 4)**  
Regionals – **February 14**  
Finals – **February 23-24**

Team Regionals will be hosted by a PARTICIPATING TEAM determined by Team District number. This will rotate between Team Districts on a yearly basis.

#### **2023: The 2<sup>nd</sup> HIGHEST # Team District champion will host the Team Regional.**

Example: Teams in Team Regional 101: Team District 101, 102, 103, 104.

The **2<sup>ND</sup> HIGHEST** # Team District would be **103**; thus they would host Team Regional 101.

**INDIVIDUAL FORMAT** - In the Individual tournament series, school teams are assigned to one of 8 Districts in each Division where wrestlers compete as individuals in bracketed, seeded competition. Individual matches will take place in 14 weight classes, with the top four wrestlers advancing to one of 4 Regionals in each Division, with two Districts feeding each Regional. The top four wrestlers in each weight class at the Regional tournament qualify for the MHSAA Individual Finals at Ford Field. A school may enter a maximum of 14 wrestlers at the Individual District Tournament with no more than 2 wrestlers in any one weight class. Pairings for the Individual Finals will consist of seeding the four Regional champions then completing the remainder of the bracket based on formula.

**INDIVIDUAL FORMAT → GIRLS ONLY:** Girls may CHOOSE to participate in a Girls Regional (GIRLS-ONLY) as opposed to the Individual District. **A female may NOT participate in both the Individual District and the Individual Girls Regional.** In the Individual Girls Regional, female wrestlers will be assigned to one of FOUR Individual Girls Regional locations (announced later in the season once the number of participants and their potential NFHS girls' weight classes are established). Wrestlers will compete as individuals in bracketed, seeded competition. Individual matches will take place in 14 weight

classes, with the top 4 wrestlers advancing to the MHSAA Individual Finals at Ford Field. A school may enter a maximum of 14 wrestlers at the Individual Girls Regional tournament with no more than 2 wrestlers in any one weight class. Pairings for the Individual Finals will be based on the same formula used for the boys.

Host sites and assignments for Team Districts, Individual Districts, Individual Regionals, and Individual Girls Regionals are determined by the MHSAA.

**2024: Individual Tournament Dates**

Districts –	<b>February 10</b>	
Regionals –	<b>February 17</b>	
Girls Regional –	<b>February 18</b>	<b>(GIRLS-ONLY)</b>
Finals –	<b>March 1-2</b>	

**2. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES**

All contestants must be accompanied by a school representative throughout tournament involvement. The MHSAA Weight Monitoring Program rules & regulations cover all wrestlers participating in the MHSAA tournament. Details of the Weight Monitoring Program are published on the MHSAA website.

**Team District / Team Regional General Procedures –**

For all **“THREE (3) TEAM”** DISTRICT SITES:

- One mat shall be used for both the semifinal and final matches.
- One official shall be contracted.
- During the draw, a host school may indeed draw a bye.

For all **“FOUR (4) TEAM”** DISTRICT SITES & 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 all final matches, the officials will use the two-official system (referee and assistant referee).

The NFHS Tiebreaker shall be used in the event that two teams tie in team tournament competition.

There is no requirement that a participant in the Team District or Team Regional Tournament must have wrestled a match during the regular season. The only requirement of a Team District/Regional 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.

**Weigh-in & Inspection** - An official (referee) and, when possible, a physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. If a meet physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) has been designated, that person will have final authority in determining whether or not a competitor may weigh-in. If there is no meet physician, the final authority falls to the official. If a physician is secured, it is recommended where possible that the physician has experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example). 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 MHSAA Weigh-In Procedures. After 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 District weigh-in and shall begin with the drawn weight class for the Team Tournament. If there is a point where wrestlers choose not to step on the scale (wanting to wait to see who steps on the scale for the other team) the official will call the weight class for a final time, and then will move on to the next weight class. The weigh-in concludes after the last 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.

**Individual District General Procedures –**

A minimum of three mats must be used, and four mats are recommended for conducting the Individual District. Four officials shall be contracted if three mats are used; if four mats are used, five officials shall be contracted. Schools choosing to secure additional officials beyond what is indicated may do so, but this is a cost the host school chooses to cover.

For a wrestler to be eligible as one of the 14 school entries at the Individual District Tournament, a wrestler must have a VARSDITY 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 to enter fourteen (14) wrestlers into the Individual District tournament, with no more than two (2) wrestlers being entered in any one weight class.

For the Individual District and the Individual Girls Regional tournament, the list of entries and the season results **MUST** be entered via TrackWrestling. Girls must choose if they would like to be entered into the Individual District tournament OR the Girls Individual Regional tournament. **They may not be entered into both individual tournaments.**

**Medical Removal from Competition** - If the meet-appointed/approved physician (MD, DO, PA or NP) assigned to a tournament decides that a contestant may not start, compete, or continue to wrestle in that tournament, they shall inform the Tournament Management who will adhere to the medical decision and make the final announcement. Arrangements should be made to have a physician on-call if it is impractical to have one available at the competition. Athletes who withdraw without the Tournament Manager's knowledge, written or verbal permission will be disqualified from the tournament and may not advance.

**Weigh-In** - A referee and, when possible, a physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) with experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example) shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. After entering the weigh-in area, wrestlers remain in the weigh-in area until they have completed the weigh-in. A minimum of two scales shall be used to conduct the weigh-in. The weigh-in shall be up to one hour in length. The actual weight of each contestant shall be recorded on the weigh-in form. 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 use the same scale.

**“Scratch” Weight** - A wrestler could achieve “scratch” weight by the following:

- Make “scratch” weight for an event that takes place, and their school participates in the event.
  - A wrestler is not required to compete at the at the weight for which they have made “scratch.”
    - i.e., a wrestler makes “scratch” at the 220-pound weight class but is bumped to the Heavyweight class for the dual meet. This wrestler has still made “scratch” at the 220-pound weight class.
- **IN ALL CASES, RECORD EXACT WEIGHTS AT ALL WEIGH-INS.**

**Seeding** – TrackWrestling will “pre-seed” the tournament based on the following criteria:

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.

After this process, the seed group (one coach per school) will review brackets and make changes it deems necessary. The number one and two seeds shall receive a bye if there are 14 or 15 entrants, respectively. A wrestler does not have to have a winning record to receive seeding consideration. A maximum number of 10 wrestlers can be seeded in each weight class. The decision of the group is final.

#### **Individual Regional General Procedures –**

All weigh-in, inspection and mat configuration procedures from the District tournament apply. The eight wrestlers in each weight class that advance from the two Districts feeding each Regional will be paired on a 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 formula. Three mats will be used at all Individual Regional sites.

**Scrimmages** - In wrestling, after MHSAA Individual District Tournament competition, qualifiers to Individual Regional tournaments may practice with / scrimmage qualifiers from other schools. By rule, this does not count as one of the allowed four scrimmages.

**Medical Removal from Competition** - If the meet-appointed/approved physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) assigned to a tournament decides that a contestant may not start, compete, or continue to wrestle in that tournament, they

shall inform the Tournament Management who will adhere to the medical decision and make the final announcement. Arrangements should be made to have a physician on-call if it is impractical to have one available at the competition. Athletes who withdraw without the Tournament Manager's knowledge, written or verbal permission will be disqualified from the tournament and may not advance.

**Procedure for Inspection of Communicable Disease** - This procedure shall be adhered to for all MHSAA Tournament events. The procedure is contained in the MHSAA Wrestling Tournament Managers Manual, and the rule is contained in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book. Only the MHSAA / NFHS Communicable Disease Form (or digital photo of this exact form on an electronic device) is accepted as evidence that the wrestler's condition is acceptable within the rules.

### **Individual Girls Regional (Girls-Only) General Procedures –**

Four mats must be used, with five mats recommended, with 6 officials being assigned for all Individual Girls Regional tournaments

For a wrestler to be eligible as one of the 14 school entries at the Individual Girls Regional tournament, a wrestler must have a RECORD (win, loss, forfeit). If a wrestler competes at a weight class that is below a weight class that had been made for the first time at the Individual Girls Regional, the wrestler would be required to make scratch weight.

Each school is allowed to enter fourteen (14) wrestlers into the Individual Girls Regional tournament, with no more than two (2) wrestlers being entered in any one weight class.

For the Individual Girls Regional tournament, entries and season results MUST be entered via **TrackWrestling**. **Girls must choose the day before the Individual Districts (FRIDAY) if they would like to be entered into the Individual District tournament OR the Individual Girls Regional tournament.**

**Girls may NOT be entered into both Individual District & Individual Girls Regional tournaments.**

#### **Girls Regional Format:**

Double elimination begins at the quarterfinal bracket in the girl's individual Regional (the same as the Individual Districts).

**Medical Removal from Competition** - If the meet-appointed/approved physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) assigned to a tournament decides that a contestant may not start, compete, or continue to wrestle in that tournament, they shall inform the Tournament Management who will adhere to the medical decision and make the final announcement. Arrangements should be made to have a physician on-call if it is impractical to have one available at the competition. Athletes who withdraw without the knowledge, written or verbal permission of the Tournament Manager will be disqualified from the tournament and may not advance.

**Weigh-In** - A referee and, when possible, a physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) with experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example) shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. After entering the weigh-in area, wrestlers remain in the weigh-in area until they have completed the weigh-in. A minimum of two scales shall be used to conduct the weigh-in. The weigh-in shall be up to one hour in length. The actual weight of each contestant shall be recorded on the weigh-in form. 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 use the same scale.

**“Scratch” Weight (girls)** - A girl could achieve “scratch” weight at an NFHS girls' weight by the following:

- Makes “scratch” weight and competes at an event that takes place and that uses NFHS girls' weight classes, and their school participates in the event.
- Makes “scratch” weight and competes at an event that takes place and that uses “traditional” weight classes that are the same or below an NFHS girls' weight class.
  - A wrestler is not required to compete at the weight for which they have made “scratch.”
    - i.e., a girl weighs-in at 106.0. This qualifies as making 106 “scratch” for the traditional weight class, as well as 110 for the girls NFHS weight class.

- i.e., a girl weighs-in at 100.0 pounds to wrestle 106 for a dual meet. This would qualify as making “scratch” at 100 pounds for the NFHS girls weight class. If this same girl weighs-in at 101.2 for 106, they have made “scratch” for 106, and even the 105 girls weight, but not the 100-pound girls weight class.
  - **In all cases, it is important to record EXACT weights at ALL weigh-ins.**

**Seeding** - Each school will submit entries and wrestler record data for each of their 14 wrestlers through TrackWrestling. Coaches are encouraged to submit season summaries and seed materials.

**Coaches will submit records that are GIRLS vs GIRLS ONLY.**

**Coaches may add their wrestler's records against boys in the “NOTABLE” area on TrackWrestling.**

The TrackWrestling system will “pre-seed” participants based on the data submitted and the MHSAA seeding criteria. The following criteria are as follows:

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 Individual Girls Regional seed meeting is divided into **2 days** and will be conducted remotely (*the same as the previous year*). More details will be sent closer to the post-season.

**Individual Finals Weigh-in Procedures** – All wrestlers will weigh in at a designated location **Thursday, February 29**. Multiple scales will be used with all National Federation procedures followed.

### **3. OPT-OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ROSTERS**

All schools sponsoring wrestling have been assigned to an Individual and Team Tournament site. Schools not participating in an MHSAA tournament must notify the MHSAA and the Tournament Manager by 4:00 PM on **January 25**. All schools must submit their Master Eligibility List and a copy of the Alpha Master Roster to the TEAM **and** INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT MANAGER / HOST SCHOOL by **January 25**.

For schools not submitting their Master Eligibility List and copy of the Alpha Master Roster to the TEAM and INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT MANAGER / HOST SCHOOL by **January 25**, a late fee of **\$50** shall be charged. This fee will be retained by the District Tournament host school. Entries may not be accepted after the entry and the seeding meeting has begun.

Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility List (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9 [F]) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of competition for any team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the roster.

**Ineligible Players** - Teams that are defeated by teams that have allowed an ineligible student to participate **DO NOT** advance in MHSAA tournaments. Placement in MHSAA tournaments is vacated as a result of a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate. The same policy applies to individuals defeated by ineligible; the advancing place is vacated.

**Withdrawals** - Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA Office if a school withdraws or fails to show up for scheduled competition after the Opt-Out Due Date.

The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request a written explanation from the school principal for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is deemed unacceptable by MHSAA Staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two 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.

#### 4. DRAW PROCEDURES

Each Team District Manager will hold an open draw for the assigned schools. The manager will inform each school of the exact date, time, and place for the draw. The earliest draw date is **January 1** (or earlier by MHSAA permission). Must be done by **February 1**. During the draw, a host school may indeed draw a bye.

#### 5. TIME SCHEDULES

**Team District/Team Regional** - Wrestling may not begin before 3:30 pm but must begin by 6:00 pm. There shall be a ten (10) minute break between the semifinal and final rounds of wrestling.

#### **Team Finals Time Schedule - (Wings Event Center: Kalamazoo, MI)**

<b>Friday, February 23</b>	<b>Quarters</b>
Division 4 .....	12:00 pm
Division 1 .....	2:15 pm
Division 3 .....	4:30 pm
Division 2 .....	6:45 pm

<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	<b>Semis</b>
Divisions 1 & 4 .....	9:30 am
Divisions 2 & 3 .....	12:00 pm

<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	<b>Finals</b>
Divisions 1-2-3-4 .....	3:45 pm

#### **Individual Time Schedules**

**Friday or Saturday (District)** - Entry and seeding meeting at a time and location set by the Individual District manager. After all entries have been received from all schools, the seeding meeting shall begin. (The seed meeting may also take place Saturday morning prior to the tournament). The starting weight class for competition and weigh-in will be announced by the MHSAA the previous Monday.

**Friday (Girls Regional)** - Entry will be done the Friday PRIOR to the Individual Districts (the same day as Individual District entry). This is when a female wrestler will determine if they would like entry into the Individual District or the Individual Girls Regional tournament. Girls Regional seeding will take place Sunday morning prior to the event itself (the same as an Individual District).

The Individual Girls Regional will take place the Sunday AFTER the Individual Regional. The starting weight class for competition and weigh-in will be the same number weight class as the Regionals.

Example: If the starting weight class for the Individual Regional is the 220-pound weight class, that is the 13th weight class. The girls starting weight at the Girls Regional will also be the 13th weight class using NFHS girls weight classes, which is the 190-pound weight class.

#### **Saturday (District & Regional) / Sunday (Girls Regional)**

- 7:30 am - Optional Inspection of Wrestlers
- 8:00 am - Inspection / Weigh-In
- 8:30 am - Coaches Meeting
- 9:30 am - Wrestling Begins
- TBA - Consolation & Championship Finals (to start within 20 minutes after the last semifinal match)

#### **Individual Finals Time Schedule – (Ford Field: Detroit, MI)**

<b>Thursday, February 29</b> .....	<b>Inspection, Weigh-in, etc.</b> Time is TBD
<b>Friday, March 1</b> .....	TBD
<b>Saturday, March 2</b> .....	TBD

## 6. AWARDS

Each Team District and Team Regional champion will receive a trophy and 28 medals.  
Team Finals Champions and Finalists will receive a trophy and 28 medals.  
Schools may order additional medals at their own expense.

At the Individual Districts, Regionals, Girls Regionals, medals are given to the top 4 finishers in each weight class.  
At the Individual Finals, medals are given to the top 8 finishers in each weight class.

**Extra/Replacement Medal Order Form** - use this [LINK](#)

## 7. LIMITS OF COMPETITION

Teams and individuals may have a maximum of **16 dates** of competition (**maximum of 8 tournament dates**) during the regular season. MHSAA tournament dates do NOT count against season maximums. Exceeding contest maximums will result in disqualification from the MHSAA tournament for TEAMS and /or INDIVIDUALS.

## 8. FINANCES

**Team Tournament Finances** - Beginning with the 101st mile, one way, a competing school at the TEAM Final Wrestling Tournament will be reimbursed at the following rate per mile from the home city to the tournament city, one way, for each trip:

0 to 75 miles	\$0.00
76 to 100 miles	\$1.00
101 to 150 miles	\$1.50
151 to 250 miles	\$2.00
251 to 350 miles	\$2.50
351 miles and over	\$3.00

The maximum allowance for meals is **\$5.00** per person for up to 18 persons (wrestlers and managers) for the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final days of the Team Wrestling Final Tournament until elimination. Any U.P. school that qualifies for the Team Final Tournament may be afforded meal and lodging allowance for an additional day to accommodate travel.

Reimbursement for housing is a maximum of \$500 per night, per team for the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final days of the Team Wrestling Final Tournament until elimination. For a team to receive reimbursement, it **MUST** complete the Team Housing Form and utilize the property assigned by the MHSAA. A school's AD/coach must fax or email the Team Final Housing form to the MHSAA by **10:00AM** on **Thursday, February 15**.

NO reimbursement for meals and/or lodging for the Team District or Team Regional Tournaments.

**Individual Tournament Finances** - There is NO reimbursement or allowance for travel, meals, or lodging for participants in the Individual Wrestling Tournament (District, Regional, Girls Regional and Final).

## 9. OFFICIALS SELECTION/ASSIGNMENTS

All tournament officials at the Regionals, Individual Girls Regional and Finals are assigned by the MHSAA Officials selection committee. Tournament managers hire approved officials at the Team District and Individual Districts from a list of officials supplied by the MHSAA.

## 10. PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS

National Federation wrestling playing rules will be used throughout the MHSAA season and tournament.  
NFHS Weight Classes will be used for the **23-24** Season:

- Boys: 106-113-120-126-132-138-144-150-157-165-175-190-215-285
- Girls: 100-105-110-115-120-125-130-135-140-145-155-170-190-235

All policies and procedures of the MHSAA Weight Monitoring Program will apply.

## 11. MEDIA/MULTIMEDIA - [LINK HERE](#)

## 12. 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 unsportsmanlike conduct shall be withheld by his/her school for at least the next day of competition for that team and must also complete an approved sportsmanship course before being allowed to return.  
**Example: A wrestler is disqualified during the Individual Regional; the wrestler would be withheld from the remainder of the Individual Regional as well as the next day of competition. This could be Friday of the Team Finals (if the wrestler's team qualified for the Finals) or the Individual Finals if the wrestler's team did not qualify for the Team Finals.**
- In individual sports, a student or coach disqualified in the first round of a tournament that progresses over more than one day may not participate on any subsequent day in that tournament because the student has not qualified for additional rounds. This includes MHSAA tournaments in tennis and individual wrestling. 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 ineligible, meaning that the student shall not participate. It is permissible but not recommended that the player sit with the team, even in uniform. The minimum requirement is that the suspended student 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 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.
- Post Contest Ejections – When a student or coach commits an ejectable offense against an official following the conclusion of the contest but before the officials have left the facility and/or grounds, an official may disqualify the student or coach as though it had occurred during the contest.
- 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 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.

## 13. WEATHER POLICIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS

When teams are delayed in arriving at tournament sites because of inclement weather management is



encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches in brackets of teams/individuals that are present and prepared to participate. If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams/individuals have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled. If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled.

#### **14. INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS**

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 has begun, it shall be completed. Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the game proceeds. The officials will make the final decision regarding game events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next event concerns.

#### **15. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches' meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

**Tobacco:** (NFHS: 7-5-5) Flagrant misconduct on the part of the coach or any team personnel is any act which the referee considers serious enough to remove the offender from the premises. These acts can occur prior to, during or after a match. This includes the use of tobacco products. Flagrant misconduct shall be penalized in accordance with the Penalty Chart.

**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.

#### **16. SPECTATOR POLICIES**

The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA Tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Noisemakers are not allowed at MHSAA indoor tournaments.
- Body paint and bare chests are not allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.
- Signs on sticks are not allowed.
- Helium filled balloons are not allowed.
- Spectator Videotaping – Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). Video shot by schools and spectators may not be distributed on the Internet; nor may it be otherwise distributed, sold, rented or loaned for commercial purposes.
- The policies of the local host site shall prevail with respect to pets/animals. In the absence of local host policy, animals or pets shall not be permitted to enter MHSAA tournament venues; including spectator and team areas. However, properly marked or documented service animals which are leashed or harnessed at all times may accompany spectators paying admission or attending with other approved team or school personnel. Individuals who bring service animals are asked to bring their own waste disposal bags and request special seating in advance of the event if this is needed.

#### **17. RETURN TO ACTIVITY & POST-CONCUSSION CONSENT FORM – [LINK](#)**

FEBRUARY - 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1 - Last Day: Team District Draws (JAN 1 – FEB 1)	2	3
4	5 - IND District Weight Posted	6	7 - <b>Team District 1 &amp; 3</b>	8 - <b>Team District 2 &amp; 4</b>	9 - IND District Submission - IND G Regional Submission - District Seed	10 - <b>IND District</b> - <i>District Seed (if not done FRI)</i>
11 - G Regional Seed	12 - IND Regional & G Regional Weight Posted	13	14 - <b>Team Regional</b>	15 - Team Final Season Summary - Team Final Housing Form	16 - Team Final Souvenir Program Forms Due	17 - <b>IND Regional</b>
18 - <b>IND G Regional</b> - Team Final Seed - IND Final Seed	19 - IND Final Weight & Brackets Posted	20	21	22	23 - <b>Team FINAL</b>	24 - <b>Team FINAL</b>
25	26	27	28	29 - Final Check-In - Final Inspection - Final Weigh-In	1 - <b>IND FINAL</b>	2 - <b>IND FINAL</b>

