

2023-24 MHSAA WRESTLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 9:30 a.m. – East Lansing

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Fleming (Guest/MATS)
Tom Flynn, Birmingham
Brian Martel, Mason
Greg Mayer, Warren
David Pratt, Hillsdale
Casey Randolph, Clinton
Adam Schihl, Chippewa Valley
Mitch Smelis (Guest/MATS)
Jaime Smith, Maple City
Brian Southworth, Decatur
Isaiah Thomas, Pinconning

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Dunham, Portage (MWA)
Kevin Jackson, Detroit
Jeff Kline, Mt. Morris (MIAAA)
Craig Zeerip, Fremont

MHSAA STAFF

Sam Davis
Dan Hutcheson (Recorder)
Jamie VanDerMoere

The MHSAA Wrestling Committee met on Dec. 12, 2023, at the MHSAA John “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.” These two items continue to guide the committee during their decision-making process. The following items were discussed, and action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

WRESTLING RULES

The Wrestling Committee was presented with the 2023-24 Wrestling Rules Changes, Revisions & Reminders handout and noted that the information is available on the MHSAA wrestling web page, as well as many other tools and resources.

CONCUSSION DATA

Concussion information was provided from the previous or the 2022-2023 season and compared with data from previous seasons.

OFFICIALS

The committee discussed various topics related to officials, conduct, and the recruitment of officials.

GIRLS WRESTLING ITEMS

Other topics included girls' wrestling items, postseason hosting needs, skinfold assessor issues, including potential future assessment strategies, and sportsmanship.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Individual Finals Weight Check System: The committee continues to support a system to check weights at the Individual Finals following the semi and placing rounds. Data will again be shared with the coaches association for review. (9-0)
2. Skinfold Assessor Compensation: Increase skinfold assessor compensation. (9-0)
3. Ineligible Participation (Dual Meet): Implement a defined system for ineligible participation during dual meet competitions. (9-0)

RECOMMENDATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

1. Girls Wrestling Team Finals Championship: Award a “team” finals championship (and runner-up) in Girls Wrestling based on individual points earned at the Individual Wrestling Finals. (9-0)