

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Wrestling Committee Meeting

East Lansing, January 28, 2009

Members Present:

Zane Ballard, St. Johns
Marti Covert, Byron (MWA)
John Danaher, Niles
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Mike Garvey, Otsego (MIAAA)
Scott Marry, Hudson
James Richardson, Grand Haven
Bob Santello, Novi
Jake Stenz, Alpena

Grant Syswerda, Warren
Michael VanHoven, Flushing
Keith Weiland, Harrison Twp.

Members Absent:

Jeffrey Phillips, Owosso

Staff Members Present:

Mark Uyl

The 2008-2009 MHSAA Wrestling Committee met in the MHSAA Office Building to review topics involving wrestling issues and the tournament series.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of 2008 Representative Council Action: A summary of the 2008 Representative Council action was provided, which included seeding changes for the Team Wrestling Finals in Battle Creek. The committee was excited for this seeding process to take place in February for the 2009 Team Finals.

National Federation Topics: A discussion took place regarding communicable skin disease issues and MRSA, specifically the covering of skin conditions. Products were reviewed that could assist in covering infected skin areas and this information will be provided to the National Federation.

Weight Monitoring Program: Members of the committee reviewed data on hydrostatic appeals, descent plans and the NWCA online weight monitoring program. Much discussion took place regarding skinfold assessors and potential conflict of interest situations. The committee favored making no change to current policies after much discussion and debate.

Tournament Issues: The committee discussed cost containment issues at tournament sites, season starting and ending dates for 2009-10, Individual Final placement formulas, MME testing conflicts for 2009 and the new Sunday rescheduling policy. The committee also chose to take no action on a request to change procedures so that the same officials be assigned to both the Team and Individual Finals.

Out of Season Coaching Issues: The committee reviewed the proposals being considered by member schools regarding the limited player rule, preseason downtime, open facilities, and summer regulations.

Home Weigh-In: At its May 2008 meeting, the Representative Council directed the wrestling committee to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the current home weigh-in procedures. Michigan is currently the only state to allow this weigh-in deviation. All schools were made aware of the Representative Council's concerns as the issue was addressed at all wrestling rules meetings. As a result, several pieces of correspondence were received from member schools and these were shared with the committee. After a lengthy discussion, the committee believed that the benefits of the home weigh-in for wrestlers still outweighed the concerns of some schools not being forthright with data or some schools administration being lax in following all published requirements of the current rule. The consensus of the group was to make no changes at this time to the current home weigh-in procedures but directed MHSAA staff to

aggressively review all school requirements for the home weigh-in prior to the 2009-10 school year for all school administrators and coaches.

Final Venues and Formats: The committee reviewed the current Final venues in Battle Creek and Auburn Hills, along with the format that each event uses.

WRESTLING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

None.