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INFORMATION

Minutes of the MPSSAA Wrestling Committee Meeting
October 9, 2013

Refer Questions: *MB* William G. Beattie, Committee Director, Director of Systemwide Athletics, Montgomery County Public Schools, 301-279-3144

District Representation: All Districts Represented

Also Present: Mr. John Davis, Coordinator, Howard County Public Schools
Mr. Dave Dodson, Carroll County, MPSSAA State Dual Meet
Tournament Director
Mr. Donnee Gray, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA
Mr. Brian Layman, Specialist, Anne Arundel Public Schools
Mr. Bruce Malinowski, Rules Interpreter, MPSSAA Wrestling
Ms. Jill Masterman, MPSSAA Program Specialist
Mr. Jim Rodriguez, Supervisor, Carroll County Public Schools
Mr. Michael Sye, Coordinator, Baltimore County Public Schools
Mr. Edward Sparks, Executive Director, MPSSAA
Mr. Andy Warner, MPSSAA Assistant Director

Materials Distributed:

1. Database
2. *Minutes of the Wrestling Committee Spring Meeting, March 19, 2013*
3. *Redistribution: 2012 Analysis of State Tournament Place Finishers and Regional Seeding*
4. *Site Requirements for MPSSAA State Dual Meet Tournament*
5. *Proposal- Wrestling Restructure Plan*
6. **MPSSAA Weight Certification/Management Program*
7. **Form: Verification of Minimum Certified Wrestling Weight*
8. **Form: Wrestling Team Weight Chart (TWC)*
9. **Form: Regional Seed form*
10. **Form: MPSSAA Wrestling Weigh-in Form*
11. **Form: Communicable Disease Program/Chart*

*Indicates that form is available on MPSSAA website.

Minutes:

1. All districts were represented. Committee members and guests were introduced.

2. Dr. Beattie briefly discussed the structure of the meeting and the responsibilities of committee members. Like state committee members in other sports, committee members are responsible for representing the interests of coaches, student-athletes, and school systems.
3. Information regarding committee members, regional tournament directors and regional tournament sites was reviewed and updated. An updated database will be sent to committee members.
4. Statistics were redistributed regarding seeding and the structure of the MPSSAA state wrestling tournament. An analysis showing the relationship between regional seeding and subsequent placement in the state tournament was distributed and reviewed. Committee members were asked to share this information with the schools that they represent.
5. The MPSSAA Weight Certification/Management Plan was reviewed. The review included the Wrestling Team Weight Chart (TWC), the Dual Meet Weigh-in/Result Form, and the MPSSAA Weight Certification Form. All of these items will be available on the MPSSAA website. The TWC should be completed and submitted to the local school system athletics supervisor prior to the first contest of the season. The TWC as well as an updated Dual Meet Weigh-in/Result Form should be available at all matches and tournaments.

There has been one change to the TWC for the 2013-14 season – wrestlers may not drop more than one weight class from one week to the next week.

6. Mr. Dave Dodson reviewed details of the 2013 dual meet state tournament. The 2013 state dual meet tournament will be held at North Point High School for the third consecutive year.
7. Dr. Beattie reviewed changes and adjustments for the 2013-14 season, including:
 - Week nine, instead of week seven, will become the last week in which a wrestler may reduce to a lower weight class.
 - Tiebreakers 4 and 5 (placement in region and/or state in previous year) have been eliminated in the list of tiebreakers for qualifying/seeding for the individual region tournament.
 - Region tournaments may be conducted as either one-day or two-day affairs. Region tournament directors should discuss with the schools participating in the tournament whether a one-day or two-day tournament is preferred. Tournament directors should inform the MPSSAA by early January on whether they plan to conduct a one-day or a two-day tournament. Though the times for weigh-in and the first round are consistent for all region tournaments, subsequent start times and the sequence of rounds are determined by the individual regions
 - Criteria for hosting state dual meet championships have been adjusted.
 - An adjustment to COMAR regulations will now allow a wrestler to compete in both varsity and junior varsity competition on the same day, as long as the wrestler does not compete against a varsity and junior varsity wrestler from the same school.

8. Mr. Sparks reviewed a COMAR adjustment that will allow coaches to work with a limited number of student-athletes beyond the boundaries of the sports season. Specifically, school coaching staffs will be able to work with a maximum of two athletes per day out-of-season.
9. Mr. Dodson reviewed Hall-of-Fame criteria and nominees for the 2013 MPSSAA Wrestling Hall of Fame. Two persons will be inducted into the 2014 Hall of Fame: Former multiple state champions Tyrone Neal (Southern HS) and Steve Kessler (Owing Mill HS). Both wrestlers were former National Junior College champions. Mr. Kessler was the first undefeated, four-time MPSSAA state champion. Mr. Neal became the first African-American to win the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) outstanding wrestler award, in route to winning two ACC Championships while competing for the University of Maryland.

Five persons will receive Service to Wrestling Awards: Ron Causey, Mike Duffy, Bernie Leanau, Craig Reddish, and Max Sartoph.

Committee members were reminded that new nominations should be submitted to Mr. Dodson within one week of the completion of the state wrestling tournament. Nominations should include a biographical sketch of the individual's achievements and/or contributions to wrestling.

10. The wrestling section of the *2013-14 Winter State Tournament Bulletin* was reviewed and revised.
11. Mr. Malinowski reviewed significant NFHS rules changes for 2012-13. In tournaments, forfeits do not count toward a wrestler's total of five matches allowed in a day.
12. Dr. Beattie reviewed a proposal that would significantly adjust the current structure of the state tournament series. Briefly, the proposal involves establishing separate state dual meet championships in each of the four classifications, and combining the current state individual tournament into one tournament, with no team score. Many details were included in the proposal. Committee members agreed to move the proposal forward and for the MPSSAA to assist by creating a survey and gathering feedback. The committee will discuss and take action regarding the proposal at the end-of-the-year meeting.

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