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**INFORMATION**

Minutes of the MPSSAA Wrestling Committee Meeting  
October 8, 2014

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

**District Representation:** All Districts Represented

**Also Present:** Mr. Dave Dodson, Carroll County, MPSSAA State Dual Meet Tournament Director  
Mr. Donnee Gray, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA  
Mr. Michael Duffy, Howard County, State Tournament Coordinator  
Mr. Bill Hyson, Carroll County, MPSSAA State Dual Meet Assistant Tournament Director  
Mr. Brian Layman, Specialist, Anne Arundel Public Schools  
Mr. Bruce Malinowski, Rules Interpreter, MPSSAA Wrestling  
Mr. Jim Rodriguez, Supervisor, Carroll County Public Schools  
Mr. Michael Sye, Coordinator, Baltimore County Public Schools  
Mr. Edward Sparks, Executive Director, MPSSAA

**Materials Distributed:**

1. Database
2. *Minutes of the Wrestling Committee Spring Meeting, March 25, 2014*
3. Redistribution: *2014 Analysis of State Tournament Place Finishers and Regional Seeding*
4. *\*MPSSAA Weight Certification/Management Program*
5. *\*Form: Verification of Minimum Certified Wrestling Weight*
6. *\*Form: Wrestling Team Weight Chart (TWC)*
7. *\*Form: Regional Seed form*
8. *\*Form: MPSSAA Wrestling Weigh-in Form*
9. *\*Form: Communicable Disease Program/Chart*

\*Indicates that form is available on MPSSAA website.

## **Minutes:**

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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. Committee actions taken at the March 25, 2014 postseason wrestling committee meeting were reviewed, including:
  - The committee endorsed the MPSSAA initiative that the four highest-rated officials from the state tournament will receive “automatic invitations” to return to the next year’s tournament.
  - The committee awarded North Point High School as host of the state dual meet tournament for the next three years (through the 2016-17 season).
  - The committee endorsed establishing a method to visually display on-deck matches at the state tournament.
  - The committee made two adjustments for dual meet tournament tie-breaking criteria: 1) criterion C, as criterion A, should only apply if it affects all teams equally who are involved with the tie; 2) reverse criteria D and E.
6. 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 by October 15, 2014. 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.
7. Mr. Dave Dodson reviewed details of the 2014-15 dual meet state tournament. The 2014-15 state dual meet tournament will be held at North Point High School for the fourth year. North Point has been awarded as the host site through the 2016-17 season.

8. Mr. Gray, MPSSAA Coordinator of Officials, elaborated on the MPSSAA initiative in which the four top-rated officials in the state tournament from the previous year will receive automatic invitations to return for the next year's tournament. This "automatic invitation" extends for three years, whereupon the official is eligible to potentially qualify for a new three-year "automatic invitation", depending on his or her rating. The "automatic invitation" applies to all sports.
9. Mr. Dodson reviewed Hall-of-Fame criteria and nominees for the 2014-15 MPSSAA Wrestling Hall-of-Fame. Two persons will be inducted into the 2014-15 Hall-of-Fame, both in the "wrestler" category: former multiple state champions Marty Fowler (Douglass HS, Prince George's County) and Josh Asper (Hereford HS, Baltimore County). Marty Fowler was a two-time MPSSAA state champion who compiled a 111-7 career high school record, including a 32-1 post season record. Mr. Asper won four MPSSAA state championships at four separate weight classes. Mr. Asper had 150 collegiate victories at the University of Maryland in route to two ACC championships and was a 2-time NCAA "All-American."

Six persons will receive Service to Wrestling Awards: Dave Ingle, Rick Hare, Yank Strube, Jim Schartner, Rich Gialnella, and Andy Amisia.

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 *2014-15 Winter State Tournament Bulletin* was reviewed and revised.
11. Three potential future changes were discussed:
  - Committee member Mr. Wavie Gibson (District 9) introduced a modified version of the proposal introduced the previous year by Dr. Beattie to adjust the state tournament format. The previous proposal included consolidating the 1A/2A and 3A/4A state individual tournaments into one tournament, and expanding the dual meet tournament to include championships in all four classifications. Mr. Gibson's proposal only included expanding the dual meet tournament to four classifications, without adjusting the individual tournament structure (except to eliminate team scoring). The committee felt that the timing was not opportune, and agreed to table the proposal to an unspecified time in the future.
  - Mr. Michael Duffy introduced a proposal to adjust the "Definitions and Interpretations" section of the *MPSSAA Handbook* so that "double header" matches could be introduced and count as only one event toward the maximum number of events allowed per week. Currently, a tri-meet, where three teams wrestler each other, only counts as a single event. However, if a school simply wanted to schedule two dual meets on the same day, they would count as two separate events toward the total of two events allowed per week. The committee unanimously endorsed the proposal.

- Mr. Bruce Malinowski, MPSSAA wrestling rules interpreter, requested consideration for using mat judges for all consolation finals matches, instead of exclusively in the championship semifinals and final rounds. The committee unanimously endorsed the recommendation.

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