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Interscholastic High School Athletics  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

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**INFORMATION**

Minutes of the MPSSAA Post-Season Wrestling Committee Meeting  
March 25, 2014

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

**Districts Represented:** All Districts Represented

**Also Present:** Mr. John Davis, Coordinator of Athletics, Howard County  
Mr. Mike Duffy, State Tournament Coordinator, Howard High School  
Mr. Dave Dodson, State Dual Meet Championship Coordinator  
Mr. Donnee Gray, MPSSAA Coordinator of Officials  
Mr. Earl Hawkins, Director of Athletics, Prince George's County  
Mr. Bill Hyson, State Dual Meet Championship Coordinator  
Mr. Bruce Malinowski, Rules Interpreter, MPSSAA Wrestling  
Ms. Jill Masterman, MPSSAA, Program Specialist  
Mr. Jim Rodriguez, Supervisor of Athletics, Carroll County  
Mr. Ned Sparks, Executive Director, MPSSAA  
Mr. Mike Sye, Coordinator of Athletics, Baltimore County  
Mr. Andy Warner, MPSSAA Assistant Director

**Materials Distributed:**

1. State Dual Meet Tournament Packet (Site Requirements, North Point High School Proposal, Milford Mill Academy Proposal)
2. MPSSAA Tournament Restructure Packet (Proposal, Proposal Details)
3. Draft of Wrestling Section of Winter Tournament Bulletin
4. Bracket Information Packet for a 32-line Double Elimination Tournament (Sample Consolation Bracket, Time Estimate)
5. Regional Tournament Information Packet (Region Survey Results, Analysis of State Place Finishers – separate documents for 1A/2A and 3A/4A, Combined Analysis of State Place Winners, Nine-Year Summary of Region Seeds)

**Minutes:**

1. Committee members and others in attendance were introduced.
2. Mr. Sparks, MPSSAA Executive Director, expressed appreciation to committee members for another successful season and state tournament. Mr. Sparks briefly addressed the impending committee vote on the proposal to adjust the structure of the state tournament.

3. Mr. Gray, MPSSAA Coordinator of Officials, provided a brief summary of officiating at the 2014 state tournament. All 14 officials assigned to the state wrestling tournament had satisfactory ratings. For the first time, state tournament officials were paid through ArbiterSports.

Mr. Gray introduced a proposal that the four officials with the highest scores from the previous state tournament receive automatic invitations to officiate in the next year's tournament. The "automatic invitation" would extend to a maximum of three years. An automatic invitation would not mean that a particular association was required to assign that particular official for the ensuing year's tournament. The wrestling committee unanimously endorsed the proposal.

4. Mr. Dave Dodson reviewed Hall-of-Fame candidates and Distinguished Service nominees for 2015. Guidelines were reviewed. The committee will vote on 2015 Hall-of-Fame and Distinguished Service nominees at the September committee meeting.
5. The future location of the MPSSAA dual meet finals was discussed. Two specific proposals submitted from Milford Mill Academy and North Point High School were reviewed. The wrestling committee voted to have North Point High School continue as the site for the state dual meet tournament (6-3). North Point High School has done an outstanding job in hosting the previous three state dual meet finals.
6. Dr. Beattie, MPSSAA Wrestling Committee Director, reviewed current operating procedures, including weight certification procedures and new guidelines and regulations added last year.
7. The 2014 state tournament was a success. Issues that arise are addressed in a timely and adequate manner. There are some issues regarding the public address system. Dr. Beattie entertained ideas on how impending matches can be communicated visually at a venue such as Cole Field House.
8. Two issues regarding current tiebreaker criteria for the regional duals were addressed. First, committee members voted unanimously that criteria C, like criteria A, should only apply if it affects all teams equally who are involved in the tie. Second, the committee voted to reverse the order of criteria D and E.
9. The proposal to adjust the state tournament structure was introduced as an action item. The proposal was to create four separate state dual meet championships (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A), and to consolidate the two state individual tournaments (1A/2A and 3A/4A) into one tournament. Results of an MPSSAA survey were shared that indicated strong support for the proposal from coaches and non-coaches alike. Each committee was allowed to comment on the proposal. The wrestling committee voted to maintain the status quo and to not adopt the new proposal (6-3).
10. The Winter Bulletin was reviewed.

11. A summary of the annual survey of region tournaments was distributed. Information included data on “25% rule” qualifiers, length and nature of seeding meetings, assistant referees, order of rounds, number of mats, etc.
12. Dr. Beattie provided data and a summary of the relationship between regional seeding and subsequent placement in the state tournament. The relationship between high regional seeds and subsequent placement in the state tournament is very powerful, and has remained consistent over several years. Also shared was a nine-year analysis of the relationship between regional seeding and subsequent placement in the state tournament.

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Committee Members

Mr. Davis

Mr. Dodson

Mr. Duffy

Mr. Gray

Mr. Hawkins

Mr. Hyson

Mr. Malinowski

Ms. Masterman

Mr. Rodriguez

Mr. Sparks

Mr. Sye

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