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**Minutes from the MPSSAA Wrestling Committee
April 6, 2017**

In Attendance: Brian Layman (Chair), Michael Duffy (Tournament Director), Dave Dodson (Dual Meet Tournament Director), Joe Dietrich (District 1), Rob Pinsky (District 2), Odist Felder (District 3), Rich Pauole (District 4), Troy Stevenson (District 5), Chad Vosburg (District 5), Brett Baier (District 6), Craig Reddish (District 7), Tim Frey (District 8), Wavie Gibson (District 9)

Also Present: R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA
Donnee Gray, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA
Jili Masterman, Program Specialist, MPSSAA
Bruce Malinowski, Rules Interpreter, MPSSAA
Bill Hyson, 2A/1A State Duals
Brandon Lauer, 4A/3A State Duals
Mike Sye, Coordinator of Athletics, Baltimore County Public Schools
David Dolch, Supervisor of Athletics, Carroll County Public Schools
John Davis, Coordinator of Athletics, Howard County Public Schools
Duke Beattie, Director of Athletics, Montgomery County Public Schools
Earl Hawkins, Director of Athletics, Prince Georges County Public Schools
Eric Michael, Supervisor of Athletics, Washington County Public Schools

Excused:

Materials Distributed

1. Agenda
2. 2017-18 MPSSAA Wrestling Bulletin (DRAFT)
3. Wrestling Officials Evaluation/Observation Report
4. State Dual Meet Proposals (Paint Branch and North Point)
5. Proposed Regional Alignments (2017-19)
6. MPSSAA Dual Meet Tournament Restructure Plan Proposal

Information Items/Discussion/Action

1. Mr. Layman thanked the committee for their assistance in an outstanding season and communicating with all coaches in their respective districts regarding the dual meet tournament as well as the individual tournaments.

2. Mr. Gray shared the final report for state duals and state wrestling tournaments and explained the evaluation for officials at these contests.
3. Mr. Malinowski mentioned two suggested rules changes the NFHS committee will be studying this spring. 1. The possibility of going to a two-piece uniform and 2. The availability for wrestlers to weigh out for tournaments the night before. Both are suggested rules changes in hopes to increase participation numbers in wrestling.
4. Mr. Dodson provided committee members with the Hall of Fame nominations. Voting for the Hall of Fame will take place during the Fall 2017 meeting. Nominations submitted prior to, or during, the weekend of the state tournament are voted on in the Fall meeting. Any nominations submitted to Mr. Dodson after the state tournament will be considered for induction the following year.
5. Mr. Dodson commended the region dual meet directors for their communication with teams in their regions as well as providing the records, seeds, and sites in a timely manner. State duals were held at North Point High School and were a huge success.
6. Committee discussed the tie breaking criteria for region duals. Mr. Baier motioned, seconded by Mr. Vosburg, to combine, d. Higher point differential against common opponents in the regular season and e. Higher point differential against common opponents in a regular season dual meet tournament, into one criteria. The committee approved the motion 9-0. The combination will be reflected in the bulletin.
7. Two proposals, one from Paint Branch and another from North Point, to host the State Dual Meet Championships for the next three years were submitted and discussed. Mr. Warner recommended the once the committee selects the site that the State Duals should be hosted there until the school no longer wants to have the event. The committee voted in favor of North Point High School, 8-1, to remain the host site, until they no longer wish to host, for the State Duals.
8. Mr. Layman informed the committee that if check scales are provided for weight checks in the weigh-in room, they are to be used during official weigh-ins. If check scales are permitted elsewhere, i.e. hallway, other room, etc., they are check scales and are not to be used for official weigh-ins.

Mr. Felder stated an official removed a scale from his region tournament weigh-ins after some weight classes utilized them. Mr. Malinowski informed the committees once a scale is used during official weigh ins; it must remain for all wrestlers to use. Officials do not have jurisdiction over weigh-ins, they are there for skin checks.

9. Committee reviewed the 2017 MPSSAA Wrestling Bulletin (DRAFT) and made changes to the region tournament sites.
10. The proposed region alignments were discussed.

Mr. Dietrich proposed moving the three 2A/1A Montgomery County schools from the West Region to the South Region. Motion did not receive a second; therefore, no action was taken.

Mr. Vosburg motioned, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, to move the six 2A/1A Howard County schools from the South Region to the North Region and the three 2A/1A Montgomery County schools from the West Region to the South Region. The motion was defeated by a 3-6 vote.

The proposed region alignments were recommended to the classification committee, executive council, and board of control for approval.

11. The committee discussed how Hybrid Tournaments are to be counted for individual wrestler points. If the hybrid is a dual meet tournament to an individual tournament, the coach has to select if they are

using placement points or dual meet win points for the team. Cannot be different for wrestlers or teams.

In hybrid's where wrestlers compete in a pool on Day 1 and are then placed in a bracketed tournament for placement Day 2, the wrestler is to receive a maximum of one point per win.

12. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Lauer presented the MPSSAA Dual Meet Tournament Restructure Plan. District representatives shared the proposal with their constituents and received feedback, in which a majority of coaches were in favor of the proposal.

The committee voted 7-0-1 to recommend the proposed dual meet tournament restructure plan to the executive council and board of control. The plan creates a dual meet state championship in each of the four MPSSAA classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A) using the 2017-19 region alignments approved by the board of control in December, 2016 and eliminates team scoring in the individual state championship tournament. The 4A and 3A regions will be combined for the individual region tournaments as will the 2A and 1A regions, i.e., 4A North and 3A North, 4A West and 3A West, etc.