

MIAA Wrestling Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Virtual

1. Call to Order @ 10:03 by Phil Napolitano

a. Attendance- Brendan Kent, Ann Palumbo, Amy Daniels, Brendan Kent, Jeffry Lareau, Mark Hollick, Phil Mombeleur, Jon Kanavich, Joe Bianca, Nate Monterio, Mary Sokol, Steve Rotondi, John Speek, Reilly Christie, Paul Shvartsman, John Longley, Keith Poloskey, Brian Brewer,
MIAA Staff and Tournament Directors- Phil Napolitano, Katie Kampersal, Andy Meir, Scott Tremlett, Desi Kaplan,
Media- Danny Ventura, Boston Herald

b. Introduction of new tournament directors- Andy Meir for Division 2, Ryan Madden Division 1 (Needam HS AD)

2. [Minutes of October 12, 2023](#)- Motion to approve by Mark 2nd by Paul all in favor unanimously.

3. New Business

a. [Guidance on how to communicate with officials & properly set-up a gym](#)

Thank you, Nate and Andy, for helping create this document. Please use this and spread this throughout the wrestling community.

b. Wrestling schedule and commitment date - 12-1-23- Phil has received some feedback on whether or not there is a need for wrestling to have a schedule and commitment date. He reminded everyone that all sports have a commitment date. If someone wanted to see this changed it would have to go through a rule change process.

c. 2023-24 Individual Wrestling Tournament

- [2023-24 Wrestling Format](#) was reviewed.
- Reminder of two separate tournament entry requirements for girls.
If you have a girl who may be wrestling in both, please register for both. There are 2 separate entries, it is safer to register for both and then you can withdraw from one.
- [Tournament sites](#)- Thank you to all those who are hosting this year.
- [Tournament schedules](#)
 - **Divisional States**- completing the 2nd round consi's on day 1
 - **Girls Divisional States**- begin on day 2 (Saturday) in all divisions
 - Girls do not have to show up on Day 1. Weigh-ins will only be held on day 2. Girls and boys will start semis at the same time on day 2.
 - If the girls semis are moving faster the biggest challenges will be the assistant ref needs. It may not be as fluid to just move girls or boys between mats, they are different tournaments in the FLO system. The clerks would have to switch things in the system for live streaming, but it can be done.
 - Phil, tournament directors and officials will talk about the how to manage the mats and which matches are being wrestling (boys semis, girls semis) the first full round on day 2.
 - Split screen for girls and boys results
 - Have the clerks done this done? Desi- yes all my clerks have done something similar before. I will be running everything remotely.
 - **States and All-States** – 2 mat finals (mixed gender & girls)
 - **Award presentations** – At the conclusion of each weight class
- MIAA Tournament Host School virtual meeting- January 24th at 1:00pm

d. Status of seasonal data input on FloArena from Desi. AD's and Coaches are still not completing this work in a timely manner.

e. Tool for improving wrestling tournaments – event time calculator (attached)

- Desi created this tool which will allow for AD's and coaches to understand how long a tournament will take depending on the number of teams (bouts per hour and number of mats). All you need to do is plug in the information and it calculates a time.

f. Other

- Weight Certification-Phil shared a document assisting the medical personnel assigned to complete the certification.
- Rationale on assistant ref on semifinal match- best coverage we can on a high-level match.
 - Paul S- adds more meaning to the match as it is an important match. As a coach it makes you feel a little safe, four eyes are better than two.
 - Nate- it gives illusion gives comfortability to the coach that there are more eyes on the call. We have been doing this for years.
 - Phil- This is not an NHFS rule. I am not suggesting we get rid of this, but it is something we should continue to discuss and have sound supporting rationale, especially if we have an officials shortage.

4. TMC – feedback on universal cut-off dates

- **Phil-** This is a universal agenda item across all sports to gauge if there is an interest in having the same cutoff date across all sports, each season.
- **Brendan-** As an AD I am indifferent, as long as my coaches are aware of the cut off date. I do not have a strong opinion either way.
- **Ann-** Swimming and wrestling are the closest as far as schedules in the winter, but they are even a week apart as far as schedules. Would not line up with the team sports.

5. Coaches Input

- **Paul-** Some coaches seeking clarification on girls weigh-ins for the postseason. However, the documentation is clear.
- **Ann-** A female wrestler just needs to weigh-in at scratch even if they do not compete that night?
- **Phil-** that is correct. This has been communicated out for the last year.
- **Phil-** I know that John Speek ran a fantastic girls tournament that I would like to hear more about, there were questions at weigh ins, that we were able to answer with that document.
- **John Speek-** 128 girls wrestled in our tournament. Only 3 weight classes had to run as round robin. Great atmosphere, everyone had a great time. Will send a weight distribution to everyone.

6. Officials Input

- **Nate-** Struggling to get dual meet coverage. The number of officials is low. Our officials are getting burnt out, we have many officials doing 2 or 3 meets on a Wednesday night. Consideration to allow for double duals and tri meets on weeknights.
- **Phil-** This committee can submit a rule change that would remove double duals and tri-meets from rule 84.2.4.
- **Jeffrey L-** This would be a huge benefit for us, I am in support of this.
- **Brendan-** this wouldn't impact our school, but if it helps other I am also in support of this.
- **Steven R-** I would be fully in support, we have had 2 matches in our league that schools came with less than 10 kids. It would be great to be able to get in a tri with some of these teams that have smaller teams. It would benefit us greatly.
- **Ann-** this would also benefit assignors.
- **Keith-** My school wouldn't utilize it, maybe use it if there was a snow cancellation .
- **Motion by Joe Bianca (2nd by Steve R) to submit a rule change proposal to remove double dual and triangular meets from 84.2.4 which currently prohibits them from being scheduled on school nights. Unanimously supported 17-0-0**
- Discussion on allowing more opportunities for girls only events, which would not impact the seasonal limitation for the entire team. Currently for a coach to send a female wrestler to John's tournament, it would count as one of the twenty dates for the team. This puts the coach, team and female wrestlers in a difficult position.
- **Motion by Jon K (2nd by John Speek) - Wrestling committee motions to submit a rule change proposal to allow schools schedule maximum of 4 girls only wrestling competition dates that do not count towards their seasonal limitations of 20 competition dates per season.**
 - **Brendan-** in favor of this, have a large team but only 1 girl
 - **Ann-** in favor, trying to grow the sport
 - **Unanimously supported 17-0-0**

7. Adjournment @ 11:00