

MIAA Wrestling Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

virtual

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- a. **Attendance** –K. Poloskey, A. Palumbo, Z. Blaszak, B. Brewer, G. Doulette, J. Lagos, J. Speak, J. Longley, N. Monteiro, P. Danby, P. Shvartsman, P. Mombeleur, R. Christie, S. Rotondi, K. Crowley, J. Kanavich, S. Tremlett, A. Meier, R. Madden, P. Napolitano, J. Alberts

2. [Minutes of October 6, 2025](#)

- **Motion by A. Paulmbo, Second by P. Danby – Unanimous approved.**

3. New Business

a. [Seasonal Reminder](#) – *emailed on 11/17/25*

- Clarification on Girls Wrestling Competition Dates and Varsity Match Eligibility (*attached*)
 - **Sent out clarification to all schools. Want to give as many opportunities as possible for girls to compete but also within the rules.**
- Tournaments permitting more than one athlete per weight class
 - **Clarification regarding how many wrestlers can be entered into a tournament. Some tournaments allow more than 1 wrestler per weight class in order to fill brackets. There was confusion how it would apply to the season limitation rules. Regardless of the number of wrestlers, 1 weigh-in = 1 date.**

b. Skin infections

- **Resources on wrestling page.**
- **Incident in December. Issue got through skin check and was raised prior to the finals. Coach knew of infection even though it passed through skin check.**

c. 2026-27 Wrestling Tournament Format – Draft (attached)

- **Motion by P. Shvartsman, Second by A. Palumbo – Unanimously approved.**

d. FloArena – Desi Kaplan

- **Training was held on November 18, 2025**

e. Standardized Athletic Calendar proposal results

- **The standardized MIAA calendar was approved and will be instituted starting in the Fall of 2026. There is no change to the Winter season.**

4. 2025-26 Wrestling Tournament

a. [Wrestling Tournament Format](#)

b. No balancing byes

c. Update on sites

- Methuen, Weymouth, Malden, Hopkinton – North Andover
- Woburn, Whitman-Hanson, Wayland, Springfield – Whitman-Hanson
- Dracut, Scituate, Holliston, Taconic – Gloucester

d. All-State Tournament – MassMutual Center – Sunday, 3/1 and Monday, 3/2

e. Statewide discussion

- **Update on statewide power rankings by division model.**
 - **Rankings primarily based on dual meets, with plans to incorporate tournament data.**
 - **Ranking system is still under review and needs finalization.**
 - **Goal is to create separation among top teams rather than rely solely on geography.**
- **Goal would be to post updated rankings weekly, with possibility of bi-weekly depending on the complexity of transferring the data into rankings.**
- **Concerns were raised about seeding meetings, early selection, early weigh-ins with longer travel and placement of host schools prior to final rankings, and the need for additional time between the cutoff date and tournament start to complete seedings and arrange team transportation.**

5. Coaches Input

a. Recognition of Service - Dr. Robert Pritchett

b. Multiple entries per weight class at regular season tournaments

- **Committee consensus: One tournament at one site with one weigh-in counts as one competition date, even if more than 14 wrestlers are entered.**
- **Teams are permitted to enter more than 14 wrestlers in a single tournament.**

c. Girls Coaches

- **Happy with increase of girls tournaments and looking forward to continued growth and opportunities.**
- **Girls postseason tournament is 1 entry per weight class.**

6. Officials Input

a. Multi-team events weight class starting points

- **All rounds start at the same weight class as long as all coaches are in agreement. Quad starts at same weight class for all rounds.**

b. Officials shortage is becoming increasingly challenging.

- **Moving meets to days other than Wednesdays during the season has significantly improved the assignment of officials.**

7. Adjournment