

2022 Wrestling Advisory Committee
March 7, 2022

1. Recommend the use of the new NFHS weight classes (14 weight classes boys – 14 weight classes girls) for the 2022-2023 season.
2. Recommend changing district seeding criteria in Appendix B of the MSHSAA Manual for the postseason as follows:
 - h. (#8 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) **district champion**, at the same or adjacent weight class; from any classification.
 - i. (#9 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) state qualifier at the same or adjacent weight class; from any classification.
3. Recommend the following language to the MSHSAA Wrestling Manual to outline wrestler's dress expectations during the state tournament awards presentations.

Dress Code: Wrestlers are expected to wear school issued or school approved attire during the state tournament awards presentations.

- ** 4. Recommend starting Girls Wrestling season on Monday, Week 18 and Boys Wrestling season on Monday, Week 19. This will still allow for same length of season for girls and boys, as well as allowing for girls and boys state championships to be held on separate weekends in February.

Amended: Recommend using the current survey, Wrestling-Girls and Boys Season Start Dates, to determine which of two options that head coaches prefer. Survey results to determine which option to present on the 2022 MSHSAA Annual Ballot.

Option 1: Move the girls wrestling first allowable practice date to Monday of Week 17 (one week earlier) AND leave the boys wrestling first allowable practice date on Monday of Week 18 of the MSHSAA standardized calendar. The girls wrestling first allowable contest date would move to Friday of Week 19 (one week earlier) while the boys wrestling first allowable contest date would remain on Friday of Week 20 of the MSHSAA standardized calendar. **This option would result in both the girls and boys wrestling season being 17 total weeks in length, which is one week longer than the sport of wrestling has had in past years.**

Option 2: Leave the girls wrestling first allowable practice date on Monday of Week 18 AND move the boys wrestling first allowable practice date to Monday of Week 19 (one week later) of the MSHSAA standardized calendar. The girls wrestling first allowable contest date would remain the same while the boys wrestling first allowable contest date would move one week later to Friday of Week 21 of the MSHSAA standardized calendar. **This option would result in both the girls and boys wrestling season being 16 total weeks in length, which has been the season length for the sport of wrestling in past years.**

- * Denied
- ** Tabled for further study
- *** Approved as amended
- **** No Action
- ***** All others approved