

**2020 Wrestling Advisory Committee**  
**March 9, 2020**

1. Recommend using a maximum of 14 weight classes for Girls Wrestling contingent on matching the number of NFHS weight classes for Boys Wrestling.
2. Recommend setting the 14 girls weight classes, with no less than a five pound differential between weights, using female weight assessments and projected wrestling weight, unless the NFHS mandates girls weight classes.
3. Recommend changing district seeding criteria in Appendix B of the MSHSAA Manual as follows:
  4. Seeding Criteria: The order of the seeding criteria shall be:
    - a. (#1 Criteria) Record against common opponents, all levels (head to head is just one part of common opponents – see C.1. below);
    - b. (#2 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) multiple state finalist in any weight classes; from any classification.
    - c. (#3 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) state finalist at the same or adjacent weight class; from any classification.
    - d. (#4 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) state finalist in any weight class; from any classification.
    - e. (#5 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) multiple state medalist in any weight classes; from any classification.
    - f. (#6 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) state medalist at the same or adjacent weight class; from any classification.
    - g. (#7 Criteria) A returning (MSHSAA) state medalist in any weight class; from any classification.
    - 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.
    - j. (#10 Criteria) If everything is still equal after having considered all of the above criteria, a vote of the coaches shall be taken. A coaches vote shall only break the tie for one seed, once the coach's vote breaks a tie or multiple way tie for that one seed position, the remaining wrestlers shall be then compared again for determining the next seed.

4. Recommend an annual ballot item to change bylaw 3.30.3, Jr High Boys Wrestling Contest Limits as follows:

-12 competition dates; a maximum of 6 of those competition dates may be used for tournaments.

5. Recommend to go on record in support of the AD Advisory and Basketball Advisory proposal to permit 3 hours of instructional contact per week during the defined offseason.

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6. Recommend an annual ballot item to change bylaw 3.1.5b 1 as follows:

-Completion of 60 or more college credit hours or a minimum of two years of active duty in the armed forces with an honorable discharge prior to coaching.

**Amended: Recommend an Area Meeting item to change bylaw 3.1.5b 1 as follows:**

**-Completion of 60 or more college credit hours or a minimum of two years of active duty in the armed forces with an honorable discharge prior to coaching.**

- \* 7. Recommend applying a \$50 fine for incomplete officials recommendations for postseason.

8. Recommend implementing the following for Girls District Wrestling:
  - Host schools must use 4 mats on Friday, recommend using 3 mats on Saturday
  - District weigh-ins shall begin no earlier than 3:30 p.m. on Friday and no earlier than 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.
  - Use 32-person brackets for “All” weight classes if any single weight class has greater than 16 wrestlers.
- \* 9. Recommend pursuing a Dual State Championships for Boys Wrestling with the following considerations:
  - A Dual State Championship for Girls Wrestling will be considered upon continued growth and increased roster sizes.
  - A team point race will remain in place and name team place finishes at the current Girls/Boys Wrestling State Championships.
10. Recommend to eliminate the distribution of state runner-up brackets at the state tournament.
11. Recommend an addition to Section 1 G-4 of the MSHSAA Wrestling Manual as follows:
 

“A wrestler must make weight at their lowest desired postseason (district) weight class a minimum of half the number of actual weigh-ins for that wrestler occurring after the certification date (Saturday Week 28 MSHSAA Standardized Calendar), **OR A wrestler must make weight at their lowest desired postseason (district) weight class a minimum of half the number of actual weigh-ins for that wrestler occurring during the regular season.** This requirement must be met to maintain the “lowest” weight class for a wrestler to be eligible for postseason.

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