

Wrestling: Number of Events

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Regular Season and Section Tournament Format Recommendations

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Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Wrestling

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

This two year trial is expiring at end of 2023-2024 season:

Teams are allowed to add up to four additional events that are only available to team members who are girls.

All team members are limited to participation in 16 events and 45 match count limits as defined in Bylaw 521.3A.

We would be returning to the following:

CONTESTS

Maximum number allowed - 16 Sixteen events with the total number of team competitions within the 16 events not to exceed 45.

Participation in two separate varsity team competitions on the same calendar date shall count as two events toward the total allowable events and all team matches during the events will count toward the 45 total allowable competitions. For example: A school sends a team to participate in a Saturday varsity tournament in Andover and sends another team to participate in a varsity tournament in Blaine. Both events would count toward the 16 allowable events and all matches in the two separate events would count toward the 45 allowable events for individual wrestlers and the team matches.

A two-day continuous event shall count as one event toward the maximum of 16 allowable events. An individual tournament shall count as one event toward the maximum of 16 allowable events, and it shall also count as one of the 45 allowable team competitions. All individual matches in all events would count toward the 45 allowable events for an individual wrestler.

A two-day, dual meet tournament will count as one event toward the maximum of 16 allowable events, and each team competition in that tournament counts toward the 45 allowable team competitions.

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

This proposal is a two year trial implemented for the 2024-2025 wrestling season:

Teams are allowed to add up to eight additional events that are only available to team members who are girls.

All team members are limited to participation in 16 events and 45 match count limits as defined in Bylaw 521.3A.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

N/A

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

As the sport of girls' wrestling grows, we would like to give the girls the opportunity to participate in girls only divisions of tournaments. Currently they will be limited to the 16 events that their open division teammates participate in. There are not currently enough females competing in every program to have a girls division in every event. We would like to give them the opportunity to participate in girl only events when possible.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

We are trying to expand the opportunities for our female wrestlers to provide them with the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

N/A

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

Girls wrestling has doubled each of the last two years due to the opportunities for girls to wrestle other girls. We have heard from many coaches across the state sharing how the opportunity for

girls to wrestle more girls has helped grow their female team.

Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

Every school that has female wrestlers will have the opportunity to find events that best fit the needs of their team in regards to boys' and girls' events.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

No impact unless girls' wrestling doubles in participants again. At that time we will need to move to 8 sections and 16 wrestler brackets at state for the girls' postseason. Girls currently have 4 sections and 8 person brackets at state.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

No impact unless girls' wrestling doubles in participants again. At that time we will need to move to 8 sections and 16 wrestler brackets at state for the girls' postseason. Girls currently have 4 sections and 8 person brackets at state.

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

This proposal will help the continued growth of girls' wrestling by providing more opportunities for girls to wrestle girls.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

No impact unless girls' wrestling doubles in participants again. At that time we will need to move to 8 sections and 16 wrestler brackets at state for the girls' postseason. Girls currently have 4 sections and 8 person brackets at state.

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

No impact unless girls' wrestling doubles in participants again. At that time we will need to move to 8 sections and 16 wrestler brackets at state for the girls' postseason. Girls currently have 4 sections and 8 person brackets at state.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

No impact unless girls' wrestling doubles in participants again. At that time we will need to move to 8 sections and 16 wrestler brackets at state for the girls' postseason. Girls currently have 4 sections

and 8 person brackets at state.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

The growth of girls' wrestling has been amazing. We would like to continue to grow the sport.
#WrestleLikeaGirl

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