

10 WRESTLING

Wrestling will include a Section team and a Section individual tournament format with the following schools participating. The Region 2A Committee will set dates, sites, starting times, and format policies and select site managers.

| CLASS A-SECTION 2 (11) |
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| Westfield Razorbacks* |
| Blue Earth Area |
| Kenyon-Wanamingo* |
| LCWM Area |
| LeSueur-Henderson |
| Maple River |
| Medford* |
| NRHEG |
| St. Clair/Mankato Loyola |
| USC |
| WEM/JWP |
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10.1 Duties of the Site Managers

- 10.1 Publicize the meet as necessary - posters, releases to participating schools and area media.
- 10.2 Send tournament report, itemized expenses, and meet results to the Executive Secretary within seven (7) days of the completion of the meet.
- 10.3 Meet all MSHSL deadlines for proper advancement to the state meet. Make sure participants are aware of their responsibilities on advancing.
- 10.4 Be responsible for enforcing MSHSL and Region 2A policy. Have a rules committee in place for each tournament to rule on protests. This includes enforcing **3 coaches only** in the team area during competition.
- 10.5 Send complete results to the participating schools and the Executive Secretary at the conclusion of the meet.
- 10.6 Send the tournament committee any recommendations for changes in future tournaments at the conclusion.
- 10.7 Arrange and assist in a formal awards program of trophies and medals within the MSHSL policy.
- 10.8 Send all meet information to participating schools including timelines for seeding. Include Executive Secretary in all mailings.
- 10.9 Obtain necessary personnel to run the tournament. Host keeps concession profits. No Section allowance for concession workers.
- 10.10 Provide an AED for the tournament and make sure officials and table workers know the location of it.

10.2 **Individual:** The individual tournament will be held on the Thursday and Friday preceding the State tournament. Start time for both days will be **4:30**.

- 10.21 **Weigh-In** Procedures – National Federation Rules
Contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh-in shoulder to shoulder at the tournament site a maximum of 2 hours before the first session of each day.
- 10.22 Two mats and three officials or three mats and four officials may be used depending on the site. Team tournament will not affect individual completion. Refer to Section 10.4 for Team tourney information.
- 10.23 **Seeding:** A seeding meeting will be held at a date and location as determined by the tournament manager. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The tournament manager will chair the seeding meeting.

10.23A Each school is to submit its line-up one half hour, (or sooner), prior to the seeding meeting, (fax, email or hand deliver to the tournament manager). Once the line-up has been submitted no changes in weight classes by any of the listed wrestlers will be allowed. An individual can be replaced prior to the weigh in on Friday, however the "replaced wrestler" will not be allowed to participate. There are no substitutions after the initial weigh in. Five wrestlers will be seeded in each weight class. Byes will then be drawn for any of the open positions. After seeded wrestlers and byes are in place the remaining wrestlers will draw for bracket position. If a seeded wrestler is unable to compete, his weight class shall be reseeded beginning at the point of the missing wrestler. (Example: 3rd seeded wrestler is unable to compete. the 1st and 2nd seed remain as listed with No. 4 and 5 seed moving up to take the 3rd and 4th seed position. The No. 5 seed is now replaced by a different wrestler. NOTE: If there is a possibility that one of the five seeded wrestlers will not be competing then a 6th wrestler should be seeded. The tournament manager would then adjust the bracket accordingly to the seeded positions in each weight bracket.

10.23 B When a one day tournament is approved and conducted and a **weight class is filled, all wrestlers will be seeded and placed accordingly in a bracket.**

- 10.24 **Individual Awards:** According to MSHSL Policy
- All awards will follow the League policy with an awards presentation at the conclusion of each weight class or as determined by the site manager.
 - Medals will be presented by the tournament manager or a designee assigned by the Region Committee.
 - Medals will be awarded to the top six (6) individuals in each weight class.
- 10.25 **Postponements:** Site managers will work with the Coordinator and the Executive Secretary in reaching any postponement decision.
- 10.3 **Admission** - The individual tournament will be divided into two sessions; Thursday and Friday.. The cost of tickets for. Each session will be \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 students. When a two day event is changed to a one day event, the admission prices will be \$6 for students and \$9 for adults.
- 10.4 **Team:** The team Sectional tournament will be held the week prior to the individual tournament. All classes will qualify all of their teams for the dual meet tournament. When there are more than eight (8) teams that qualify for the dual meet tournament a preliminary round will be held. Each class will determine their procedure.
- 10.41 **Seeding:** The wrestling coordinator will provide information to all schools regarding seeding. Seeding will be done via email or if approved by the region committee, a seeding meeting may be conducted at a location determined by the Coordinator on the Monday prior to the team tournament The Coordinator will provide the date of seeding. Each coach ranks all of the schools in the sub-section except their own. One high score and one low score is thrown out. Points are totaled and the lowest point total is the high seed, etc. **IF THERE ARE 7 SCHOOLS OR FEWER, THE HIGH AND LOW SCORES ARE NOT THROWN OUT.** Regular tournament bracketing format will be followed. Coordinator will provide brackets and the results of the seeding to the schools and complete the brackets on the MSHSL Region 2A website.
- In case of a tie for a seeded position the tie will be broken in the following manner:
- Result of head to head competition. – Remove this tie breaker if the winner of that game was determined by a forfeit.
 - If that does not break the tie, the ranking that the tied schools gave each other is dropped.
 - If that does not break the tie, flip a coin.
- 10.42 **Weigh-ins:** Team – National Federation Rules
Contestants of the same gender shall have the opportunity to weigh-in shoulder to shoulder a maximum of 1 hour before the time of the dual meet or a team’s first competition in a multiple dual meet event is scheduled to begin.
- 10.43 **Skin checks** begin at 12:30. Weigh In at 1:00 for a 2:00 scheduled start. (Comparable times for 1st Round and Quarter finals)
- 10.44 Prelims will begin at 6:00 on the Thursday prior to the Saturday championship. The sites will be the top four seeds. The quarter finals will begin 20 minutes after the completion of the prelims. If there are no prelims, the quarterfinal matches will begin at 7:00. Semi Finals begin at 2:00 on the Saturday prior to the individual tournament and the finals begin 20 minutes after the completion of the semi final matches.
- 10.45 **Mats & Officials:** Two mats will be used and two officials hired to work the semi finals team tournament and two officials for the finals. Preliminary matches will be on one mat with one official.
- 10.46 **Official Squad:** The official tournament squad is: 19 wrestlers, 3 coaches, and 2 student assistants
Extra coaches MAY NOT be in the team area or on the team bench once competition begins.
- 10.47 **Team Awards** - According to MSHSL policy.
All awards will follow the League policy with an awards presentation at the conclusion of the championship meet. Trophies and medals will be presented to the top two teams by the tournament manager. Champion, Runner-Up plus 20 team members (both teams).

Awards Other than MSHSL: Only MSHSL awards can be presented at subsection and/or section events. If awards other than MSHSL are to be presented, it must be done before the warm-ups begin or after the MSHSL awards presentation has been completed.

- 10.5 **Forfeiture Policy - Before Seeding/After Seeding** - When a team has to forfeit one or more games the seeding for the section tournament must be done as described below. There are four possible scenarios which would have an impact
1. A team forfeits regular season games before seeding takes place.
 2. A team forfeits regular season games after seeding takes place.
 3. A team forfeits the right to participate in the tournament after seeding takes place; or a team is added to the tournament after seeding takes place.
 4. A significant number of players are declared ineligible for the tournament after seeding takes place.

#1 - If seeding is on a point basis, a meeting of the head coaches is required to rate teams based on tournament team strength. This meeting could be face to face or done via a conference call or web meeting.

#2 - No change in seeds due to game planning factors such as dates; locations; transportation; officials; film exchange, etc

#3 - The tournament manager will assign new seeds by deleting the team that forfeits and adjusting other seeds accordingly. i.e. #1 will receive a bye in an 8-team tournament and teams move up.

#4 - No change in seeds since this situation could be very similar to teams with many injured and/or ill players. The team will play according to their original seed.

10.6 **Sportsmanship – Behavior Expectations For Post-Season Tournament Competition**

- Respect the American flag and the National Anthem
- Spectators must wear clothing that covers the entire torso – clothing must be appropriate and not vulgar or obscene
- Spectators may not wear masks
- The use of appropriate language is expected at all times. Profanity, negative chants, booing, trash talk, name calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable
- Hand held signs (no larger than 18” by 24”) must not obstruct the view of others – all signs must be in good taste
- No artificial noisemakers will be allowed – (i.e. megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks or any kind of stick, air horns and other similar items)
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10.68 **Cheerleaders** - No maximum - must be in uniform and cheered during the regular season.

10.7 **Cell Phones**

Cell phones and similar devices with camera capability are prohibited in any dressing room being used for an activity that is administered by Region 2A. It is the responsibility of the school administration/activities director/director/coach to inform students about the restriction prior to the competition and to collect the phones before student-athletes enter any dressing room facility

10-8 **Halftime/between game/match activities:** Halftimes (includes between games/matches as well) at subsection and/or section events should be designated to **bands only** of the competing schools. Halftime events for promotion of booster clubs, fundraisers, etc – (i.e. half court bb shot; football toss, etc.) CANNOT be done.