

Advisory Committee Report to the MSHSL board of Directors

Committee: Wrestling Advisory

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Agenda recommendations for a change to the current Wrestling Advisory rules and policies.

Current Rule/Policy: State the rule/policy as it appears in the current Rules and Policies Manual: 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 Change to Policy/Rule:

Girls Only Regular Season Events:

For the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year only, teams are allowed to add up to four additional events that are only available to team members who are girls. These four events will not be counted as part of the team maximum of 16 events.

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

Identify your rationale for the proposed change: 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 are limited to the 16 events that their open division teammates participate in. There are not currently enough females competing to have a girls division in every event. We would like to give them the opportunity to participate in girl only events when possible.

Cite an example of how the proposed change would affect this activity: A team would like to send their girls to a tournament in Pine Island while their open division teams (JV and/or Varsity) go to an event in Red Wing. This would count as one of their four girls only events and one varsity and one jv event.

A team would like to send their girls to an event in Eden Prairie on a date that their open division teams (JV and/or Varsity) are not competing. This would count as one of their four girls only events.

A team takes all team members to the Rumble on Red (this includes open varsity, jv, and girl's divisions) this would not count as one of their girls only events as the entire team travels to the same location. It would count as one varsity and one jv event.

A team sends their open division jv and girls that mostly compete on the jv level to a JV Invitational that includes a girls division. This would count as one jv event.

How does your proposal impact:

- A. the tournament administration?** No Impact
- B. the change in competition time needed to accommodate your recommendation?** No impact
- C. the number of competitors?** No impact
- D. the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation?** No impact
- E. the number of awards?** No impact
- F. other items which should be considered regarding the above-stated proposal?** It allows teams the opportunity to provide opportunities for girls only divisions of events without taking away the opportunity for the open division events.

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