

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:

Girls Only Regular Season Events: Currently the MSHSL State Wrestling Tournament has one day for team competition and two days for individual competition. The link takes you to the 2022 State Tournament Schedule:

<https://www.mshsl.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/wr%20Tourn%20Schedule%202022%20%281%29.pdf>

[2022 Wrestling State Tournament Schedule Xcel Energy Center](#)

2022 Wrestling State Tournament Schedule Xcel Energy Center Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Team and Individual Tournament Registration: 4:00-6:00 p.m., Main Concourse—Gate #1, Sections 103 & 104 Thursday, March 3, 2022: Team State Tournament
www.mshsl.org

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy: Proposed Change to Policy/Rule:

We are proposing adding a half day to our current tournament format. Below is an example of what the format could look like:

Day 1 Schedule

Session 1

3:00 pm Class AAA and AA Team Quarterfinals

5:00 pm Class A Team Quarterfinals and Class AAA and AA Team Consolation Semifinals

7:00pm Class AAA, AA, and A Team Semifinals and Class A Team Consolation Semifinals

Day 2 Schedule

Session 2

9:00am Class AAA Individual Round of 16

10:30am Class AA Individual Round of 16

12:00pm Class A Individual Round of 16

1:30pm Girls Individual Round of 16

Session 3

5:00pm Class AAA, AA, and A Team 3rd and 5th Place Matches

7:00pm Class AAA, AA, and A Team Championship Matches

Day 3

Session 4

9:00am Class AAA Individual Quarterfinals and First Round Wrestlbacks

10:30am Class AA Individual Quarterfinals and First Round Wrestlbacks

12:00pm Class A Individual Quarterfinals and First Round Wrestlbacks

1:30pm Girls Individual Quarterfinals and First Round Wrestlbacksl

Session 5

4:30pm Class AAA, AA, A, and Girls Individual 2nd Round Wrestlbacks

6:30pm Class AAA, AA, A, and Girls Championship Semifinals

8:30pm Class AAA, AA, A, and Girls Individual Consolation Quarterfinals (this round could be wrestled in the morning instead if desired)

Day 4

Session 6

9:00am Class AAA, AA, A, and Girls Individual Consolation Semifinals followed by 3rd and 5th Place Matches

Session 7

4:00pm Class AAA, AA, A, and Girls Individual Championship Matches

Identify your rationale for the proposed change: The rationale for this proposal is three-fold. Most importantly, we need to add time to the schedule to allow for the future growth of girls wrestling. Currently the schedule can accommodate girls' brackets of eight competitors with some tweaking, but does not allow growth past that. Secondly, we would like to have a full consolation allowing all competitors the opportunity to wrestle back to third place. In the current model, a wrestler could wrestle one time at the state tournament and then be eliminated. This is not how our tournaments are conducted all year long, but then on the biggest stage it is different. A wrestler could be eliminated after only one match due to an unlucky draw into the bracket. We do not believe this to be a fair method when the possibility exists to give all competitors the opportunity to wrestle back to place at that state tournament. The final reason is there is a lack of build-up in the press to the state finals for both the team and individual competition due to them being competed in such a short format.

Cite an example of how the proposed change would affect this activity: This proposal would allow for the growth of girls' wrestling and add full consolation to the open individual tournament.

How does your proposal impact:

a. the tournament administration: This proposal would add time for more female competitors and add one consolation round to the open division at the state tournament.

b. the change in competition time needed to accommodate your recommendation: We would be adding a half day to the competition schedule of the state tournament. We have had this in the past, but did not attempt to wrestle 2 team rounds at that time.

c. the number of competitors: Allows for the future growth of girls' wrestling.

d. the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation: We would add a half day of competition time to the current schedule. The facility is already rented and being used for tournament preparation on this day.

e. the number of awards: It would allow for girls' wrestling to have state place winners out to 6th place to match the open division tournament.

f. other items which should be considered regarding the above-stated proposal: The competition time would be longer, so staffing of officials, table workers, ticket takers, concessions, etc. would be impacted.

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