

Wrestling

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Indicate the category of the proposed recommendation

State Tournament recommendations regarding Date(s) and Site(s)

Authors of the Proposal

Wrestling Advisory

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.

Currently the MSHSL State Wrestling Tournament has one day for team competition and two days for individual competition. The link takes you to the 2023 State Tournament Schedule:
www.mshsl.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/2023%20WR%20Tourn%20Schedule.pdf

Proposed Recommendation

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

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 Wrestlbacks

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

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

N/A

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

Full consolation brackets in the individual tournament has been the top priority for MN Wrestling Coaches and Wrestling Advisory for over 20 years. With the addition of girls wrestling, it is only a matter of time before additional time will be needed at the state tournament to allow the girls to have a 16 person bracket. The number of girls participants has already doubled in just one year.

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

This proposal will allow the girls to have the same size tournament as the open division tournament.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

N/A

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

This has been the top priority for the MN Wrestling Coaches Association for over twenty years.

Impact

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

It allows the girls division to have the same tournament format as the open division
Currently $\frac{1}{4}$ of the participants in the individual tournament are eliminated after the 1st round. This proposal would allow 100% of the state individual participants to have the opportunity to wrestle back to as high as 3rd place. Currently an unlucky draw can mean only one match at the state tournament.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

It adds a half day to the state tournament. The number of girls sections will continue to be monitored to make the adjustment to a full 8 competitive sections as the numbers warrant.

Length of Tournament

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

It adds a half day to the tournament.

Participants

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

It will allow the girls tournament to grow from 8 participants per weight class to 16 participants per weight class to be comparable to the open division tournament.

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

It would allow an extra 8 girls per bracket to participate at the state tournament.

Facilities

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

It would mean competing at the Excel Energy Centre for a ½ day more. The space is already set up and ready on the day being proposed.

Awards

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

There would be four more girls' section tournaments with medals for the placers at those sections. No more state awards would be needed as we already wrestle out to 6th place.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

This proposal has been recommended by the past MSHSL Wrestling Tournament Managers. In conversation with the managers and league staff over the years, we have brainstormed many options to allow for more matches at the state tournament (use of Roy Wilkens, trying to fit more mats on arena floor, etc). Now with the addition of girls wrestling, it is only a matter of time before the full tournament will not fit in the current three day format.

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