

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
WRESTLING COMMITTEE
MARCH 10, 2017

A meeting of the MPA Wrestling Committee was held on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Babin, Rich Buzzell (Chair), Ed Hatch, Dan McKeone, Roy Pelotte, and Charlie Swan.

MEMBER ABSENT: Dan McKeone.

LIAISONS PRESENT: Nate Gurney (substitute), Matt Hanley, Scott Lewia, and Marty Ryan.

STAFF PRESENT: Gerry Durgin.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Rich Buzzell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a MOTION by Babin/Hatch, the minutes of January 19, 2017 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gerry Durgin shared several pieces of correspondence relative to:

- Independents and Consolidated Teams (No Action Taken).
- Girls States (No Action Taken).
- Maine Wrestling Class "B" 2017.
- Correspondence related to "Kinesio Tape".
- General Guidelines for Sports Hygiene, Skin Infections (Current MPA Policy)
- New England format – Maine is opposed to the format.

OFFICIALS' REPORT:

- They have a concern over "Orthopedic Surgeons" covering skin inspections.
- Request no red markers on wrestlers as it may appear as blood.
- Currently 31 board certified officials.
- Review Official's Fees – they want to work with schools.
- Transgender Wrestler – policy regarding weigh-ins.
- Will the Augusta Civic Center be available in 2018? Mr. Durgin has already checked and it is not available unless the committee wants to shorten the season by a week which would leave two weeks between the states and the qualifier.

COACHES' REPORT : The following areas of concern were expressed:

- Uneven numbers between Class "B" North and "B" South.
- Coaches are concerned about the continuous violators of the integrity of rules.

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- Coaches need to be aware of the "Skin Form."
- Reminder to do Match Weight Minimum Form.
- Ask committee to consider 45-minute to 30-minutes between matches (No Action Taken).
- Ask committee to consider Regional/State Team Championships (No Action Taken).
- Concern expressed over size of gyms and seating.
- JV Future Tournament – this is up to the leagues.
- Suggest officials wear numbers for ranking (No Action Taken).
- Coaches would like a list of all officials (go to Arbiter).
- Concern over Byes at Regional and States and having the seeds hold up.

REVIEW 2017 REGIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS: The 2017 tournaments went well. Attendance was down. The committee congratulated and thanked all host sites for a wonderful job hosting.

NEW ENGLAND QUALIFIER: The New England Qualifier was held at Marshwood High School on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Overall, it was considered a success.

OTHER: On a MOTION by Babin/Hatch the 2018 sites were approved.

The committee selected the following sites for 2018:

Regionals:

A North	Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School
B North	Mt. View High School
A South	Marshwood High School
B South	Mountain Valley High School

States: Class A - Sanford High School / Class B - Wells High School

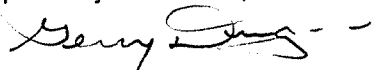
New England Qualifier: Nokomis Regional High School

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the MPA office.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS: 1) Athletic Director / Coaches Meetings and 2) Wrestlers that are in a coop situation – wrestling in their actual class.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerry Durgin
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