

SECTIONAL WRESTLING - TOURNAMENT NOTICES

1. **Sectional Entries:** The top four at each weight class at the district tournament will advance to the sectional tournaments. School will not need to complete any sectional entries on the MSHSAA website due to the top wrestlers at each weight class from districts being rolled directly over to sectional tournament programs on Trackwrestling.com.

Sectional Matchups/Brackets: All sectional brackets will be 8man brackets using a double elimination wrestleback to 3rd place. The sectional brackets will be administered using matchups for the first round based on district place finish.

Example: District 1 (1st Place) vs. District 2 (4th Place)
 District 1 (3rd Place) vs. District 2 (2nd Place)
 District 2 (1st Place) vs. District 1 (4th Place)
 District 2 (3rd Place) vs. District 1 (2nd Place)

NOTE: If a district place finisher is unable to compete at the sectional tournament due to injury, illness, Covid quarantine, failure to make weight, etc., wrestlers will maintain the same position in the bracket and a forfeit shall be scored to the opponent in the first round and first round wrestleback.

The sectional tournaments will be matched up as follows:

District 1 & District 2 = Sectional 1
District 3 & District 4 = Sectional 2
District 5 & District 6 = Sectional 3
District 7 & District 8 = Sectional 4

2. **Coach Admission:** Only “Approved” High School coaches as posted on a school’s Coaches and Directors page on the MSHSAA website who have completed the mandatory online rules review may be admitted to district and serve as a coach per MSHSAA By-Law 3.1. Any individual not registered with the MSHSAA as a school approved coach who attempts to coach at mat side may cause the athlete to lose eligibility thus preventing further participation in the state tournament series and/or be banned from continued attendance during the postseason.
4. **MSHSAA Skin Condition Forms:** It is MANDATORY for sectional hosts to have an on-site physician(MD/DO/Nurse Practitioner) present at all weigh-ins at all districts. As per NFHS 4-2-3 and 4-2-4 an on-site physician(MD, DO, Nurse Practitioner) may overrule the diagnosis of the physician that completed and signed off on a MSHSAA Skin Condition Form for a wrestler to participate with a skin condition. If your sectional site uses a Nurse Practitioner they can only rule on wrestlers without a skin form or can only overrule a Skin Condition Form completed by another Nurse Practitioner. A Nurse Practitioner cannot overrule a Physician’s (MD/DO) diagnoses found on a MSHSAA Skin Condition Report Form. Every coach should be visually checking his wrestlers on a daily basis and sending any wrestler with a potential skin condition problem to a doctor immediately. The state tournament will also use an onsite physician. Please be advised that the MSHSAA Skin Condition Forms are reviewed by the onsite physicians primarily for identifying what medication has been prescribed to the wrestler and for how long the wrestler has been on the medication in relation to the

skin condition that was diagnosed by the physician completing the skin form. Skin Condition Forms will often times be what actually clears a wrestler to participate “if” being medicated and treated properly.

5. **Weight Allowance:** An additional one-pound growth allowance will be issued at the sectional tournament resulting in a three-pound growth allowance for both sectional and state tournaments.

Example: Girls 102 = 105 Boys 106 = 109

Note: This additional growth allowance will also increase the minimum weight requirement at all weight classes per NFHS Wrestling Rules.

6. **Sectional Tournament Attendance/Masks and Face Coverings:** Due to Covid19, all attendance restrictions and allowances are under the discretion of the host school in consultation with the local/county health department. The MSHSAA sectional tournaments will fully support and comply with those restrictions and allowances deemed necessary by the host school. **All participating schools shall follow and comply with all request from the host school regarding attendance and use of masks or face coverings.**

7. **Sectional Officials Assigned:** The MSHSAA office has assigned (4) officials to each sectional tournament based on officials availability, officials recommendations completed by coaches and which districts that officials officiated at. Due to Covid19 and intentional efforts of limiting the number of wrestlers, coaches and overall attendance at postseason sites, a sectional tournament round has been implemented. All Sectional tournaments will use two mats with (4) officials. The championship semi-finals, consolation semi-finals, first place matches and third place matches will use a mat official/assistant official (inside/outside) official, but the matches/rounds prior to these will use one mat official (inside only) per match.

8. **Sectional Place Finishers (State Qualifiers):** The top three place finishers (1st, 2nd, 3rd) at each weight class will qualify and advance to the state tournament. Medals will not be awarded to individual placers. No team points will be tracked and no team plaques will be awarded.

9. **No Substitutions/Alternates to State:** If a wrestler who places in the top three at the sectional tournament is injured, ill or placed in Covid quarantine between the end of sectional and the start of the state tournament, there WILL NOT be substitution or alternate permitted to replace this wrestler at the state tournament.