PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
UPDATED: 2024-25 MHSAA WRESTLING

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT
The MHSAA Wrestling Tournament is conducted in four equal divisions by enrollment for team competitions, and four equal divisions by enrollment, plus a fifth division for girls-only individual competitions.

TEAM FORMAT - In the Team tournament series, schools will be assigned to one of 32 District tournaments in each division. Four District champions will advance to one of eight Regional tournaments in each division. Regional champions advance to the MHSAA Team Finals, which consist of Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final matches at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo. All Team tournament matches will be single-elimination, team dual format. An open draw will determine pairings at the initial District tournament. The pre-determined pairings for the Team Regional tournament are as follows:

2025 Team Wrestling Regional pairings:
Lowest District Number vs. 2nd Lowest District Number
2nd Highest District Number vs. Highest District Number

Pairings for the Team Finals - Quarterfinal round will be determined by a seeding and draw process. Seeding criteria *(similar to the individual District seed criteria)* will determine the top teams (a minimum of 4 seeded teams, and the remaining teams either seeded or drawn in).

2025: Team Tournament Dates
- Districts..... **February 5**..... **(Divisions 2 & 4)**
  February 6..... **(Divisions 1 & 3)**
- Regionals..... **February 12**
- Finals..... **February 21-22**

Team Regionals will be hosted by a PARTICIPATING TEAM determined by Team District number. This will rotate between Team Districts on a yearly basis.

2025: The HIGHEST # Team District champion will host the Team Regional.
Example: Teams in Team Regional 101: Team District 101, 102, 103, 104.
The **HIGHEST** # Team District would be **104**; thus they would host Team Regional 101.

INDIVIDUAL FORMAT - In the Individual tournament series, school teams are assigned to one of 8 Districts in each Division where wrestlers compete as individuals in bracketed, seeded competition. **A female may NOT participate in both the Individual District and the Girls Individual District.** Individual matches will take place in 14 weight classes, with the top four wrestlers advancing to one of 4 Regionals in each Division, with two Districts feeding each Regional. The top four wrestlers in each weight class at the Regional tournament qualify for the MHSAA Individual Finals at Ford Field. A school may enter a maximum of 14 wrestlers at the Individual District Tournament with no more than 2 wrestlers in any one weight class. Pairings for the Individual Finals will consist of seeding the four Regional champions and then completing the remainder of the bracket based on formula.

Host sites and assignments for Team Districts, Individual Districts (traditional and Girls), and Individual Regionals (traditional and Girls), are determined by the MHSAA.

2025: Individual Tournament Dates
- Districts..... **February 8**
- Girls Districts..... **February 9**..... **(GIRLS-ONLY)**
- Regionals..... **February 15**
- Girls Regional..... **February 16**..... **(GIRLS-ONLY)**
- Finals..... **February 28 - March 1**

2. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

All contestants must be accompanied by a school representative throughout tournament involvement. The MHSAA Weight Monitoring Program rules & regulations cover all wrestlers participating in the MHSAA tournament. Details of the Weight Monitoring Program are published on the MHSAA website.

TEAM DISTRICT / TEAM REGIONAL GENERAL PROCEDURES –

For all "**THREE** (**3**) TEAM" DISTRICT SITES:

- One mat shall be used for both the semifinal and final matches.
- One official shall be contracted.
- During the draw, a host school may indeed draw a bye.

For all "**FOUR** (**4**) TEAM" DISTRICT SITES & REGIONAL SITES:

- Two mats shall be used for the semifinals.
- One mat shall be used for the finals.
- Two officials shall be contracted, and each will work a semifinal match.
- For all final matches, the officials will use the two-official system (referee and assistant referee).

The NFHS Tiebreaker shall be used in the event that two teams tie in a team tournament competition.

There is no requirement that a participant in the Team District or Team Regional Tournament must have wrestled a match during the regular season. The only requirement of a Team District/Regional participant is that their name appears on the Master Eligibility and Alpha Master rosters of the school, as well as being eligible under the Weight Monitoring Program. Each school is allowed to weigh-in a maximum of twenty-eight (28) wrestlers.

Weigh-in & Inspection - An official (referee) and, when possible, a physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. If a meet physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) has been designated, that person will have final authority in determining whether or not a competitor may weigh-in. If there is no meet physician, the final authority falls to the official. If a physician is secured, it is recommended where possible that the physician has experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example). Shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-ins are to be conducted on-site **60 MINUTES** before the meet is scheduled to begin. Weigh-in shall be conducted as stated in the MHSAA Weigh-In Procedures. After entering, wrestlers are to remain in the weigh-in area until they have completed the weigh-in. One scale shall be used in the Team District weigh-in and shall begin with the drawn weight class for the Team Tournament. If there is a point where wrestlers choose not to step on the scale (wanting to wait to see who steps on the scale for the other team), the official will call the weight class for a final time and then will move on to the next weight class. The weigh-in concludes after the last weight class. The weigh-in shall be up to one hour in length, and the EXACT weight of each contestant shall be recorded on the Team Weigh-In form.

INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT GENERAL PROCEDURES –

A minimum of three mats must be used, and four mats are recommended for conducting the Individual District. Four officials shall be contracted if three mats are used; if four mats are used, five officials shall be contracted. Schools choosing to secure additional officials beyond what is indicated may do so, but this is a cost the host school chooses to cover.

- For a wrestler to be eligible as one of the 14 school entries at the **Individual District Tournament**, a wrestler must have a VARSITY record (win, loss, forfeit). If a wrestler competes at a weight class for the first time at the Individual District, the wrestler would be required to make scratch weight.

- For a wrestler to be eligible as one of the **14** school entries at the **Girls Individual District tournament**, a wrestler must have a RECORD (win, loss, forfeit). If a wrestler competes at a weight class that is below a weight class that had been made for the first time at the Girls Individual District, the wrestler would be required to make scratch weight.

Each school is allowed to enter fourteen (14) wrestlers into the Individual District tournament, with no more than two (2) wrestlers being entered in any one weight class.

For the Individual District and the Girls Individual District tournaments, the list of entries and the season results MUST be entered via TrackWrestling. Coaches and Girls must choose if they would like to be entered into the traditional Individual District tournament OR the Girls Individual District tournament. **THEY MAY NOT BE ENTERED INTO BOTH INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS.**

Medical Removal from Competition - If the meet-appointed/approved physician (MD, DO, PA or NP) assigned to a tournament decides that a contestant may not start, compete, or continue to wrestle in that tournament, they shall inform the Tournament Management who will adhere to the medical decision and make the final announcement. Arrangements should be made to have a physician on-call if it is impractical to have one available at the competition. Athletes who withdraw without the Tournament Manager's knowledge, written or verbal permission will be disqualified from the tournament and may not advance.

Weigh-In - A referee and, when possible, a physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) with experience in skin conditions (dermatologist, for example) shall inspect contestants before they are allowed to weigh-in. After entering the weigh-in area, wrestlers remain in the weigh-in area until they have completed the weigh-in. A minimum of two scales shall be used to conduct the weigh-in. The weigh-in shall be up to one hour in length. The actual weight of each contestant shall be recorded on the weigh-in form. The order of weight classes at weigh-in shall follow the order of weight classes to be wrestled at that tournament. All wrestlers weighing in at the same weight class must use the same scale.

"Scratch" Weight - A wrestler could achieve "scratch" weight by the following:

- Make "scratch" weight for an event that takes place, and their school participates in the event.
  - A wrestler is not required to compete at the weight for which they have made "scratch."
    - i.e., a wrestler makes "scratch" at the 220-pound weight class but is bumped to the Heavyweight class for the dual meet. This wrestler has still made "scratch" at the 220-pound weight class.
      - **IN ALL CASES, RECORD EXACT WEIGHTS AT ALL WEIGH-INS.**

"Scratch" Weight (GIRLS) - A girl could achieve "scratch" weight at an NFHS girls' weight by the following:

- Makes "scratch" weight and competes at an event that takes place and that uses NFHS girls' weight classes, and their school participates in the event.
- Makes "scratch" weight and competes at an event that takes place and that uses "traditional" weight classes that are the same or below an NFHS girls' weight class.
  - A wrestler is not required to compete at the weight for which they have made "scratch."
    - i.e., a girl weighs-in at 106.0. This qualifies as making 106 "scratch" for the traditional weight class, as well as 110 for the girls NFHS weight class.
    - i.e., a girl weighs-in at 100.0 pounds to wrestle 106 for a dual meet. This would qualify as making "scratch" at 100 pounds for the NFHS girls weight class. If this same girl weighs-in at 101.2 for 106, they have made "scratch" for 106, and even the 105 girls weight, but not the 100-pound girls weight class.
      - **IN ALL CASES, RECORD EXACT WEIGHTS AT ALL WEIGH-INS.**

Seeding - Each school will submit entries and wrestler record data for each of their 14 wrestlers through TrackWrestling. Coaches are encouraged to submit season summaries and seed materials. **For the Girls Individual District, coaches will submit records that are GIRLS vs GIRLS ONLY as entered into the Girls OPC season.** Coaches may add their wrestler's records against boys in the "NOTABLE" area on TrackWrestling.The TrackWrestling system will "pre-seed" participants based on the data submitted and the MHSAA seeding criteria. The following criteria are as follows:

Seeding – TrackWrestling will "pre-seed" the Individual District based on the following criteria:

1. Head-to-head competition; if tied, the most recent winner prevails.
2. Record against common opponents.
3. A wrestler with an exceptional record vs. acknowledged strong opposition.
4. Majority decision of the seeding committee group.
5. If agreement for seeding in each weight class cannot be reached within 20 minutes, the contestants not yet agreed upon shall be drawn in.

After this process, the seed group (one coach per school) will review brackets and make changes it deems necessary. The number one and two seeds shall receive a bye if there are 14 or 15 entrants, respectively. A wrestler does not have to have a winning record to receive seeding consideration.
A maximum number of 10 wrestlers can be seeded in each weight class. The decision of the group is final.

INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL GENERAL PROCEDURES –

All weigh-in, inspection and mat configuration procedures from the District tournament apply. The eight wrestlers in each weight class that advance from the two Districts feeding each Regional will be paired on a 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 formula. Three mats will be used at all Individual Regional sites.

Scrimmages - In wrestling, after MHSAA Individual District Tournament competition, qualifiers to Individual Regional tournaments may practice with / scrimmage qualifiers from other schools.
By rule, this does not count as one of the allowed four scrimmages.

Medical Removal from Competition - If the meet-appointed/approved physician (MD, DO, PA, or NP) assigned to a tournament decides that a contestant may not start, compete, or continue to wrestle in that tournament, they shall inform the Tournament Management who will adhere to the medical decision and make the final announcement. Arrangements should be made to have a physician on-call if it is impractical to have one available at the competition. Athletes who withdraw without the Tournament Manager's knowledge, written or verbal permission will be disqualified from the tournament and may not advance.

Procedure for Inspection of Communicable Disease - This procedure shall be adhered to for all MHSAA Tournament events. The procedure is contained in the MHSAA Wrestling Tournament Managers Manual, and the rule is contained in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book. Only the MHSAA / NFHS Communicable Disease Form (or digital photo of this exact form on an electronic device) is accepted as evidence that the wrestler's condition is acceptable within the rules.

3. MEDICAL EMERGENCY POLICY - Host school Tournament Managers should follow all local school district policies regarding medical emergencies for participating athletes, coaches, students, and adult spectators for competitions conducted in school facilities. It is advised that AED devices be readily available during tournament competitions. In addition**:**

- Trainers are an allowed expense for the tournament host and are encouraged but not required.
- If your school requires immediate and continuous attention, you are encouraged to bring your own certified athletic trainer (at your school's expense) to cover your team's needs and to also assist in the event if called upon. Your school's certified medical professional may not overrule certified medical professionals provided by tournament management.
- All MHSAA concussion protocols will be followed.
- MHSAA policy on tornado watches and warnings shall be followed.
- MHSAA policy on managing heat and humidity shall be followed.

When MHSAA tournament contests are conducted at non-school facilities, plans should be developed for the following needs and/or circumstances:

- Student, coach, and spectator shelter for outdoor events
- Host facility emergency equipment such as AEDs, fire escapes, etc.
- Emergency communications, i.e., phone numbers and school administration contact.
- Coordination with facility management regarding evacuation, first aid, and on-site responsibilities.
- Medical transport or first responder contact procedures.
- Proximity/directions of nearest medical facility.
- If your school requires immediate and continuous attention at post season TEAM competitions, you are encouraged to bring your own certified athletic trainer (at your school's expense) to cover your team's needs and to also assist in the event if called upon. Your school's certified medical professional may not overrule certified medical professionals provided by tournament management.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For all MHSAA tournaments conducted at either school or non-school facilities, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is required to be within visible distance of the event.

4. OPT-OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ROSTERS
All schools sponsoring wrestling have been assigned to an Individual and Team Tournament site. Schools not participating in an MHSAA tournament must notify the MHSAA and the Tournament Manager by 4:00 PM on **January 23.** All schools must submit their Master Eligibility List and a copy of the Alpha Master Roster to the TEAM **and** INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT MANAGER / HOST SCHOOL by **January 23**.

For schools not submitting their Master Eligibility List and copy of the Alpha Master Roster to the TEAM and INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT MANAGER / HOST SCHOOL by **January 23**, a late fee of **$50** shall be charged. This fee will be retained by the District Tournament host school. Entries may not be accepted after the entry and the seeding meeting has begun.

Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility List (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9 [F]) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of

competition for any team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if the individual names are not on the roster.

Ineligible Athletes - Teams that are defeated by teams that have allowed an ineligible student to participate **DO NOT** advance in MHSAA tournaments. Placement in MHSAA tournaments is vacated as a result of a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate. The same policy applies to individuals defeated by ineligibles; the advancing place is vacated.
Withdrawals - Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA Office if a school withdraws or fails to show up for scheduled competition after the Opt-Out Due Date.

The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request a written explanation from the school principal for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is deemed unacceptable by MHSAA Staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

5. DRAW PROCEDURES
Each Team District Manager will hold an open draw for the assigned schools. The manager will inform each school of the exact date, time, and place for the draw. The earliest draw date is **January 1** (or earlier by MHSAA permission). Must be done by **February 1.** During the draw, a host school may indeed draw a bye.

6. TIME SCHEDULES
Team District/Team Regional - Wrestling may not begin before 3:30 p.m. but must begin by 6:00 p.m. There shall be a ten (10) minute break between the semifinal and final rounds of wrestling.
Team Finals Time Schedule - (Wings Event Center: Kalamazoo, MI)

Friday, February 21 **Quarters**
- Division 4 ..... 12:00 pm
- Division 1 ..... 2:15 pm
- Division 3 ..... 4:30 pm
- Division 2 ..... 6:45 pm

Saturday, February 22 **Semis**
- Divisions 1 & 4 ..... 9:30 am
- Divisions 2 & 3 ..... 12:00 pm

Saturday, February 22 **Finals**
- Divisions 1-2-3-4 ..... 3:45 pm

Individual Time Schedules

District: Friday or Saturday, and Saturday or Sunday (Girls District) - Entry and seeding meeting at a time and location set by the Individual District manager. After all entries have been received from all schools, the seeding meeting shall begin. (The seed meeting may also take place Saturday or Sunday morning prior to the tournament). The starting weight class for competition and weigh-in will be announced by the MHSAA the previous Monday.

Saturday, February 8:	**Sunday, February 9: Girls Individual District**
• 7:30 a.m. - Optional Inspection of Wrestlers	• 8:30 a.m. - Optional Inspection of Wrestlers
• 8:00 a.m. - Inspection / Weigh-In	• 9:00 a.m. - Inspection / Weigh-In
• 8:30 a.m. - Coaches Meeting (unless held Friday)	• 9:30 a.m. - Coaches Meeting (unless held prior)
• 9:00 a.m. - TrackWrestling released to the public	• 10:00 a.m. - TrackWrestling released to the public
• 9:30 a.m. - Wrestling Begins	• 10:30 a.m. - Wrestling Begins
• TBA - Consolation & Championship Finals *(start within 20 min after the last Semifinal match)*	• TBA - Consolation & Championship Finals *(start within 20 min after the last Semifinal match)*

Individual Finals Time Schedule – (Ford Field: Detroit, MI)
- **Thursday, February 27** ..... **Inspection, Weigh-in, etc.** Time is TBD
- **Friday, February 28** ..... TBD
- **Saturday, March 1** ..... TBD

7. AWARDS
Each Team District and Team Regional champion will receive a trophy and 28 medals. Team Finals Champions and Finalists will receive a trophy and 28 medals. Schools may order additional medals at their own expense.

At the Individual Districts and Regionals, medals are given to the top 4 finishers in each weight class.
At the Individual Finals, medals are given to the top 8 finishers in each weight class.

Extra/Replacement Medal Order Form - use this **LINK**

8. LIMITS OF COMPETITION
Teams and individuals may have a maximum of **16 dates** of competition **(maximum of 8 tournament dates)** during the regular season. MHSAA tournament dates do NOT count against season maximums. Exceeding contest maximums will result in disqualification from the MHSAA tournament for TEAMS and /or INDIVIDUALS.

9. FINANCES
Team Tournament Finances - Beginning with the 101st mile, one way, a competing school at the TEAM Final Wrestling Tournament will be reimbursed at the following rate per mile from the home city to the tournament city, one way, for each trip:

0 to 75 miles	$0.00
76 to 100 miles	$1.00
101 to 150 miles	$1.50
151 to 250 miles	$2.00
251 to 350 miles	$2.50
351 miles and over	$3.00

The maximum allowance for meals is **$5.00** per person for up to 18 persons (wrestlers and mangers) for the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final days of the Team Wrestling Final Tournament until elimination. Any U.P. school that qualifies for the Team Final Tournament may be afforded meal and lodging allowance for an additional day to accommodate travel.

Reimbursement for housing is a maximum of $500 per night, per team for the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final days of the Team Wrestling Final Tournament until elimination. For a team to receive reimbursement, it MUST complete the Team Housing Form and utilize the property assigned by the MHSAA. A school's AD/coach must fax or email the Team Final Housing form to the MHSAA by **10:00AM** on **Thursday, February 13**.

NO reimbursement for meals and/or lodging for the Team District or Team Regional Tournaments.

Individual Tournament Finances - There is NO reimbursement or allowance for travel, meals, or lodging for participants in the Individual Wrestling Tournament (District, Regional, Girls Regional and Final).

10. OFFICIALS SELECTION/ASSIGNMENTS
All tournament officials at the Regional, Girls Individual Regional and Finals are assigned by the MHSAA Officials selection committee. Tournament managers hire approved officials at the Team District and Individual Districts from a list of officials supplied by the MHSAA.

11. PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS
National Federation wrestling playing rules will be used throughout the MHSAA season and tournament.
NFHS Weight Classes will be used. All policies and procedures of the MHSAA Weight Monitoring Program will apply.

12. MEDIA
The MHSAA (Jon Ross) issues annual Tournament Media Passes to approved media. Commercial photographers are never issued credentials.

Multimedia Policies - Audio/Video/Still Photography Rights – The MHSAA owns the rights to all multimedia (audio-video-still images-Internet) at all levels of its tournaments. Still and video photography is allowed by individual spectators from the seating area of the venue unless the host school district or facility has a previously existing policy which is more restrictive. The MHSAA has exclusive multimedia arrangements for its Final events. *MHSAA Handbook* Regulation II, Section 14(A) reads as follows: "No school may sell or rent videos (DVD, tape or film) or sell still images of contests which are part of an MHSAA tournament without the permission of the MHSAA." If a school wishes to authorize an individual(s) to create multimedia content, the principal or athletic

administrator must contact the tournament manager for passes and access. Refer to the publication, MHSAA Multimedia Regulations, for more information.

PARTICIPATING TEAM/SPECTATOR VIDEO STREAMING (POSTSEASON) - The broadcast and streaming rights of MHSAA post-season tournament events belong exclusively to the N-F-H-S Network, FanDuel Sports Network (formerly Bally Sports Detroit), the M-H-S-A-A, and those media outlets, which have pre-arranged to secure those rights. Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet - including using\ social media platforms or any other method. Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from live streaming video through any means. Participating schools are responsible for informing their students, parents and other fans of this policy and to assist the MHSAA upon request in enforcing it. Participating schools are asked to help promote where their particular game may be viewed when being streamed by the MHSAA, one of its television partners, or a media outlet, which has pre-arranged to secure such rights. Only one stream per site is allowed.

Video Streaming (Regular Season) – Video streaming during the regular season is allowed by the home/host school through the NFHS Network, MHSAA contracted partners (FanDuel Sports Network, State Champs! TVB), or if a school is not a NFHS partner, through a school-controlled web page or app. If the home/host school chooses not to livestream, the visiting school would have the option of doing so. Individual spectators or media outlets are prohibited from live-streaming video through any means. Only one stream per site is allowed.

Audio Streaming/Radio – Outlets are required to submit a broadcast application for postseason events with the MHSAA. Approval or denial emails will be sent to both the outlet and host school. Outlets are encouraged to check with the host school before applying to check on space/equipment needs. There is no limit to the number of outlets that may stream audio – as long as the host can accommodate them. In the regular season, outlets do not need to submit broadcast applications but need permission from the host school to provide an audio stream.

Drones - The use of drones (unmanned aerial vehicles) is prohibited at MHSAA tournament venues.
It is recommended that this postseason policy extend to the regular-season.

Press Box - Local schools hosting MHSAA Tournaments should plan to provide all working media wishing to cover an event with appropriate working space in a facility that shelters them from the weather at outdoor events (such as a press box) and provides a counter/table space with ancillary accommodations such as electricity; and when available without additional expense to the local site – telephone and internet. More details on press box priority can be found on page 21, Section N of the Multimedia Regulations.

Post-Game Interviews -- Coaches should also be readily available to meet with the media shortly after the conclusion of a contest. It is recommended that approximately five minutes after the game, managers provide a location other than the team locker rooms for post-game interviews with coaches and/or players the coach may wish to designate for interviews. Locker room access should never be allowed to media. Inasmuch as many media outlets are often on deadline following contests, interviews should be granted before any lengthy team meetings occur.

Videotaping- Competing schools may videotape games in which that school competes. The tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by game/meet officials. Schools wishing to videotape games at other sites may do so without securing advanced permission but must tape from the stands unless press box space is available. Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). The tape may not be distributed, sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.

Souvenir Program Policies - Teams winning Regional titles in selected sports must fill out and email program information and a team photograph to the MHSAA office to be used in the souvenir program for the Semifinals and the Finals in the event the team qualifies for Final round play. Program information kits are available on the respective sports pages of the MHSAA website. Those sports are as follows: Baseball, boys and girls basketball, girls competitive cheer, football, ice hockey, boys and girls soccer, softball, girls volleyball, team dual wrestling. Complete directions for filling out and submitting information and photographs is included with each kit. All program information and photographs must be submitted by email.

Merchandising/Promotion Policies - Use of MHSAA Logo – The MHSAA logo and acronym are registered trademarks. MHSAA tournament trophy designs are also copyrighted. Use of these legally protected marks requires written permission of the MHSAA. Contact the MHSAA Director of Brand Management for additional information.

13. SPORTSMANSHIP
When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team.

> Example: A wrestler is disqualified during the Individual Regional; the wrestler would be withheld from the remainder of the Individual Regional as well as the next day of competition. This could be Friday of the Team Finals (if the wrestler's team qualified for the Finals) or the Individual Finals if the wrestler's team did not qualify for the Team Finals.

In individual sports, a student or coach who is disqualified in the first round of a tournament which progresses over more than one day may not participate on any subsequent day in that tournament because the student has not qualified for additional rounds. This includes MHSAA tournaments in tennis and individual wrestling.

Post Contest Ejections – When a student or coach commits an ejectable offense against an official following the conclusion of the contest, but before the officials have left the facility and/or grounds, an official may disqualify the student or coach as though it had occurred during the contest.

Failure of the school for any reason to enforce this regulation will prohibit the school from entry in the next MHSAA tournament for that sport, or from the remainder of the current tournament if the disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament or during the last regular-season contest. Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season in that sport for undergraduates and coaches, or the next season in any sport for seniors. If the playing rules for a sport specify an additional penalty or more rapid progression, or use of such a progression for other violations, the playing rules apply.

Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and/or aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

If a team is removed from competition in protest, the contest is forfeited to the opponent and the coach and principal of the removed team must appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken. The Executive Committee may also require the appearance of personnel from other schools and game officials.

If the coach is ejected from the contest and an assistant coach, or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as the coach the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

When a contest is interrupted or it ends prematurely because of breakdown of proper sportsmanship and whether or not the on-site officials forfeit the contest to one team, one or both schools may be subjected to any or all, but not limited to, the following: censure, probation with competition, probation without competition, forfeiture, loss of privilege of revenue sharing, expulsion. In addition, it may be required of one or both schools that their coaches and administrators appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken.

14. WEATHER POLICIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS
When teams are delayed in arriving at tournament sites because of inclement weather management is encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches in brackets of teams/individuals that are present and prepared to participate. If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams/individuals have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled. If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled.

15. INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS
If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team that a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed. Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the game proceeds. The officials will make the final decision regarding game events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next event concerns.

16. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY
Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches, and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches' meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

> **Tobacco:** (NFHS: 7-5-5) Flagrant misconduct on the part of the coach or any team personnel is any act that the referee considers serious enough to remove the offender from the premises. These acts can occur prior to, during, or after a match. This includes the use of tobacco products. Flagrant misconduct shall be penalized in accordance with the Penalty Chart.
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> **Alcohol:** Historically, officials promptly disqualified coaches, and tournament managers immediately replaced officials who were under the influence of alcohol; and no change in such procedures is intended by these policies.

17. SPECTATOR POLICIES
The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA Tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Noisemakers are not allowed at MHSAA indoor tournaments.
- Body paint and bare chests are not allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.
- Signs on sticks are not allowed.
- Helium-filled balloons are not allowed.
- Spectator Videotaping – Spectators may tape games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator videotaping from a designated location(s). Video shot by schools and spectators may not be distributed on the Internet, nor may it be otherwise distributed, sold, rented, or loaned for commercial purposes.
- The policies of the local host site shall prevail with respect to pets/animals. In the absence of local host policy, animals or pets shall not be permitted to enter MHSAA tournament venues; including spectator and team areas. However, properly marked or documented service animals that are leashed or harnessed at all times may accompany spectators paying admission or attending with other approved team or school personnel. Individuals who bring service animals are asked to bring their own waste disposal bags and request special seating in advance of the event if this is needed.

18. RETURN TO ACTIVITY & POST-CONCUSSION CONSENT FORM – LINK

FEBRUARY – 2025 (TENTATIVE)						
SUN	**MON**	**TUE**	**WED**	**THR**	**FRI**	**SAT**
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 - Last Day: Team District Draws (JAN 1 – FEB 1)
2	3 - IND District Weight Posted	4	5 - **Team District 2 & 4**	6 - **Team District 1 & 3**	7 - IND District Submission - IND G Regional Submission - District Seed	8 - **IND District** - *District Seed (if not done FRI)*
9 - **G IND District** - *District Seed (if not done FRI or SAT)*	10 - IND Regional & G Regional Weight Posted	11	12 - **Team Regional**	13 - Team Final Season Summary - Team Final Housing Form	14 - Team Final Souvenir Program Forms Due	15 - **IND Regional**
16 - **G IND Regional** - Team Final Seed - IND Final Seed	17 - IND Final Weight & Brackets Posted	18	19	20	21 - **TEAM FINAL**	22 - **TEAM FINAL**
23	24	25	26	27 - Final Check-In - Final Inspection - Final Weigh-In	28 - **IND FINAL**	1 - **IND FINAL**

EXTRA TOURNAMENT MEDAL ORDER

Additional team medals can be ordered by a winning school's administration by submitting this form along with a check or money order. Please provide all requested details. **Extra medals will NOT be engraved**.
Medals will be shipped from the MHSAA as soon as payment is received.

SPORT: _____

BOYS: _____ GIRLS: _____

DIVISION/CLASS: _____

YEAR: _____

MEDALS:	QUANTITY	TOTAL
_____ DISTRICT	_____ @ $4 =	$_____
_____ REGIONAL	_____ @ $4 =	$_____
_____ GIRLS REGIONAL	_____ @ $4 =	$_____
_____ FINAL _____ PLACE (1st Gold – 2nd Silver – 3rd + Bronze)	_____ @ $5 =	$_____

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TOTAL $
Payable to MHSAA (includes shipping)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR _____ SCHOOL ID _____

SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____
(ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)

*** ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT**
SEND TO MHSAA, 1661 RAMBLEWOOD DR, EAST LANSING, MI 48823

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