

MIDDLETOWN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Purpose Statement and Operating Guidelines

The Middletown Wrestling Association will work to support the interscholastic wrestling program in achieving wrestling excellence at MASD. MWA will partner with the Head Wrestling Coach and staff to support their goals and direction for the overall wrestling program of the District by providing time, money and support.

MWA will focus its efforts on providing the MASD wrestling program with resources not otherwise provided by the school district. Efforts will concentrate on providing resources that allow the wrestlers to (i) improve their wrestling skills, (ii) better enjoy their interscholastic wrestling experience and (iii) experience the status and conveniences of a first class program.

The goal of MWA is the overall betterment of the Middletown wrestling program, rather than the advancement of any one wrestler. While focusing on the interscholastic program, MWA will work to promote the sport of wrestling by sponsoring an elementary program in which kids can enjoy and appreciate the wrestling by learning the basics of the sport.

Any resident of the school district is welcome to become a member of MWA. Members will have general input into the operation of the Association, which will be run on a day-to-day basis by an Executive Committee made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Varsity Head Coach. These officers shall be elected by the membership at its meeting in June.

Significant expenditures or commitments must be approved by the overall membership. Significant shall mean \$500 or more unless the expenditure is relating to specific individuals, then it shall mean \$200 or more. While MWA shall attempt to assist wrestlers with attendance at camps and other similar training type programs, this assistance shall be based on the work the wrestlers do in assisting in the fundraising programs undertaken during the year and any other criteria that may be established by the Head Coach and MWA. Scholarships shall only be provided where clear financial need is shown, efforts have been made by the wrestler to raise funds individually and the individual has agreed to do such additional work as may be determine by the Head Coach. In order to assist MWA in determining its fundraising needs, the Head Wrestling coach shall provide a preliminary budget at the first meeting of each year at the August/September meeting.

MWA shall raise money to supplement the wrestling program though:

- Sponsoring wrestling tournaments,
- Fund raisers,
- Elementary registration fees, and
- Such other methods as the membership approves.

MWA will focus its spending on the following areas, in order of priority:

- Tournament and camp fees to permit wrestlers to improve their skills;
- Reimbursement of travel costs incurred (and not otherwise covered by the school district) throughout the season;
- Provide clothing, or other items needed by the wrestlers during the season and not otherwise covered by the school district;
- Provide moneys toward significant capital items that may be needed by the wrestling program, including mats, scales, etc. not otherwise covered by the school district.

MWA will carry out many of its functions through the following committees:

- Program – The Program Committee shall be responsible for developing the lay-out of, obtaining sponsors for and printing the annual wrestling program.
- Clothing – The Clothing Committee shall oversee the offering on Middletown Wrestling apparel to the wrestlers, their families and the public.
- Banquet – The Banquet Committee will plan and oversee the implementation of the annual wrestling banquet following the conclusion of the season.
- Concessions – The Concession Committee shall be responsible for the all aspects of the offering of food and drinks at the home wrestling matches. This would include obtaining necessary food items as well as the volunteers to staff the stand.
- Non-Tournament Fund Raising – The Non-Tournament Fund Raising Committee shall be responsible for determining appropriate fund raisers to supplement those funds raised by the three annual wrestling tournaments. Recommendations will be made to the membership and if approved the committee will oversee the implementation of the fund raisers.
- Tournament Committee – The Tournament Committee will be made up of several sub-committees including: advertisement and registration; weigh-ins and bracketing; volunteers, and concessions. These sub-committees will carry out the specified responsibilities for planning and operating the tournaments sponsored by Middletown wrestling.
- Elementary Registration – The Elementary Registration Committee will be responsible for the preseason registration of interested elementary aged students who show a desire to wrestle. They will be responsible for advertising, selecting dates and locations, as well as distributing information packets to parents and wrestlers and to schools.
- Senior Night/Recognition – The Senior Night Recognition Committee is responsible to coordinate with the High School Wrestling Coach and the Athletic Director a night to recognize the graduating seniors at a home wrestling match. This would include pictures, flowers for mothers, etc.

- Volunteers –The Volunteers Committee would involve soliciting / coordinating help from the wrestler’s family, friends of Middletown Wrestling, or even school clubs to staff Concessions, Tournaments, etc.
- Awards – The Awards Committee will be responsible to work with the coaches in providing awards for the wrestlers within the MWA budget allowance.
- Elementary Dual Meet – The Elementary Dual Meet Committee will be responsible to work with the program to provide concession stand, and volunteers, etc. if required for any dual meets or tournaments not previously scheduled with MWA.
- Junior/Senior High Parent and Team Picture Night – The Junior/Senior High Parent and Team Picture Night Committee will be responsible to provide snacks and have the Team pictures taken.

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