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In wrestling, a weight monitoring program will allow a two-pound Jan. 16 growth allowance as permitted by National Federation rules. In 1997-98, the MHSAA will adopt a skinfold phase of the program, which determines body fat content according to a wrestler's competition weight range.

Increase in state tournament ticket prices from \$3 to \$4 for the 1997-98 season.

Provide three options for greater athletic participating flexibility to students who attend new and specialized public and private schools.

Tournament revenues

Roberts reported that the state boys basketball tournament continues to be the most lucrative source of revenue for the nearly \$5 million MHSAA budget, followed by football, girls basketball, wrestling and ice hockey.

Pre-determined sites for regional and regional football playoff games, however, are not

in the immediate future. "The host school has received 10 percent of the gate or \$300, whichever is greater," Roberts said. "They also get to keep all the concessions and parking."

"There is not a lot of sentiment from the football committee to change this. Most want to host games because they've earned the right to host (based on playoff points)."

"However, it's very difficult to get schools to host certain tournaments, such as regional cross country or individual district or wrestling regional. We're trying to add incentives through revenue sharing from other sports."

With the ticket increase in effect two years from now, a percentage of gate receipts to host basketball tournament games will drop from 33 to 30 percent.

Other business

Roberts said there is interest in boys volleyball (in the spring), but the Council reported there is little movement among member

schools. "For the MHSAA to consider running a tournament, we either have to have 10 percent or 70 schools involved," he said. "It's a sport that is there, but only half of the teams are recognized by their school boards. The rest are considered club teams."

Roberts also is concerned that the MHSAA is in tune with Michigan Department of Health standards regarding legal depths of pools. "I don't see any change in the association's policy," he said. "In swimming, our committee people feel there should be no conversion times for in-water starts. It would only lead to more problems."

The current debate is that many of our diving boards are below Board of Health standards but meet National Federation standards. Two schools on the west side of the state were just declared inoperable. With all the changes, it's been a moving target since 1983."

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two Olympics and six World Championships, three or four European Cups.

"They're all hard workers. They'll go like it's a 9-to-5 job, for more than eight hours, two or three practices per day."

Ivanov and Dounev were recently married (in June), but both hope to latch on with an NCAA school. Michigan and Ohio State are possibilities if they meet eligibility.

"They really want an education," Gueorguiev said. "Right now they're waiting to see if they get any offers."

Dounev, the silver medalist, is also awaiting word about the possibility of going on an international show tour of Europe with other Olympians.

"I may try for 2000 (in Sydney, Australia)," Dounev said. "But I'd really like to be at a university and compete. I'd like to study computer engineering."

Dounev, who remembers the fall of the Todor Zhivkov Communist regime in 1989, enjoys

his new liberties, as well as the American way of life.

"Young people have freedom and many opportunities, but they're polite, friendly and honest, too," Dounev said. "Just being honest is important. Money is important only if you make it important."

Ivanov came close to winning a medal in two different individual events but was one place too short, according to the judges.

"I'm not really upset because I came up with my best result and I was in the top eight (finalists) against some of the best," he said. "They (the judges) did the best they could. That's just gymnastics."

The animated and friendly Ivanov has never formally studied English, but has picked up the language while competing in

meets around the world.

"He's learned a lot, but his body language alone shows you what kind of person he is," Gueorguiev said. "He'd like to study psychology and help people."

Ivanov also appreciates the lifestyle in America. "They give young people a chance, and they have a lot of choices," he said. "In a democracy, everyone has to find themselves, and the best survive."

Ivanov also admired the way Kerri Strug overcame torn ligaments in her ankle to help the Americans win a gold medal.

"She's a very tough girl and I think she's a hero," he said. "She knew everybody on her team worked four years for that success. And she knew you only have one chance every four years to do it."

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ened, six-inning game.

Fleming, the pick-up from LCB champion Hines Park, pitched five innings, allowing five hits. DCI took advantage of five St. Louis errors.

On Aug. 3, DCI made it 3-0 in the fourth with a 7-6 victory over host Louisville as Greg Ryan singled home Brian Kalczynski with the game-winning run in the eighth inning.

Kalczynski, a shortstop from

Michigan and pick-up from Hines Park, walked and stole second to start the rally.

Fabris pitched three innings of middle relief to get the victory.

Uzarski, a pick-up from Little Caesars, led the winners with three hits.

In the second game of the day, DCI suffered its first loss as Dayton came away with a 9-3 win. St. Louis knocked out Dayton 16-4 setting up the finale.

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