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2008-2009 NFHS - OHSAA Wrestling Rules Changes













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2008-09 OHSAA Boys Wrestling Calendar



Nov. 14, 2008

Nov. 15, 2008

Nov. 26, 2008

Dec. 5, 2008

Dec. 25, 2008

Jan. 26, 2009

Feb.16 – 21, 2009

Feb.23 – 28, 2009

Mar. 5 - 7, 2009

Mar. 7, 2009

Coaching & Instruction begins

First Alpha weigh-in date

Earliest Preview - Three hour limit

(4 scrimmages or 3 and 1 preview)

First Match

9-12 growth allowance

Final Alpha Master Submission

Sectional Tournament

District Tournament

State Tournament

Season Ends

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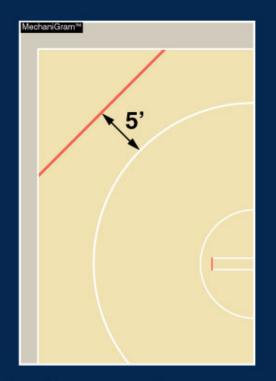
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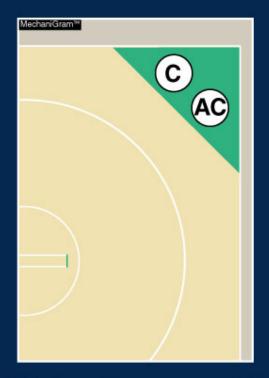




Coaches Restricted Zone Rule 2-2-2







At tournaments where coaches are permitted on the corner of the mat, the restricted zone shall be defined by either a contrasting line marked on the mat with paint or tape, or a contrasting colored surface under the chairs. The restricted zone shall be no closer than five feet to the edge of the circle.

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Wrestlers' Uniform Rule 4-1-5 (NEW)





SINGLET WORN BACKWARD

The uniform shall be worn as intended/designed by the manufacturer.

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Hair Trimmed and Groomed Rule 4-2-1



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HAIR TO EYEBROWS IN FRONT

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HAIR EXTENDS BELOW EYEBROWS

The hair, in its natural state, shall not extend below the eyebrows in the front.





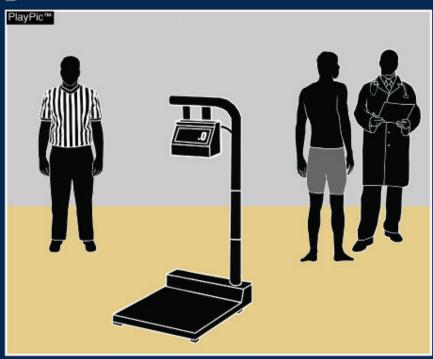
Wrestler's Appearance and Health Rule 4-2-3







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WRESTLER WEIGHING IN

WRESTLER BEING EXAMINED

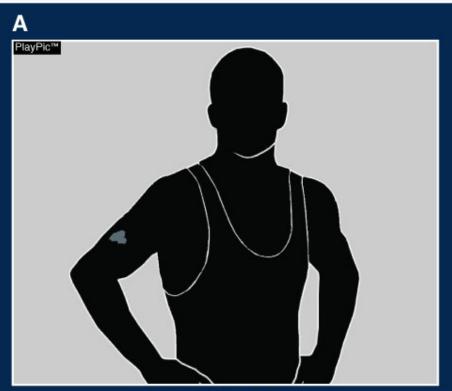
The written documentation of communicable skin condition shall be furnished at the weigh-in for the dual meet or tournament. The only exception would be if a designated on-site meet physician is present and is able to examine the wrestler immediately after the weigh-in.





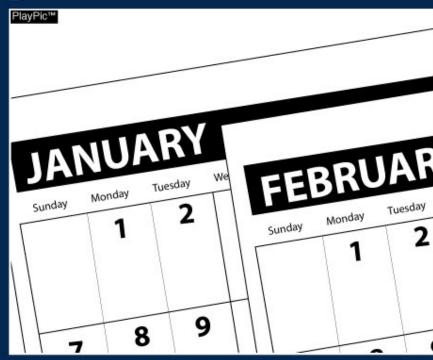
Wrestlers' Appearance and Health Rule 4-2-5 (NEW)





WRESTLER WITH BIRTHMARK





DURATION OF SEASON

A contestant may have documentation from a physician only indicating a specific condition (such as a birthmark) or other skin condition (such as psoriasis) is not communicable. That documentation is valid for the duration of the season. It is valid with the understanding that a chronic condition could become secondarily infected and may require re-evaluation.





1-Pound Additional Allowance Rule 4-5-5

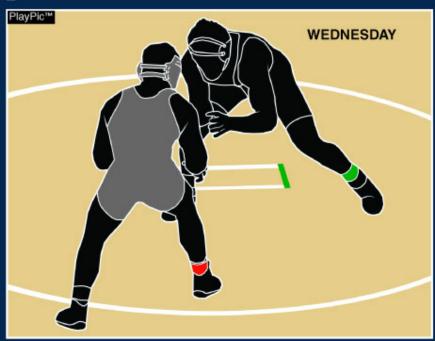






SNOW CANCELS SCHOOL

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COMPETITION DELAYED ONE DAY

Competitions that are postponed for one calendar day or more, for reasons beyond the control of the participating school(s), or practices that cannot be held in these situations due to school policy shall be treated the same as competitions when there are consecutive days of competition in terms of the 1-pound allowance, with the exception of the required 48-hour notice.





1-Pound Additional Allowance Rule 4-5-5







HOST SCHOOL PHONES ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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SCHOOL SECRETARY

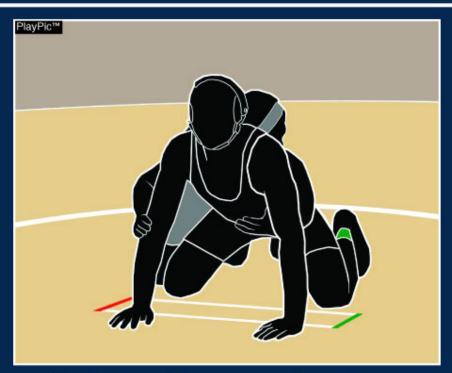
In order to grant the 1-pound additional allowance, a minimum of 48 hours advance notice is required for the opponent(s). The acceptable person(s) to receive that notice shall be the head coach, principal or athletic director.





Correction of Errors Rules 5-1-4, 6-6-1





If the wrong wrestler is given the choice of position at the start of the second period or at the start of the first 30-second tiebreaker in overtime, no rewrestling is necessary. The opponent may be given the choice at the start of the third period or at the start of the second 30-second tiebreaker in overtime.

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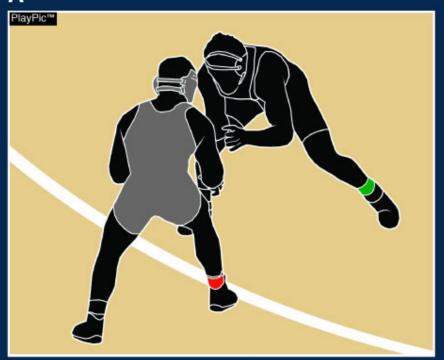




Inbounds Rule 5-15-3

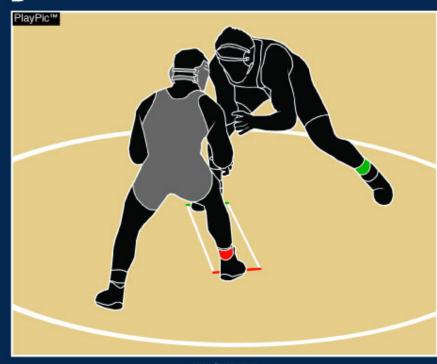






REFEREE STOPS MATCH

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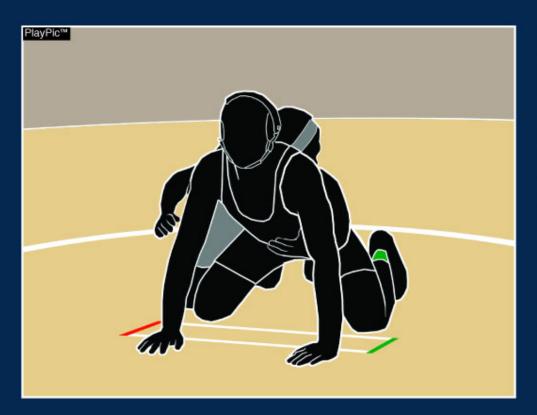
RESTART

If there is no action at the edge of the mat and one wrestler is out of bounds, the referee may stop the match.







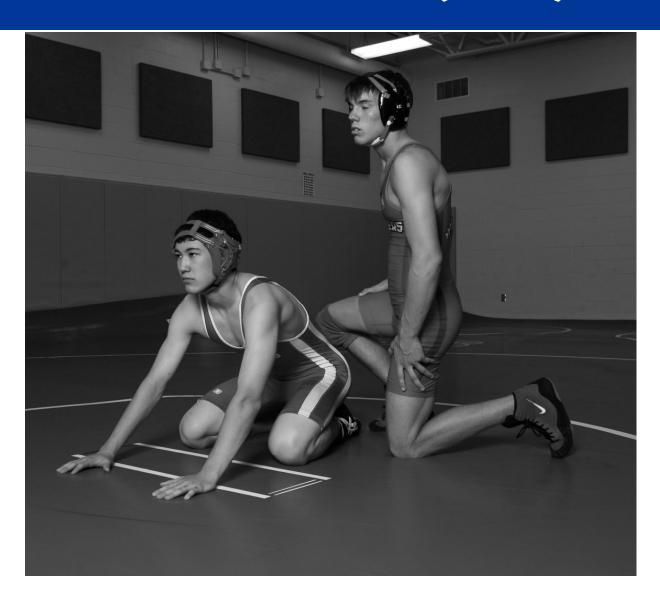


New time sequence for offensive starting position is:

- 1. Set the knee(s) and feet.
- 2. Place the palm of one hand on the navel.
- 3. Place the palm of the other hand on or over the near elbow.
- 4. The referee shall pause momentarily before starting wrestling.

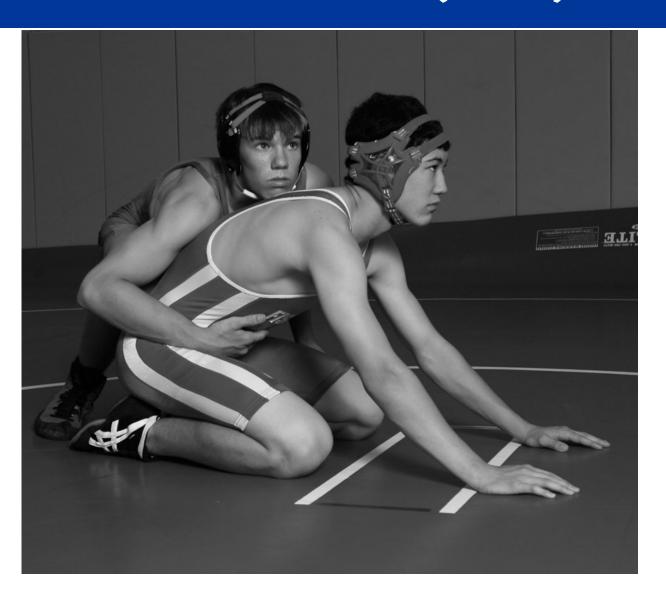
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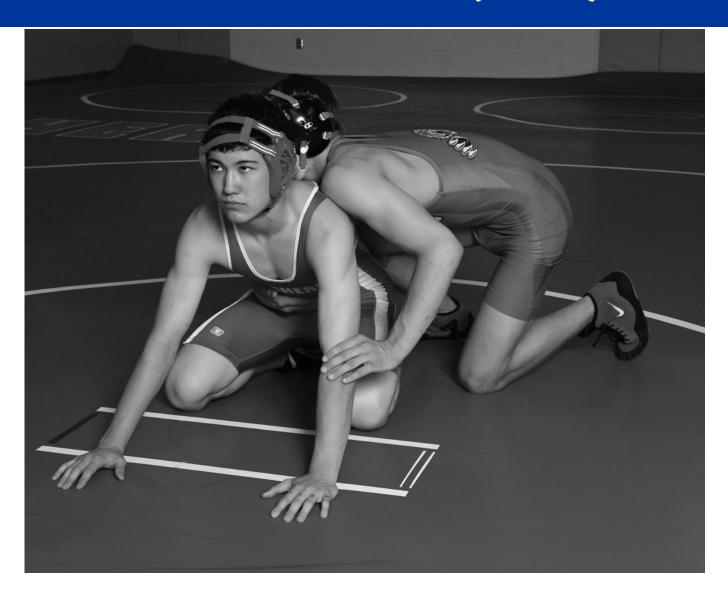












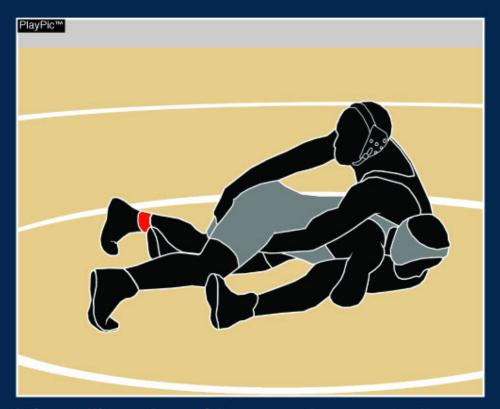






Stalling Rule 5-25-6c; 7-6-6c NEW





It is stalling when either wrestler repeatedly creates a stalemate situation to prevent an opponent from scoring.





New Recovery Time Signal for Referees Rule 5-29-3





RECOVERY TIME

Creation of a new signal for recovery time.

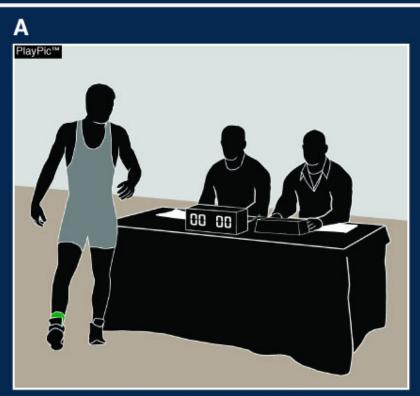
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Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule 5-31-1





WRESTLER REPORTS WITHOUT HEADGEAR



1 MATCH POINT, START INJURY CLOCK

Removed the provision that the head coach will be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct when a wrestler reports to the scorer's table not in the proper uniform, not properly groomed, not properly equipped or not ready to wrestle.

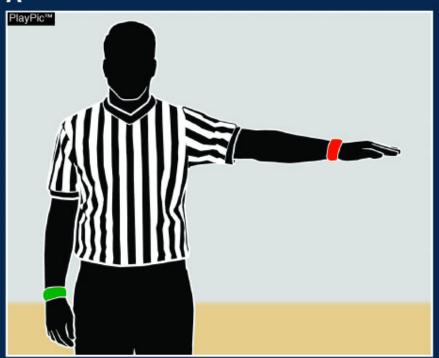




Overtime Rule 6-7-1c (6)



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IN 1ST PERIOD, WRESTLER A IS PENALIZED FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

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WRESTLER B GETS CHOICE IN ULTIMATE TIEBREAKER

If a wrestler receives an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at any time during the match, the opponent will have the choice of starting position during the ultimate tiebreaker. The unsportsmanlike conduct penalty is to supersede the first points scored in the regulation match.





Illegal Maneuver Rule 7-1-5w (NEW)









A back flip from the standing position is illegal.

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Unnecessary Roughness Rule 7-4-1







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FORCEFUL SLAP TO THE HEAD

Unnecessary roughness involves a forceful slap to the head or face and/or gouging or poking the eyes.

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>3-3-2	Clarified that the assistant scorers are also responsible for circling first point(s) scored in the regulation match.
>4-2-4	Added the word "designated" to the description of the on-site meet physician.
>5-15-2b	Added the words "is considered to be" for further clarification of the defensive wrestler's shoulder or scapula as supporting points.
> 5-16-3	Added an "(s)" to supporting point(s) for clarity.
> 5-22-1	Further defined "Random Draw" based on the 2007-08 rules change.





> 5-28-1	Deleted "Except for the false start or incorrect starting position" from description of Technical Violations.
≻6-2-2	Clarified the proper reporting sequence as determined by the pre-meet disk toss in a dual meet.
≻6-6-6	The words "will be made" were added for clarity in describing how the referee will communicate to the opposing coach on a rules explanation.
>7-4-3	Deleted the words "It would include, but" from the description of flagrant misconduct.
≽8-1-6	Added the words "an individual" before tournament to further clarify that any contestant disqualified because of flagrant misconduct in an individual tournament is not entitled to any points earned in that tournament.





>8-2-1	Clarified that time required to treat a pre- existing medical condition or illness is also counted as injury time.
>8-2-8	Revised current rules language on bleeding and blood on uniforms.
≻Photo #2	Added more detail to the description of the photo on what is a legal hair style by rule.
≻Photo #3 (New)	Added a new photo of a legal hair style.
➤ Photos #31-33 (New)	Added three new photos to show the new time/position sequence for the offensive starting position.





➤Photo #57 (New)	Added a new photo to illustrate an illegal front headlock without an arm encircled.
≻Photo #84	Added more detail to the description of an illegal back bow by application.
≻Photo #89	Clarified the rules reference as 7-2-2.



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2008-09 Wrestling Points of Emphasis





Grooming and Medical Checks Rule 4-2







WRESTLER WITH NEATLY TRIMMED SIDEBURNS

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FINGERNAILS TOO LONG







Going Out of the Wrestling Area Rule 7-3-1







There are too many situations in which wrestlers use the edge of the mat in order to get out of a situation, when, in fact, they should be penalized for going out of the wrestling area.

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Reporting to the Scorer's Table Ready to Wrestle

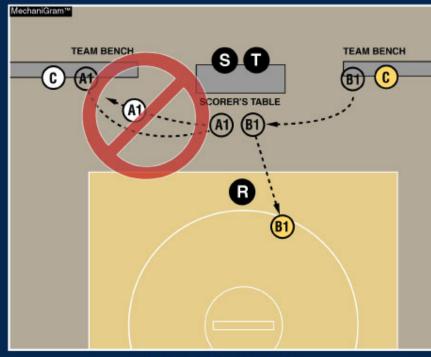






NOT PROPERLY EQUIPPED

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DELAYING THE MATCH

WRESTLER A1 MUST GO DIRECTLY TO THE MAT AFTER REPORTING TO THE SCORER'S TABLE





Referees' Signals and Mechanics





Signals work best when they follow a certain order. Giving signals in the proper sequence is an important aspect of being a good referee.

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2008-09 Wrestling Rules Reminders



Competition Rule 1

Rule 1-2-2:

No wrestler shall represent the school in more than one weight class in any meet or compete in more than five matches (championship or consolation), including forfeits in any one day.

Rule 1-2-3:

No contestant shall wrestle in two consecutive matches with less than a 45-minute rest between them. The conclusion time of each match shall be recorded.



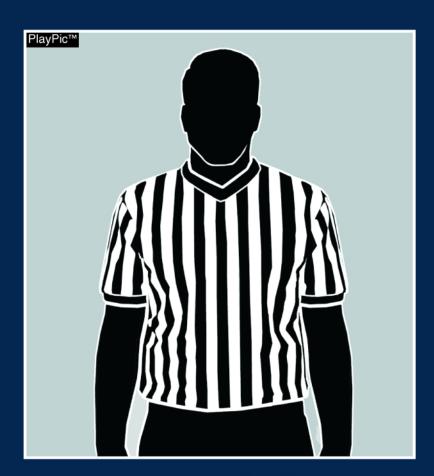
Rule 1-2-4:

A contestant shall not accept a forfeit in one weight class and compete in another class.

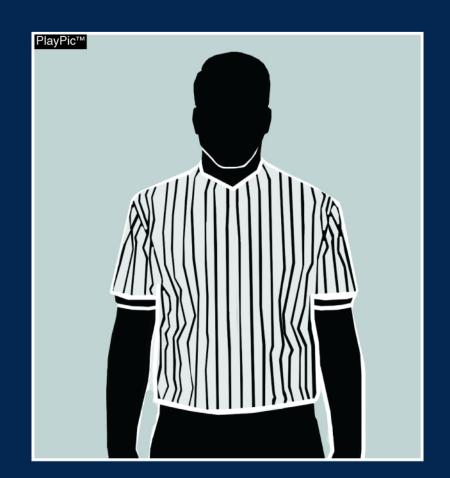


Referee's Uniform Rule 3-1-1





Black-and-White Stripes



Gray With Black Pinstripes





Rule 3-1-1



(OHIO Modification)

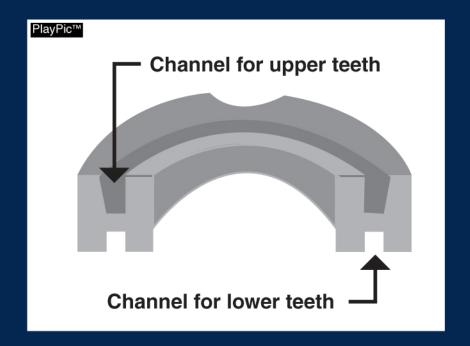
The referee's uniform consists of a short sleeve knit shirt, with alternating black and white 1-inch stripes.



Tooth and Mouth Protector Rule 4-2-6





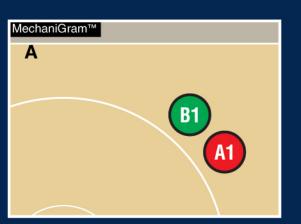


Contestants who have braces or have a special orthodontic device on their teeth shall be required to wear a tooth and mouth protector.



Positions Rule 5-20-6

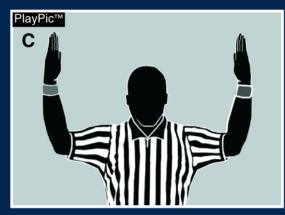




Both wrestlers out of bounds



Wrestler A1 signals neutral position



Neutral position



One-point escape for wrestler B1



Restart match in neutral position



Physician Release for Wrestler to Participate With Skin Lesion Form Rule 4-2-3



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS PHYSICIAN RELEASE FOR WRESTLER TO PARTICIPATE WITH SKIN LESION				
Name:	Date of Exam: / /			
Diagnosis	Mark Location AND Number of Lesion(s			
Location AND Number of Lesion(s)				
Medication(s) used to treat lesion(s):				
Date Treatment Started://				
Form Expiration Date://)//()/H			
Earliest Date may return to participation://	Front Back			
Provider Signature	Office Phone #:			
Physician Name (Printed or Typed)	ND = D61			
Office Address				
Note to Providers: Non-contagious lesions do not require tre yourself with NFHS Rules 4-2-3 and 4-2-4 which states:	atment prior to return to participation (e.g. ecosms, pseriavis, etc.). Please familiarize			
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Physician written documentation on NFHS form

Standardized state association form

Current written documentation (communicable skin disease or other condition) from a physician needs to be on an approved form from either the NFHS or a state association.



2008/2009 NFHS Wrestling Skin Lesion Form

NFHS PHYSICIAN RELEASE FOR WRESTLER TO PARTICIPATE WITH SKIN LESION(S)

The National Federation of State High School State Associations' (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has developed a physician release form for wrestlers to participate with skin lesion(s) as a suggested model you may consider adopting for your state. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee conducted a survey among specialty, academic, public health and primary care physicians and reviewed extensively the literature available on the communicability of various skin lesions at different stages of disease and treatment. No definitive data exists that allow us to absolutely predict when a lesion is no longer shedding organisms that could be transmitted to another. Another finding from the survey was the significant differences that exist among physicians relating to when they will permit a wrestler to return to participation after having a skin infection.

Neither the NFHS nor the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee presumes to dictate to professionals how to practice medicine. Neither is the information on this form meant to establish a standard of care. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee does feel, however, that the guidelines included on the form represent a summary consensus of the various responses obstained from the survey, from conversations and from the literature. The committee also feels that the components of the form are very relevant to addressing the concerns of coaches, parents, wrestlers and physicians that lead to the research into this subject and to the development of this form.

GOALS FOR ESTABLISHING A WIDELY USED FORM:

- Protect wrestlers from exposure to communicable skin disorders. Although most of the skin lesions being discussed generally have
 no major long term consequences and are not life threatening, some do have morbidity associated with them and student-athletes
 should be protected from contracting skin disorders from other wrestlers or contaminated equipment such as mats.
- Allow wrestlers to participate as soon as it is reasonably safe for them and for their opponents and/or teammates using the same mat.
- 3. Establish guidelines to help minimize major differences in management among physicians who are signing "return to competition forms". Consistent use of these guidelines should protect wrestlers from catching a skin disease from participation and should protect them from inequalities as to who can or can not participate.
- 4. Provide a basis to support physician decisions on when a wrestler can or can not participate. This should help the physician who may face incredible pressure from many finds to return a youngster to competition ASAP. This can involve any student athlete who never wins a match or the next state champion with a scholarship pendine.

IMPORTANT COMPONENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE FORM:

- Inclusion of the applicable NFHS wrestling rule so physicians will understand that covering a contagious lesion is not an option
 that is allowed by rule. Covering a non-contagious lesion after adequate therapy to prevent injury to lesion is acceptable.
- Inclusion of the date and nature of treatment and the earliest date a wrestler can return to participation. This should minimize the need for a family to incur the expense of additional office visits as occurs when a form must be signed within three days of wrestling as some do.
- Inclusion of a "bodygram" with front and back views should clearly identify the lesion in question. Using non-black ink to designate skin lesions should result in less confusion or conflict. Also including the number of lesions protects against spread after physician visit.
- Inclusion of guidelines for minimum treatment before returning the wrestler to action as discussed above. This should enhance the
 likelihood that all wrestlers are managed safely and fairly.
- Inclusion of all of the components discussed has the potential to remove the referee from making a medical decision. If a lesion is questioned, the referee's role could appropriately be only to see if the coach can provide a fully completed medical release form allowing the westlet to wrestle.

This form may be reproduced, if desired and can be edited in anyway for use by various individuals or organizations. In addition, the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee would welcome comments for inclusion in future versions as this will continue to be a work in progress.



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Tinea Lesions (ringworm scalp, skin): Oral or topical treatment for 72 hours or	ı skin and I4 days on scalp.				

Scabies, Head Lice: 24 hours after appropriate topical management

Molluscum Contaniosum: 24 hours after curettane

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye): 24 hours of topical or oral medication and no discharge.

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Team Benches

*NFHS Rule 2-2-1: For dual meets, all team personnel, including coaches, other than actual participating contestants shall be restricted to an area which is at least 10 feet from the edge of the mat and the scorer's table, where facilities permit.

*NFHS Rule 2-2-2: During tournament competition, a maximum of two team personnel (coaches and/or non-participating contestants) will be permitted on chairs at the edge of the mat. It is permissible to allow coaches on the corner of the mat in a restricted zone. In tournaments where coaches are permitted on the corner of the mat, the restricted zone shall be defined by either a contrasting line marked on the mat with paint or tape or a contrasting colored surface under the chairs. The restricted zone shall be no closer than 5 feet to the edge of the circle. Coaches shall be seated at least 10 feet from the scorer's table, where facilities permit.



Conduct of Coaches, Team Personnel and Others

*NFHS Rule 7-5-2: Coaches and other team personnel are restricted to the bench/chairs while the clock is running and during normal out of bounds and resumption of wrestling. The coach may move towards the mat only during a charged time-out or at the end of the match. (See Rule 2-2)



*NFHS Rule 7-5-3: Unsportsmanlike conduct – is called on coaches or other team personnel who violate the bench decorum rule (7-5-2).



2009 NFHS Wrestling Rule Change Proposal Form

Due:

March 1, 2009

Must be submitted to your state association office for approval.



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Additional NFHS Information

- NFHS Wrestling Rule Change Proposal Form Due
 - March 1, 2009
- 2009 NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee Meeting
 - April 6-8, 2009
 - Indianapolis, IN
- 2009 NFHS Wrestling Rules Interpreters Meeting
 - September 23, 2009
 - Indianapolis, IN



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