Officiating Ohio High School Wrestling

Contributions by:

- Ohio High School Athletic Association
- Ohio Wrestling Officials Association
- National Association of Sports Officials
- National Federation of State High School Associations

Unit 1
A Joint Initiative

Recruitment & retention

Shared understanding of…

Rules
Interpretations
Mechanics
Ethics
Philosophies
A Joint Initiative

Assisting you to...

Have fun!
Be competent!
Be successful!
Advance as far as you want!
Remain an official!
Be the best!
Overall Objectives

Supporting officials through…

A working knowledge & understanding of rules

Teaching mechanics and positioning

Relationships with the NFHS, OHSAA, & OWOA
Overall Objectives

Ensuring...

Safety of wrestlers
Matches wrestled fairly per rules
Develop skills & knowledge of sport
Promotion of sportsmanship

INTRODUCTION

Objectives: Unit 1

Ohio High School Athletic Association…
Its structure & key personnel
Officiating permit: classifications & costs
State interpretation meetings
Relationship to local wrestling associations
Dues & meeting requirements
Objectives: Unit 1

National Federal of High Schools…

Purpose

Insurance

Related benefits
Objectives: Unit 1

Ohio Wrestling Officials Association…

Annual Clinic

Membership

Related benefits
OHSAA

A voluntary, unincorporated, non-profit association of public and private high schools and 7th-8th grade schools.

Over 800 high school members

Sponsors 20 boys & girls sports

Web site: http://www.ohsaa.org/
OHSAA

Regulates & registers officials

Issues officiating permits

Supervises local officials’ associations

Provide a direct line of communication to local associations
License suspended if...

- Permit fees not paid
- Unfair & biased officiating
- Meeting requirements not met
- Lack of fitness on or off the mat
- Conviction of a criminal offense
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INTRODUCTION

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6 Athletic Districts

Central
East
Northeast
Northwest
Southeast
Southwest
Athletic Districts

Mailing address is district of residence

Notify OHSAA if you move

Attending another association’s meeting…

Sign in and make sure that the local secretary has your OHSAA # so he can record it via the internet for attendance credit.
Handbook

Officiating Requirements
Sport Specific Regulations
Procedures To Obtain Officiating Permit
Permit Classifications
Board of Control/Administrative Staff
Updated annually, on-line only
The Handbook for Officials is located at www.OHSAA.org/Officiating under the Resources Heading or can be accessed through your myOHSAA portal.
Wrestling Permits

Class 1 - all levels

Class 2 - all levels

Class 3 - Grades 7-8-9 & non-school (students in high school 14-18 yrs)
Wrestling Permits

Will not be issued or renewed for anyone:

- Convicted or adjudicated with a finding of fault, guilt or violation in regard to an offense involving a minor or any sexual offense unless/until such offense has been reversed by proper authority with jurisdiction over the matter; or,

- Convicted, adjudicated with a finding of fault, guilt or violation in regard to an offense involving any illegal/illicit drug or controlled substance as prescribed by federal or state law or regulation prior to five (5) years following the completion of any sentence, parole, probation period imposed for the offense; or,
Wrestling Permits

Will not be issued or renewed for anyone:

• Currently serving a sentence or parole/probation period for any offense or adjudication of guilt imposed by any court, judge or administrative body, other than simple traffic violations.
Currently Licensed Officials:

- When indicted or charged with any criminal offense or charged with a violation of any statute pertaining to minors, drugs or a controlled substance, such license will automatically be suspended pending resolution of the indictment or charge. Conviction or adjudication of fault, guilt or a violation under any such indictment or charge shall result in immediate and automatic forfeiture of the officiating license.
Currently Licensed Officials:

- Must inform the OHSAA of any such indictment or charge immediately upon receipt of or upon having knowledge of such indictment or charge. Failure to notify the OHSAA shall itself be a basis for immediate and automatic forfeiture of the officiating license.
PROMOTION FROM...

Class 2 to Class 1

Contact local association secretary

Must be 18 (may apply for Class 1 permit during 1st year of officiating experience)

Receive 2 favorable observations

Take on-line rules exam by end of March
Renewal Criteria

Annual Fee: June 1 – June 30
On-line renewal $ 60, Late fee $ 50
4 local association meetings¹

1 State Interpretation meeting²
On-line provided

¹By passing the OHSAA approved officiating class your are **NOT** required to attend local rule meetings during that school year.
²Passing the State Rules examination during the current year does **NOT** require you to attend an OHSAA State Rules Interpretation during that school year.
Local Associations

Chartered by OHSAA

18 throughout State

Class 1, 2 & 3 eligible for membership

Dues determined by each Association
## LOCATIONS

### Local Associations

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Local Associations

May not establish officiating fees
Assignors must be certified
Instructors must be certified
Primary purpose...
  Recruiting
  Rule discussions
  Training & continuing education
Interpretation Meetings

Scheduled annually

Dates & locations plus on-line rules mtg.

www.ohsaa.org

Attendance required

Dick Loewenstine  Ray Anthony  Jim Vreeland
OHSAA

Interpretation Meetings

Cover new rules and/or changes

Address points of emphasis

Clarify issues from previous season

Answer questions
Sectionals/Districts

Assigned by District Athletic Boards

Starts w/ state-wide vote by coaches

Issues contracts - sets fee

Class 1, must complete questionnaire

May send you outside your home district when districts are combined
Tournament officials are selected by a state-wide vote of four groups (weighted equally):

- Head Coaches
- School Administrators
- Officials Associations
- Officiating Leaders

Votes are totaled and officials are ranked based on the composite score from the four voting groups. The rankings determine the level of tournament the official is eligible for.

A comprehensive description of the voting process is set forth at myOHSAA.org under the My Ratings tab.

A committee (SRIs, DOD and OHSAA Administrators) assigns State Tournament Officials from the pool of Class 1 eligible officials.

No Repeat Rule (instituted for the 2004-2005 season) – Officials may work a State Tournament 2 out of 3 years.
A proportional representation where the percentage of Class 1 officials in the tournament is representative of the percentage of Class 1 officials from each athletic district to comprise the State Officials.

30 Officials for the Individual State
18 Officials for the Dual Team State
UNIFORM

Costs

V-neck Shirt $45
Pants (black) $35-$50
Wrist Bands $10
Flip Disc $10-$15
Whistle $5-$8
Black Lanyard $3
Shoes (black) $35-$50
Socks (black) $3-$5
Travel

Maintain a calendar to record expenses for tax purposes.
RULE 3, ARTICLE 1

Uniform

Short sleeve V-neck knit shirt,
The new gray with black pinstripes

Full length black trousers
Black belt (if worn)
Black socks
Black gym shoes
Uniform

Laundered neatly
Shoes polished & in good shape
Proper pant length
Black undergarment…in case pants split!

Always travel w/ extra, accidents happen
NFHS

Headquartered in Indianapolis, IN.
Portion of OHSAA dues pays membership
Consist of 50 state/athletic associations*
Publishes rules for 20 boys/girls sports
Web site: www.nfhs.org

* plus District of Columbia
NFHS

Publishes rule and case books
Provide insurance coverage
On-line rule interpretations

Official’s Quarterly publication
* NFHS Fall Wrestling Guide
For currently licensed OHSAA officials

- Applies only while member is engaging in officiating activities during scheduled sports competition.
- Sport must be recognized by OHSAA.
- If a sport is recognized for either men or women the official is covered for officiating both men and women.
- Coverage applies while officiating temporarily outside the United States, as long as the sport is recognized by the state high school association.
American Specialty Ins.

Assignors, chain crews, & attending or operating officiating camps, clinics and meetings.

Officiating activities for independent youth or recreational leagues, junior college and college events but only for OHSAA recognized sports.
No coverage provided for officiating or managing any professional sport or activity.
American Specialty Ins.

General Liability…
- $1,000,000 per occurrence limit.
- $2,000,000 aggregate per official.

Excess Medical…
- $50,000 accident medical expense limit per injury.
- $250 deductible per injury
- $7,500 accidental death & dismemberment.
American Specialty Insurance and Risk Services
142 North Main Street
Roanoke, Indiana 46783
24-Hour Claims Number: 1-800-566-7941
Fax Number: (219) 672-8835
Web Site: www.amerspec.com
OWOA’s Focus

**BACKGROUND**

Development, training & fall clinic

Liaison w/ OHSAA (DOD & SRI’s)

Recruitment & retention

Promote cooperation among...

- Coaches
- Athletes
- School administrators
- OHSAA
- Fellow officials
- Media