Officiating Ohio High School Wrestling

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Unit 9
Objectives—Unit 9

- Tournament formats
- Legal weigh-in procedures
- Understanding seeding procedures
- Tournament scoring
- Points of emphasis
Formats

Bracket
Dual meet
Pool
Combination
i.e. pool qualifier to bracketed final
Weigh-In Procedure

Same gender weigh-in

May start max of 2 hours prior to competition

Weigh-in by **weight class or by team**

Wrestler must be present when wt class called, otherwise ineligible
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Weigh-In Procedure

May not leave w/o permission of referee

May not use restroom once weight class called

Prior to being called, must be accompanied by opposing coach when leaving weigh-in area

All Wrestlers shall wear a suitable undergarment, that completely covers the groin. Females also wear an undergarment that covers the breasts.

Low cut socks may be worn on the scale
Weigh-In Procedure

Primary scale…
- If over, step off and right back on
- If over, shall be ineligible for that wt. class

Multiple scales…
- Immediately step on next scale(s) 1 time only
- If over, shall be ineligible for that wt. class
- NOT permitted to go to another weigh-in area
1 lb granted each successive day, with a maximum being 2 pounds, e.g. dual meet followed by a 3 day tournament would only get 2 pounds

By NFHS rule, daily weigh-ins required, i.e. no evening weigh-outs ...(Ohio may grant weigh-out)

Contestants must be named by weight class prior to conclusion of weigh-in

Cannot re-weigh to move up a wt. class

Dehydration/Re-hydration prohibited
Weigh-In Procedure

Due to SAT, ACT testing, and any college admissions situation, etc. It is possible armed service requirements could be included.

This is left up to the host school and the tournament manager to determine if … and the manner in which the weigh-in will be conducted.
Team Scoring

Advancement…

Championship bracket — 2 points
Consolation bracket — 1 point

Bye followed by win…

Championship bracket — 2 points
Consolation bracket — 1 point
Conduct of Tournaments

Videotaping / filming for purpose of reviewing during competition is prohibited.

Wrestlers have 5 minutes to appear to compete in a bracket tournament.

Failure to appear scored a forfeit.

Defeat due to injury does not eliminate a contestant from further competition.
A forfeit eliminates a contestant from further competition.

A default may due to an injury or illness and must inform the TM prior to the next match.

Defeat due to disqualification may eliminate a contestant from further competition...

Flagrant = disqualified

Unsportsmanlike = disqualified not during a match

Loss resulting from last step of progressive penalty chart does not eliminate wrestler
Conduct of Tournaments

Failing to make weight for each day eliminates a wrestler from competition.

All vacancies created in tournament pairings are scored as forfeits.

The bracket occupied by a contestant disqualified for flagrant misconduct becomes a forfeit.

There are no byes after the 1st round.
Team Scoring

Fall — 2 points
Forfeit — 2 points
Default — 2 points
Disqualification — 2 points
Tech fall — 1 ½ points
Major decision — 1 point
Suggested Topics

Mat positioning
Preventive officiating
Appropriate signals and mechanics
Pre-meet duties
Potentially dangerous holds
Suggested Topics

Technical violations

Illegal holds

Infractions

Misconduct

Unnecessary Roughness

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Flagrant Misconduct
Suggested Topics

Weigh-in procedures
Definitions
Scoring
Current year rule changes
OHSAA rule modifications
Official’s duties
Equipment specifications