

To: Wrestling School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

From: Tyler Brooks, Director of Officiating & Sport Management

Re: October Update - Part 2

1 - Update on Weight Management & Weight Assessment Protocol

Please review the "Modifications to the OHSAA Wrestling Weight Management Program Assessment Setting" document here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/ModificationsAssessmentSetting.pdf>

This was drafted in consultation with our master assessors and has been shared with all assessors across the state. I am working on drafting a similar document for weigh-ins this season and it will be shared as soon as it is finalized, hopefully next week.

A couple of other changes I wanted to highlight:

- As the NFHS definition of weigh-in attire has changed (NFHS Rule 4-5-7), so has the definition of acceptable attire for the weighing portion of weight assessments. During the weighing portion of the weight assessments, wrestlers shall have their weight recorded in a legal uniform in accordance with 4-5-7.
- A single team assessment can now be conducted by two general assessors or by a single master assessor. Previously, only a master assessor could conduct a single team assessment.
- If you know of any facilities in your area that would be interested in serving as BOD POD site for assessment appeals, please contact me. Some sites are not able to return as BOD POD sites this year as their facility is restricting access from outside personnel due to COVID-19 precautions. The list at the link below is from last year, I am still awaiting a response from 2 of the 5 sites. I would love to get more added making access easier for our wrestlers all over the state!
 - o [List of Approved BOD POD Sites](#)

2 - Clarification on Participants and Indoor Spectator Capacity

As shared in a recent "Administrator Update" from our office to school superintendents, principals, and athletic directors, please review the statement below:

The OHSAA has received additional guidance from the Ohio Department of Health on various winter (indoor) sports concerns. First, contest participants (athletes waiting to play and athletes completing play, plus cheerleaders, pep band members, etc.) do not count toward a sports venue's allowable number of spectators under Ohio's Sports Order or any variance that has been approved for your facility. However, school administrators are cautioned to use good judgement in this area. If, for example, auxiliary areas are available for athletes waiting to play or having completed play, including cheerleaders, pep band members, etc., consider placing these students in that area. No matter where these students are placed, six-foot social distancing mandates must be followed, and facial coverings are required. Consideration should also be given to sending freshman, junior varsity and/or varsity teams on separate transportation to away contests and having those groups depart after their specific contests are completed.

In short, participants do not count towards the indoor spectator limit, but they obviously must be accommodated and accounted for in the facility in ways that allow them to socially distance. If a host

facility can only do that in the bleachers, then yes, that will take away from the number of spectators that could be seated in the stands. Participants cannot sit together without distancing in the bleachers, including those on the same team (same principle as observing social distancing on a team bench).

3 - Reviewing Non-Interscholastic Participation

I wanted to take this opportunity to review non-interscholastic participation, as I am getting a lot of questions on the subject.

Once a wrestler has joined the school team (defined as participating in a scrimmage or regular season contest) they may not participate in any non-interscholastic competition and then be eligible to return to the school team.

So if you have a wrestler that is interested in participating in a non-interscholastic event in mid / late November, in order for them to maintain their OHSAA eligibility for the rest of the OHSAA season, they would need to refrain from participating in a scrimmage or regular season event prior to participating in the non-interscholastic event.

Separately, the non-interscholastic date is 1/11/21 and only applies to high school wrestlers. This date defines the date that a wrestler must cease all non-interscholastic competition in order to be eligible to participate in the OHSAA individual tournament.

As always, if you aren't sure please check with me! We would never want a student-athlete to lose their eligibility because of a misunderstanding!

4 - Points and Scheduling

As you are all aware, many tournaments have been either cancelled or reduced in size this year due to safety precautions. This trend has also led to an increase in multi-team, non-bracketed events.

Although the wrestling regulations don't define a multi-team match beyond a quad, I wanted to clarify that any event with 5 or more teams is permissible and is only valued at 2 points. For instance, if 6 schools participated in a multi-team match in round robin, non-bracketed competition, this event would only count as 2 points on the team's schedule and is not considered a tournament. Subsequently, it would not count toward a schedule's tournament point limitation of 16.

5 - Offer from Tanita Scales

I was contacted by Tanita (scale manufacturing company) and they will be offering a 15% discount to all schools, when purchasing a new scale. Please contact Max at max@tanita.com for more details.

<https://www.tanita.com/en/wrestling-scales/>

6 - OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament

The OHSAA Individual Tournament is still scheduled to be conducted in the standard sectional - district - state format. I have begun conversations with our District Athletic Boards to determine what modifications (if any) would need to be made to our sectional and district tournaments this year. This will take weeks or months to fully process, and I will share any modifications to the tournament setting (sectional through state) with all wrestling schools once they are finalized.



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