

**To:** OHSAA Wrestling School Athletic Directors and Head Coaches

**From:** Tyler Brooks, Director of Officiating & Sport Management

**Re:** February Update

Here we are, sectional tournament week! If you haven't done so already, please take a minute to reflect on where we are as a wrestling community. Think of all of the work your coaching staff, your school's administration, your wrestlers, and your District Athletic Boards have put in leading to the tournament beginning this week.

I commend you and your team for all of the hard work during this most difficult season and wish you all the best health and luck during the tournament!

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### **1 - Update on State Tournament**

The state tournament session schedule was finalized and published this week; it can be found online here included within the state tournament regulations:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/2020-21/2021StateWRRegulations.pdf>

The schedule is included below:

#### **Saturday, March 13**

08:30 AM – Packet Pick-up

09:00 AM – Weigh-in begins

09:30 AM – Doors open for spectators

09:45 AM – Coach's Meeting

10:00 AM – **Session 1 (Weight classes 106 through 145)**

- Rounds completed shall be championship preliminaries, championship quarterfinals, consolation round 1, and consolation round 2.

03:00 PM – Packet Pick-up

03:30 PM – Weigh-in begins

04:00 PM – Doors open for spectators

04:15 PM – Coach's Meeting

04:30 PM – **Session 2 (Weight classes 152 through 285)**

- Rounds completed shall be championship preliminaries, championship quarterfinals, consolation round 1, and consolation round 2.

#### **Sunday, March 14**

09:00 AM – Weigh-in begins

09:30 AM – Doors open for spectators

10:00 AM – **Session 3 (All weight classes)**

- Rounds completed shall be championship semifinals, consolation quarterfinals, consolation semifinals, and 3<sup>rd</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> placement matches

04:00 PM – Doors open for spectators

04:30 PM – **Session 4 (All weight classes)**

- Championship matches

Also, please note the schedule for admitting coaches into the state tournament based on the number of qualifiers in each session:

- 1 qualifier - 2 coaches
- 2 - 4 qualifiers - 3 coaches
- 5 - 9 qualifiers - 4 coaches
- 10 - 14 qualifiers - 5 coaches

## 2 - Wrestlers Making Scratch Weight at Sectional

I get this question often this week each year, "Can one of my wrestlers make scratch weight at sectionals?"

The answer is YES. A wrestler is permitted to make scratch weight at a weight class for the first time at sectional weigh-ins.

## 3 - Practice Arrangements After Sectional

As stated in wrestling regulation 1.41:

*After the conclusion of the Sectional Wrestling Tournament, wrestlers who qualify for further competition may "practice" with wrestlers from other schools who are similarly qualified.*

Beginning next week, your remaining wrestlers are permitted to practice with wrestlers from other schools. These practice arrangements do not need to be reported to me in writing, as they would normally during the regular season.

## 4 - NFHS Rules Questionnaire for Next Season

Each year the NFHS distributes a questionnaire nationwide to all states to gather information on the application of new rule changes, but also to gauge the wrestling community's interest in potential rule changes for future seasons. Ohio has consistently ranked among the highest response rates each year, and I am proud of our community's engagement in this process. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire below. **THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL CLOSE ON March 1, 2021**

<http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/nfhs-sport-questionnaires/>

## 5 - Minimum Weight for the 285-Pound Weight Class

The minimum weight for the 285 lbs. weight class in Ohio is 215, which increases to 217 after the December 25th 2 lbs. growth allowance is granted. This regulation is codified in the wrestling regulations under Section 1.72.

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### **Links to Resources**

Wrestling Regulations

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/2020-21/WrestlingRegs.pdf>

Sect / Dist Tournament Regulations

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

Sect / Dist Tournament Addendum and Change Summary

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/2020-21/2021WrestlingTournamentAddendum.pdf>

State Tournament Regulations

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/2020-21/2021StateWRRegulations.pdf>

Past Updates

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Wrestling/Athletic-Director-Coach-Updates>



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