

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

**From:** Tyler Brooks, Senior Manager of Officiating & Sport Administration

**Re:** November Update - Part 2

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### **1 - Multiple Contestants from the Same School in Tournaments**

Bad news and good news on this subject of allowing multiple wrestlers from a school to participate in the same weight class during a tournament.

The bad news is that I re-confirmed with the NFHS that this is a violation of wrestling rule 1-4-1.

The good news is that 1-4-1 is classified as an “administrative rule” rather than a “playing rule”. The NFHS gives states associations (like the OHSAA) the ability to modify administrative rules to fit the needs of their state. Our state clearly values the modification of rule 1-4-1 and multiple contestants (“extras”) from the same school in the same weight class are now permitted at all levels of OHSAA wrestling (7-12 grade) for the regular season. The OHSAA individual tournament will continue to only permit one entrant per weight class per school.

### **2 - Conference / League Tournaments**

Conference / league tournaments are regular season events and must be accounted for on a schedule and a wrestler’s 20 point season limitation.

### **3 - Wrestling in Out-of-State Events, Weight Class Descent, and Weight Loss Plans**

If you are participating in an out-of-state event, you may find that state is not using the new NFHS 14-weight class set this year. If you have any concerns about the weight class descent regulation (wrestling regulation 1.77), please contact me once your wrestler has been assessed and I can advise on potential issues with weight class descent and participating in an out-of-state contest with a different weight class set.

In short, when participating in other states with a different weight class set, the recorded weight at the out-of-state event is the only thing of importance, not the weight class that the wrestler participates in. The weight of the wrestler that day and how it aligns with our weight class set and the wrestler’s weight loss plan the only data that could affect a wrestler’s weight class eligibility.

### **4 – Girls Wrestling in Trackwrestling**

As shared in previous updates, if you are interested in maintaining a separate “girls season” in Trackwrestling in addition to your “boys season”, you will have the opportunity to do this year. The cost is \$10 per school, regardless of the number of admins (coaches, ADs, etc.) with access to the girls season in Trackwrestling. Assessors will enter all wrestlers into the boys season in Trackwrestling as they have done in the past. Any female assessments will be mass copied to the girls season on 11/24. You will receive a login email for the girls season on 11/24 with payment instructions if you wish to utilize weight management in the girls season. This is purely optional.

This is a new process for me as well, so we will work through any issues that come up in this first year process. Please be patient as I work to resolve any issues or questions that come from this process with Trackwrestling.



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