

**2012 SRI Bulletin #1 – December 26, 2012**  
**Rick Wallace – OSAA Wrestling State Rules Interpreter**

This will be a larger than normal SRI Bulletin as things have been rather hectic at the Wallace place this fall. Hopefully, this will catch us up on a few things.

1. Below is the NFHS Rules Interpretation Handout which was previously distributed to Commissioner. It does a good job of explaining choice of position following a second injury timeout or during the 2 point penalty for stalling. Please take a few minutes to read the various situations.

**NFHS Wrestling Rules Interpretation:**

**SITUATION 1 (7-6-2, Penalty Chart):** Wrestler A is warned for stalling right after the first period has started. Later in the first period, Wrestler A is penalized for an illegal hold/maneuver and Wrestler B is awarded one match point (First Penalty). At the start of the second period, Wrestler A is penalized again for an illegal hold/maneuver and Wrestler B is awarded one match point (Second Penalty). Later in the second period, Wrestler A is penalized for stalling in the defensive position and Wrestler B is awarded two match points (Third Penalty). Wrestler B will now have the choice of position on the next restart since the two-point penalty was for stalling. (a) Before the second period ends, Wrestler A takes his/her second injury time-out. (b) Between the second and third periods, Wrestler A takes his/her second injury time-out. Wrestler B was to have his/her choice of position at the start of the third period. **RULING:** In (a), Wrestler B will have his/her choice of position on the restart after the injury time-out plus Wrestler B will have his/her choice of position on the next restart after that. In (b), Wrestler B will have his/her choice of position at the beginning of the third period plus on the next two restarts – one for the two-point stalling penalty and one for the second injury time-out.

**2012-13 NFHS Wrestling Rules Book Clarification:** (Underlining shows additions; ~~striketrough~~ shows deletions.)

**Page 42, PENALTY CHART (\*Stalling): \*NOTE:** The 2012-13 NFHS Wrestling Rules change dealing with stalling in the Penalty Chart is correct. For example, if the third penalty on Wrestler A, following the progression on the Penalty Chart, happens to be stalling, Wrestler B is awarded two match points and will have the choice of position on the next restart. The choice of position on the next restart only applies if the third penalty (2 points) is for stalling. When a stalling call results in a 2-point penalty being awarded, the opponent will have the choice of position on the next restart. The choice of position on the next restart would be carried over to the sudden victory period in overtime if there is no restart prior to overtime. Stalling shall be penalized in accordance with the Penalty Chart. (7-6-2)

**2012-13 NFHS Wrestling Case Book Clarifications:** (Underlining shows additions; ~~striketrough~~ shows deletions.)

**Page 52, \*7.6.2 SITUATION B:** Wrestler A is warned for stalling in the first period. In the second period, Wrestler A is penalized for an illegal hold and Wrestler B is awarded one match point. Later in the second period, Wrestler A is penalized for a technical violation for locked hands and Wrestler B is awarded one match point. In the third period, Wrestler A is penalized for stalling and Wrestler B is awarded two match points since this is the third penalty on Wrestler A. Wrestler B will now have choice of position on the next restart. ~~during the third period.~~ **RULING:** Correct. The choice of position on the next restart for Wrestler B ~~can cannot~~ be carried over to the sudden victory period in overtime. Stalling shall be penalized in accordance with the Penalty Chart. (Penalty Chart)

**Pages 58-59, \*8.2.1 SITUATION I:** Wrestler A takes his/her second injury time-out at the conclusion of the second period and his/her opponent (Wrestler B) already has choice at the beginning of the third period. Wrestler B will have choice to start the third period and will now also have the added choice at the first restart after the beginning of the third period. (a) After the third period has started, Wrestler B takes his/her second injury time-out and the match is stopped; or (b) during the third period there is no restart for Wrestler B, so does his/her choice on the first restart carry over to overtime?; or (c) Wrestler B takes the top position to start the third period. After the third period has started and the wrestlers go out of bounds, Wrestler B chooses the neutral position on the first restart. **RULING:** In (a), Wrestler B will still get the choice on the restart. ~~Now Then~~ on the next restart ~~in the third period only~~, Wrestler A will get the choice. In (b), Yes, the choice of position on the next restart for Wrestler B can be carried over to the sudden victory period in overtime. ~~No, since there was no restart in the third period, Wrestler B does not get to carry over the choice to overtime. The choice on the first restart only applies to the third period.~~ In (c), This is permissible by rule and no escape point is earned by Wrestler A as this is a choice on the ~~first~~ next restart by Wrestler B.

2. For some reason, tape on headgear continues to be a question again this year. There have been no changes on the Federation level regarding this rule. Oregon has elected to adopt some administrative changes regarding headgear which may or may not be adopted by our neighboring states.

- To clarify, there is to be no tape on the headgear at the start of a match. The only exception to this would be if during a tournament, a wrestler's headgear was previously not staying clasped, a piece of tape may be used on the snap or on the Velcro strap to keep it clasped.
  - The straps on the top of the headgear may be crossed. This is allowed by administrative decision in Oregon. You can also use an attachment sold by Cliff Keen to hold the two straps together.
3. Shoelaces must be securely fastened prior to the start of wrestling. In Oregon, this is interpreted as either taped or by using the Velcro cover. Double knotting is not considered legal in Oregon.
  4. A question arose regarding injury and blood time. The example given is that during a match at the same time, Wrestler A is injured and Wrestler B is bleeding. The official does not see the bleeding and starts the injury time for Wrestler A. Upon noticing Wrestler B bleeding, the official immediately stops injury time for A and starts blood time for Wrestler B. When the blood is contained, the official stops blood time for Wrestler B but Wrestler A is still injured. Question: Is this the second injury timeout for Wrestler A? Answer: No it is not the second injury timeout and previous injury time used would not be counted as the official should have started blood time for Wrestler B.
  5. NFHS Wrestling Rule 6-2-4 allows visually impaired wrestlers the option of using the finger touch method during the match. Officials will grant any request for this accommodation. When a request is granted officials are required to report the wrestlers name and school to your Commissioner after the event. Commissioners are required to notify Brad Garrett at the OSAA office that an accommodation has been granted. The OSAA office will follow-up with the school and request additional information related to the wrestlers visual acuity in order to make a determination on future accommodations.
  6. The growth allowance takes effect on January 6, 2013. Wrestlers who qualify for the allowance will be allowed a 2 pound allowance at weigh ins effective that day. Please refer to the following memo on the OSAA Website if you would like more detailed information: <http://www.osaa.org/wrestling/owwmp/growth.pdf>
  7. A couple of reminders regarding skin checks:
    - Skin Checks are mandatory at all events. No exceptions
    - Skin Checks are to be performed in a private area. No skin checks are to be done in an area where spectators are present.
    - Wrestlers being skin checked are to be wearing no more that a suitable undergarment. No singlets, shoes or socks are allowed during the skin check.
  8. I would also like to include on the last page of this Bulletin a letter sent out by Scott Teeples, Klamath Commissioner to all Wrestling Coaches, Ads and Principals. I think this is an outstanding letter and probably goes along ways in eliminating a lot of issues we deal with. Nice job Scott:

To: All Klamath Falls Area Wrestling Coaches, ADs, and Principals  
From: Scott Teeples – Klamath Falls Wrestling Commissioner  
Date: Sunday, November 22, 2012

Re: New Rule Changes and Other Comments

It is with excitement that we start a new wrestling season and I look forward to working with each of you. As we start the new wrestling season I would like to take a few moments and go through a few of the new rule changes and some other “preventive officiating” items. We as officials never enjoy penalizing wrestlers or coaches for things that could have or should have been taken care of earlier. I will not cover all new changes, just those that mostly affect wrestlers and coaches. Please read the rule book for all new and old rules.

**Some New Rule Changes and Comments on Other Rules:**

- **New Weigh-in Procedures** – Starting this year the “random drawing” shall be done BEFORE the weigh-ins and weigh-ins and wrestling will proceed in the order drawn.
- **Change in Stalling Penalty** – When a wrestler is penalized 2 points for stalling the opponent will have the choice of starting positions on the next restart. See Rule 8-2 Penalty Chart.
- **Tape on Headgear** - Just a reminder that headgear can NOT have any tape on them. It is legal to cross the straps on the top. The only exception to tape on the headgear is a small piece of tape used to help secure the chin strap if it comes undone after the match has started. **Please take care of this problem NOW. If a wrestler appears on the mat with tape on their headgear they will be penalized as “appearing on the mat not ready to wrestle.”**
- **Figure 4** – The Figure 4 is illegal on the neck or head (with or without the arm). This rule was changed last year and there was not a lot of problems but please remind your wrestlers it is illegal.
- **Concussions** – All of us need to deal very carefully with this item. If an official feels that a wrestler may have a concussion he/she will call an injury timeout and have the coach, trainer and school administration deal with this problem.
- **Skin Lesion Form** – Please remember that the official OSAA/NFHS form is the only form that we will accept for any type of questionable skin condition.
- **Coach/Referee Conferences** – Please read this part of the rule book carefully. If a coach goes to the scorer table and nothing is changed in the match, the coach has a high possibility of being warned or penalized. We, as officials, would like to avoid any of these situations by all of being very professional.
- **Certified Coaches** - Please make sure that all coaches have met all of the OSAA requirements for coaches/personnel in the chairs or team benches. If there is a coach or person sitting in the chairs or team benches that have not met all of the OSAA requirements they will be removed. According to the OSAA it is the responsibility of the principal and AD of the school to make sure that each coach/personnel has met the requirements. According to the OSAA all coaches must:

**Requirements in Order to Coach High School Athletics, Cheerleading and Dance/Drill in Oregon:**

- Certification through NFHS Coaches Education program (one time requirement)
- Online Concussion Management Class (required annually)
- Online Steroid Training and Assessment Class (required once every four years)

Thank you for all you do. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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