

Early Season Questions and Answers

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Rule 4-1-5: The uniform shall be worn as intended/designed by the manufacturer. This rule will be enforced by all officials. Application of this rule shall not be arbitrary or capricious.

Rule 4-1-4: Only wrestling headgear will be allowed. Boxing, martial arts or any other substitute headgear will be illegal. (National Federation)

Situation 1:

While on the edge of the mat, Wrestler A, who is out of bounds, has Wrestler B, who has his shoulders and head out of bounds, but scapula in-bounds is scoring back points or could get a pin. However, as the official is counting back points, Wrestler B bridges and now is supporting his weight on his head (which is out-of-bounds) and feet (which are still in-bounds). His scapulae are still within the wrestling area. Would Wrestler B be considered out-of-bounds now because most of his weight is supported by his head, or could back points still be counted?

As long as the shoulders or scapulae are inside the circle, they are considered the supporting parts even if they are off the mat. Back points could still be counted.

Situation 2:

Wrestler B is set in the referee's position, and Wrestler A, who did not show the official that he wanted to go to the optional start, then begins to assume the optional start position. If this happens, and Wrestler A (just messed up and was not showing disregard for officials instructions or to gain an advantage over his opponent) would the official be correct in NOT cautioning Wrestler A, but just verbally warning him?

In NY this could be a verbal correction not a caution.

Situation 3:

Wrestler A, offensive wrestler, and Wrestler B, defensive wrestler, are on the mat in a scramble. As they scramble, Wrestler B, while on the mat, somehow is able to put a figure-four on the head of Wrestler A. Is this legal, even though it may not be a pinning situation?

The figure 4 on the head is legal when applied by the offensive or defensive wrestler, only when applied from a neutral position is it a penalty. (Technical Violation)

Situation 4:

If in a match, one wrestler has 2 unsportsmanlike conduct calls and the other wrestler has one unsportsmanlike penalty, does the choice in the ultimate tiebreaker go to the one with the fewest or do the unsportsmanlike penalties get ignored?

If they both commit an unsportsmanlike act the penalties would offset and we would go back to the first points scored, if one wrestler has 2 unsportsmanlike conduct penalties and the other wrestler has one, using the philosophy of the dual meet tie breaking system (Rules Book page 48) the wrestler that has been penalized the greater number of points for unsportsmanlike conduct, the choice will go to his opponent.

Situation 5:

Honor weigh-in procedure for non school days.

- a) When both schools off (no honor weigh-in?)
- b) When one school is off and other school is in session.

- a) Both schools off, No honor weigh-ins are allowed
- b) Honor weigh-ins maybe used.

Situation 6:

When an individual wrestler exceeds their 22 points does the whole team become ineligible for the post season?

NYSPPHSAA Handbook page 99, #19 Penalties item 2, subsection C reads; if an individual or team exceeds the maximum number of contest permitted, the penalty is team ineligibility from the date of the violation for the rest of the season.

Situation 7:

As wrestlers come to the center of the mat after they have reported to the table and before the handshake. Wrestler A pushes wrestler B to the ground. Penalty point - team point or bout point?

By rule the match begins when the wrestlers have properly reported to the table, this would be a match point

Situation 8:

On the first day of a 2 day dual meet tournament the wrestler weighs in 152.5 lbs this make him eligible to wrestle at 160 lbs or 171 lbs. On day 2 the wrestler still weighs 152.5 lbs, however there is a one pound allowance which makes the weight class 153 lbs. Would this wrestler now have to weigh in excess of 153 lbs to wrestle 160 lbs or 171 lbs?

NO. The wrestler establishes the weight class that he qualifies for on the first day of weigh-ins. It is not necessary to weigh in excess of 153 lbs to qualify for 160 lbs and 171.lbs. However, the wrestler does not qualify for 152 lbs weight class. (Ruling provided by Bob Colgate, NFHS)

Situation 9:

My tournament already has 1 lb due to a dual meet. Would we get another if we have a snow day?

Rule 4-5-5, in the National Federation Rules Book reads "competitions that are postponed due to the participating school(s), or practices that cannot be held in these situations due to school policy shall be treated the same as competitions when there are consecutive days of competition in terms of the one pound allowance."

By National Federation rules the involved teams would be entitled to the additional pound. However, the NYSPPHSAA Handbook 2008-2010 page 119, limits teams in NY to a maximum of 1 pound. Item 8 the forth line down reads "the maximum allowance for consecutive dual meets or the first day of a tournament following a dual meet is 1 pound.

The only way the weight classes would go up by more than 1 pound (other than the growth allowance on Dec 25) would be a dual meet followed by a 2 day tournament.

Example: Thursday scratch weight (103), Friday day one of the tournament scratch plus 1 lb. (104). Saturday, 2nd day of the tournament, scratch plus 2 lbs. (105).