

SUFFOLK WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING #7
February 2, 2012

General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by Acting President C. Smith

President's Announcements: - Chad Smith

JH Assignments are on line – All members must log in and either accept or reject their assignments.

Meeting Attendance – Any member failing to make the required number of meetings must submit a written letter explaining the reasons for their absence. Explanation must specify the meeting dates and include detail on your failure to attend. The board will review and decide each situation on a case by case basis. All letters should be sent by mail to George Wissman, Sec/Treas.- SWOA, 26 Druid Hill Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777.

District Forms – In most cases, you should not be officiating in any matches involving teams from the school district you live in. Any connections (past or current employment) or relationships (relatives working in district) should also be reason for excluding that district from your assignments. Accepting matches in your district will result in fine or suspension if the violation is valid. There will be NO exceptions.

Independent Contractors: We are independent contractors hired by Section XI to perform a service. As such, no member is eligible to submit a claim for unemployment benefits from NYS.

No Shows – There have been several instances this year where an official has failed to show up for their assignments. This is unacceptable and a fine of 1.5 times the fee for that event will be levied against all No Shows. Check your assignments/dates and make sure you meet your obligations. If an emergency situation occurs, call Section XI or a board member. A fine or suspension could result if you miss your obligations.

League Assignments – Check the Section XI web site for your assignments if you haven't done so.

Interpreter – John Truscello

Weigh in Procedures – Head Official to check for skin conditions. The note must be current and you must see original and keep a copy. If special equipment is required, the wrestler must present at weigh-in.

Assistant Referees: Are to be used for all Semi and Consolation Finals. Points of note:

1. Be in the right position, opposite official and at a position to observe legs of wrestlers. Move opposite referee making the calls.
2. Watch set-ups in referee's position. Put your whistle away and allow the other official to make call.
3. Maintain verbal communication with the referee. (Inconspicuously to avoid coaches/wrestlers from hearing)
4. Look to clock at end of period and call out final seconds to referee.
5. Make sure you monitor the secondary clock during Injury/Blood/Recovery time.
6. Line calls belong to the referee. You position yourself to protect wrestlers during out of bounds calls.
7. If you see locked hands, signal so referee knows.
8. If you see illegal holds, bring to the referee's attention. Look for illegal holds in a pinning situation.
9. If official is called to table, the assistant stays at center of mat with wrestlers.
10. You do not address coaches or answer questions about referee's calls.
11. Watch wrestlers leave mat after shaking hands.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct(Coach) – Let head official know.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct(Wrestler – during match) Match Point

Pinning Situation at Line OW has DW with one shoulder in and one out of bounds. The OW can go out of bounds in an attempt to bring the DW back in bounds. You must allow wrestling to continue and provide OW the opportunity to get DW back in bounds. You are not giving back points until DW has both shoulders or scapula in bounds and in criteria.

Rules and Misapplication: If a coach believes you have misapplied a rule, he may request a conference to discuss. You must be able to explain what you saw and stay with your call or change if you feel you have misapplied a rule. You can not request that another official interpret. If your call stands, the coach is assessed a Misconduct penalty. The first time is a warning followed by a one point deduction for the second offense. A third offense is a two point deduction and the removal of the head coach. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

George Wissman, Secretary/Treasurer