

Officiating Ohio High School Wrestling

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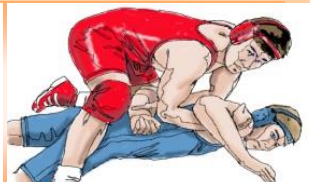
Ohio High School Athletic Association

Ohio Wrestling Officials Association

National Association of Sports Officials

*National Federation of State
High School Associations*

Unit 1





A Joint Initiative



Recruitment & retention

Shared understanding of...

Rules

Interpretations

Mechanics

Ethics

Philosophies





A Joint Initiative

Assisting you to...

Have fun!

Be competent!

Be successful!

Advance as far as you want!

Remain an official!

Be the best!





Overall Objectives

Supporting officials through...

A working knowledge & understanding of rules

Teaching mechanics and positioning

Relationships with the NFHS, OHSAA, &
OWOA





Overall Objectives

Ensuring¹ ...

Safety of wrestlers

Matches wrestled fairly per rules

Develop skills & knowledge of sport

Promotion of sportsmanship



¹ Jerry Grunski, "Your Officiating Objectives", Successful Sports Officiating, ed. By Jerry Grunski for Referee Magazine, (Human Kinetics, 1999), pp 3



Objectives: Unit 1

Ohio High School Athletic Association...

Its structure & key personnel

Officiating permit: classifications & costs

State rules interpretation meetings

Relationship to local wrestling associations

Dues & meeting requirements





INTRODUCTION

Objectives: Unit 1

National Federal of High Schools...

Purpose

Insurance

Related benefits





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Objectives: Unit 1

Ohio Wrestling Officials Association (OWOA)...

Annual OWOA Clinic

Membership

Related Benefits





INTRODUCTION

OHSAA



A voluntary, unincorporated, non-profit association of public and private high schools and middle schools.

- Over 800 high school members
- Over 850 middle school members
- 26 sanctioned sports (13 girls and 13 boys)
- Approximately 400,000 student-athletes
- Approximately 15,000 officials
- Approximately 70,000 coaches
- Six District Athletic Boards (Central, East, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest)





OHSAA

Regulates & registers officials

Issues officiating permits

Supervises local officials' associations

Provide a direct line of communication to local associations





OHSAA

License suspended if...

Permit fees not paid

Unfair & biased officiating

Meeting requirements not met

Lack of fitness on or off the mat

Conviction of a criminal offense



INTRODUCTION

OHSAA



Doug Ute
Executive Director
OHSAA





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**Director of
Officiating and Sport
Management**



Beau Rugg

**Senior Manager
of Officiating and
Sport
Administration**



Tyler Brooks

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Charles Anderson





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Bruce Maurer, PhD.
State Wrestling Tournament Manager



Jack Kruse
Scorers & Timers



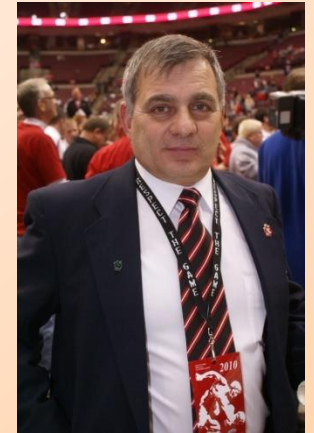


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Ray Anthony, SRI



Dick Loewenstine, SRI

Jim Vreeland, SRI

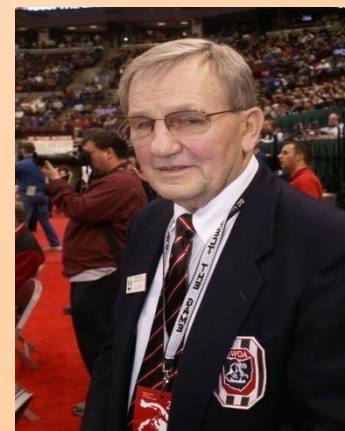




OHSAA



Vince Matteucci
SRI Emeritus



Lyle Smith
(†1931-2018)



INTRODUCTION

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Toby Dunlap

Director of Wrestling Officiating Development



Gary Berkowitz

Designer and Co-Author
Power-Point Training Curriculum
Director of Zoom Video Platform



OHSAA

6 Athletic Districts

Central

East

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest





OHSAA



Athletic Districts

Mailing address is district of residence

Notify OHSAA if you move

Attending another association's meeting...

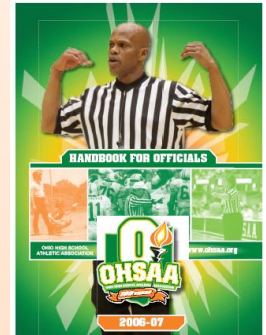
Sign in and make sure that the local secretary has your OHSAA # so he can record it via the internet for attendance credit.





OHSAA

Handbook



Officiating Requirements

Sport Specific Regulations

Procedures To Obtain Officiating Permit

Permit Classifications

Board of Control/Administrative Staff

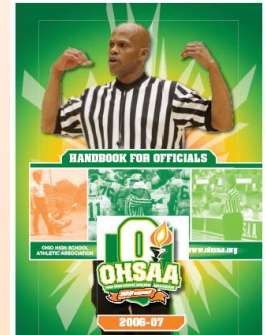
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OHSAA

Handbook



Insurance

Certified Assignor Listing

Promotion Information

Rule Interpretation Dates

Local Association Contact Information

The Handbook for Officials is located at www.OHSAA.org/Officiating under the Resources Heading or can be accessed through your myOHSAA portal.





OHSAA



Wrestling Permits

Class 1 - all levels

Class 2 - all levels

Class 3 - Grades 7-8-9 & non-school
(students in high school 14-18 yrs)





Wrestling Permits

Will not be issued or renewed for anyone:

- Convicted or adjudicated with a finding of fault, guilt or violation regarding an offense involving a minor or any sexual offense unless/until such offense has been reversed by proper authority with jurisdiction over the matter; or,
- Convicted, adjudicated with a finding of fault, guilt or violation regarding an offense involving any illegal/illicit drug or controlled substance as prescribed by federal or state law or regulation prior to five (5) years following the completion of any sentence, parole, probation period imposed for the offense; or,





Wrestling Permits (cont)

Will not be issued or renewed for anyone:

- Currently serving a sentence or parole/probation period for any offense or adjudication of guilt imposed by any court, judge or administrative body, other than simple traffic violations.





FORFEITURE

Wrestling Permits



Currently Licensed Officials:

- When indicted or charged with any criminal offense or charged with a violation of any statute pertaining to minors, drugs or a controlled substance, such license will automatically be suspended pending resolution of the indictment or charge. Conviction or adjudication of fault, guilt or a violation under any such indictment or charge shall result in immediate and automatic forfeiture of the officiating license.





FORFEITURE

Wrestling Permits



Currently Licensed Officials:

- Must inform the OHSAA of any such indictment or charge immediately upon receipt of or upon having knowledge of such indictment or charge. Failure to notify the OHSAA shall itself be a basis for immediate and automatic forfeiture of the officiating license.



PROMOTION FROM...

Class 2 to Class 1



Contact local association secretary

Must be 18 (may apply for Class 1 permit during 1st year of officiating experience)

Receive 2 favorable observations

Take on-line rules exam by end of March





Renewal Criteria

Annual Fee: June 1 – June 30

On-line renewal \$ 60, Late fee \$ 50

4 local association meetings¹

1 State Interpretation meeting²

- Offered as an in person meeting
- Offered on-line



¹By passing the OHSAA approved officiating class you are **NOT** required to attend local rule meetings during that school year.

²Passing the State Rules examination during the current year does **NOT** require you to attend an OHSAA State Rules Interpretation during that school year.



Local Associations

Chartered by OHSAA

18 throughout State

Class 1, 2 & 3 eligible for membership

Dues determined by each Association





LOCATIONS



Local Associations

Central	East	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
<i>Central District; Columbus</i>	<i>Eastern District; New Philadelphia</i>	<i>Greater Cleveland; Berea</i>	<i>Fifth District; Defiance</i>	<i>Southeastern; Lancaster</i>	<i>Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati</i>
	<i>Ohio Valley; Martins Ferry</i>	<i>Northeast Ohio; Painesville</i>	<i>Greater Toledo; Toledo</i>		<i>Mad River; Urbana</i>
		<i>Steel Valley Area; Hubbard</i>	<i>Lima-Findlay; Lima</i>		<i>Southwestern Ohio; Dayton</i>
		<i>Wayne County; Smithville</i>	<i>North Central Ohio; Mansfield</i>		<i>Greater Dayton Dayton</i>
		<i>Western Reserve; Green</i>	<i>South Shore; Bellevue</i>		





Local Associations

- May not establish officiating fees
- Assignors must be certified
- Instructors must be certified
- Primary purpose:
 - Recruiting
 - Rule discussions
 - Training and continuing education





Interpretation Meetings

Scheduled annually prior to season

Dates and locations of state and local meetings are posted on your MyOHSAA webpage portal

Minimum attendance requirements





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Interpretation Meetings

Must attend 1 State Rules Interpretation Meeting and at least 4 Local Association Meetings

- The State Rules Interpretation Meeting is offered virtually on MyOHSAA.org and in-person at selected locations throughout the state.
- The State Rules Interpretation Meetings and the Local Association Meetings are listed at MyOHSAA.org.
- Attendance is taken to ensure officials meet their meeting obligations.





Interpretation Meetings

- Cover new rules and/or changes
- Address points of emphasis from NFHS
- Clarify issues from previous season
- Discuss how to interpret and apply the rules
- Answer questions





Sectionals/Districts

- To be eligible must complete OHSAA tournament questionnaire at the beginning of the season.
- Must be a class 1 official.
- Each of the OHSAA's six District Athletic Boards oversee the assignment of officials to sectional and district tournament contests within a district.
- Officials are assigned based on their annual rating (composite score).
- Officials are rated annually by
 - Coaches.
 - Schools (athletic directors).
 - Officials (local associations).
 - Leaders in Wrestling (e.g., assigners, local association secretaries and interpreters, instructors currently teaching a class, DOD, SRIs, and OHSAA administrators).





SELECTION PROCESS

State Tournament



Votes are tabulated and officials are ranked based on the composite score from the four voting groups. The rankings determine the level of tournament the official is eligible for.

A comprehensive description of the voting process is set forth at myOHSAA.org under the My Ratings tab.

A committee (SRIs, DOD and OHSAA Administrators) assigns State Tournament Officials from the pool of Class 1 eligible officials.

No Repeat Rule (instituted for the 2004-2005 season) – Officials may work a State Tournament 2 out of 3 years.





State Tournament

A proportional representation equation based on the number of Class 1 officials licensed in each District is used to calculate the number of state officials selected from each District.

30 officials are selected for a State Tournament assignment.





UNIFORM

Costs



V-neck Shirt	\$45
Pants (black)	\$35-\$50
Wrist Bands	\$10
Flip Disc	\$10-\$15
Whistle	\$5-\$8
Black Lanyard	\$3
Shoes (black)	\$35-\$50
Socks (black)	\$3-\$5
Travel	

Maintain a calendar to record expenses for tax purposes.





RULE 3, ARTICLE 1

Uniform

Short sleeve V-neck knit shirt,
gray with black pinstripes



Full length black trousers

Black belt (if worn)

Black socks

Black gym shoes



SHALL BE NEATLY ATTIRED

Uniform



Laundered neatly

Shoes polished & in good shape

Proper pant length

Black undergarment...in case pants split!

Always travel w/extra equipment/uniform attire as, accidents happen



NFHS

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) serves its members, related professional organizations and students by providing leadership for the administration of education-based interscholastic activities, which support academic achievement, good citizenship and equitable opportunities.





NFHS

- Headquartered in Indianapolis
- Consists of 51 state athletic associations including the District of Columbia
- A portion of OHSAA fees pays dues for NFHS membership for officials
- Promulgates and publishes rules for over 20 girls' and boys' sports
- Provides insurance coverage for officials
- Publishes rule and case books
- Publishes pre-season rules guide
- On-line rule interpretations
- On-line training and learning
- www.nfhs.org





Officials' Insurance

For currently licensed OHSAA officials

- *Applies only while member is engaging in officiating activities during scheduled sports competition.*
- *Sport must be recognized by OHSAA.*
- *If a sport is recognized for either men or women the official is covered for officiating both men and women.*
- *Coverage applies while officiating temporarily outside the United States, if the sport is recognized by the state high school association.*





COVERAGE INCLUDES...

Officials' Insurance

Assignors, chain crews, & attending or operating officiating camps, clinics and meetings.

Officiating activities for independent youth or recreational leagues, junior college and college events but only for OHSAA recognized sports.





NON-COVERAGE

Officials' Insurance

No coverage provided for officiating or managing any professional sport or activity.





COVERAGE

Officials' Insurance

Insurance is provided to officials for:

- General Liability
- Accident Medical
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- For a summary of coverage - go to ohsaa.org and open the “Officiating Tab” – and on the right-hand column of the page scroll down to “Officials Insurance Program”



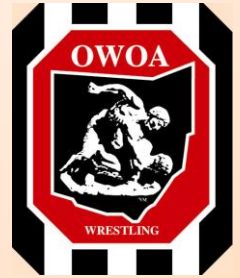


Officials' Insurance

Claims & Questions:

- Report claims to Hylant, 565 Metro Place South., Suite 450, Dublin, OH, 43017 to the attention of Cathy Noskowiak.
- Claims can also be emailed to cathy.noskowiak@hylant.com
- For questions regarding insurance, contact Phil Hein at Hylant at 614-932-1265





OWOA's Focus

- Development, training & fall clinic
- Liaison w/ OHSAA (DOD & SRI's)
- Recruitment & retention
- Promote cooperation among...
 - *Coaches...athletes...school administrators... OHSAA...fellow officials...media*

