

OHSAA STATE WRESTLING  
TOURNAMENT



Coaches Code of Conduct

- A. The following are violations of the Coaches Code of Conduct Rule:
1. Failure to leave the floor for an extended period.
  2. Failure to return to the bullpen for an upcoming match.
  3. Once a match is finished, moving to another mat to watch a wrestler from their school with 2 coaches already in the chairs.
  4. Actively coaching from behind the mat or scorer/timer table.
  5. While “on-deck”, moving to another mat to help coach.
  6. Verbal or physical abuse directed toward another coach, fan, official, tournament personnel, or Schottenstein Center personnel & security.
  7. Destruction of property by wrestlers /fans associated with a high school.
  8. Forging/duplicating Official OHSAA Wrestling Individual Documents.
- Note: One strike will be issued for any of the above violations.
- B. Once a match is over the coach has approximately 5 minutes to leave the Arena Floor. (This does not mean a coach has 5 minutes to “roam the Arena floor.)
- C. The Code of Conduct be based on the concept of:
1. Strike 1
  2. Strike 2
  3. Strike 3
- D. The Head Coach will be notified by a member of the OHSAA Staff or Tournament Manager when such conduct as indicated above occurs. One strike will be assessed for each violation.
- E. The Coaches Code of Conduct-Strike One, Strike Two, Strike Three:
1. Strike 1:
    - a. A warning is issued & high school is placed on “probation” for the remainder of this tournament & next year.
    - b. A PA Announcement is made stating the sanction.
    - c. Sanctions will be communicated to AD by Electronic Form.
  2. Strike 2:
    - a. Removal of 1 coach from the 2 coaching chairs for remainder of tournament.
    - b. A PA Announcement is made stating the sanction.
    - c. Probation from the State WR Tournament for the following year.
    - d. Sanctions will be communicated to Principal by Electronic Form.
  3. Strike 3:
    - a. Meeting with the OHSAA Commissioner regarding future participation status in the State Wrestling Tournament.
    - b. Sanctions will be communicated to Superintendent by Electronic Form.
    - c. A PA announcement is made stating the sanction.

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- F. The Coaches Code of Conduct has been implemented whereby “strikes” can be removed from the “record” due to expected “professional” behavior—in other words, adhering to the policy. Strikes carry forward from one State Wrestling Tournament to the next State Wrestling Tournament. One Strike is removed from the record when no strikes are assessed at a State Wrestling Tournament.
- G. Forging/duplicating official OHSAA Wrestling Documents--the high school will receive no State Wrestling Tournament Participation expenses & the wrestling program is placed on probation for the following season.

OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament Coach Protest Procedure

When a coach believes the Referee has misapplied a Rule or disagrees with his judgment, the coach may approach the Scorers/Timers table, request that the match be stopped (when there is no longer significant action), & discuss the matter with the Referee directly in front of the table. Both wrestlers shall return & remain in the 10’ circle. If the Referee misapplies a Rule, necessary adjustments will be made, an explanation made to the opposing coach, & wrestling will be resumed immediately. If there is no error, or if the coach disagrees with the Referee’s judgment, the coaching staff will be penalized for coach misconduct as follows: First time it occurs in the tournament -- warning; second time -- deduction of 1 team point; third time -- head coach is removed from the premises for the remainder of the day & 2 team points are deducted.

1. When the discussion takes place:
  - a. The designated coach approaches the table.
  - b. The Referee meets with one coach in front of table on edge of mat to discuss it.
  - c. Then the Referee will meet with the one opposing coach
  - d. The Assistant timer and Tapper will keep other coaches in their chair area.
  - e. The Off Referee will stay in the 10 foot circle with the 2 wrestlers.
  - f. The Referee & Assistant Referee will meet “away” from the wrestlers & coaches to discuss the situation.
  - g. If the DOD/SRI is needed, the Timer will go to the Head Table & request the Public Address Announcer to page him.
  - h. Referee can meet with the Timer/Scorer “away” from the wrestlers & coaches to discuss any timing/scoring questions.
2. Once a decision has been rendered the following procedure shall be used:
  - a. Referee will notify the Scorer of the decision, the basis, & verify that it is recorded on the score sheet properly.
  - b. Referee will then notify both coaches together of the decision.
  - c. If the original call by the official is changed, the Referee will then notify the wrestlers of the change.
3. For a dispute procedure to occur, it must fall under the category of correction of errors. (NOTE: Judgment calls are NOT correctable)
4. When a coach requests a conference with the Referee regarding a possible misapplication of a Rule, & it is determined there was no misapplication or when, during a conference, the coach questions the judgment of the Referee, coach misconduct shall be called & penalized in accordance with the NF Rule Book.
5. Any coach acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be penalized according to Rule.
6. The DOD/SRI assigned to the situation will meet with Tyler Brooks & the media.