

# 100. General Regulations & Policies

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In accordance with Article 9 of the Bylaws, the following general regulations, policies and procedures governing the FHSAA Wrestling Program have been approved by the Board of Directors. They apply to all regular season contests as well as the FHSAA State Series unless otherwise modified or superseded by the terms and conditions approved for the state series. Substantive changes for the 2007-08 school year are shaded.

*[The FHSAA utilizes a standardized calendar in which the weeks of the year are numbered. This ensures consistent dates from year to year. Week 1 begins with the first Sunday in July. Thanksgiving always falls in Week 21.]*

*[The forms referenced in this manual on FHSAA.org as downloadable PDF and/or Word documents.]*

## 101. Important Dates

*Sunday, October 21-Tuesday, October 30 (Weeks 17-18)* – Coaches online rules presentation available in E-Classroom on FHSAA.org.

*Monday, October 15 (Week 16)* – District meeting.

*Monday, October 22 (Week 17)* – First practice date.

*Tuesday-Saturday, November 6-10 (Week 19)* – Preseason classic tournaments.

*Monday, November 12 (Week 20)* – First regular season competition date.

*Tuesday, January 22 (Week 30)* – 2008 FHSAA State Wrestling Series Official Entry List must be submitted to district tournament manager.

*Saturday, January 26 (Week 30)* – Last regular season competition date.

*Monday-Saturday, January 28-February 2 (Week 31)* – District tournaments.

*Friday & Saturday, February 8-9 (Week 32)* – Regional tournaments.

*Thursday-Saturday, February 14-16 (Week 33)* – FHSAA Wrestling Finals state championship tournaments.

*Monday, March 3 (Week 36)* – FHSAA Wrestling Advisory Committee meeting.

## 102. Eligibility of Student-Athletes

**102.01** Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaw 11, as well as guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures governing student eligibility that have been adopted by the Board of Directors, may represent member schools in interscholastic competition. In accordance with Bylaw 11.13.1, member schools are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before they participate and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all interscholastic competition. See Appendix A for FHSAA student-eligibility guidelines.

**102.02** If an ineligible student-athlete is accidentally or intentionally permitted to participate in an interscholastic contest, the points won by the ineligible student shall be forfeited.

## 103. Season and Contest Limitations

**103.01 Practice.** First practice date is Monday of Week 17 (Oct. 22, 2007). Last practice date is Saturday of Week 33 (Feb. 16, 2008).

No practice session of any kind may be held on a Sunday.

**103.02 Contests.** First regular season contest date is Monday of Week 20 (Nov. 12, 2007). Last regular season contest date is Saturday of Week 30 (Jan. 26, 2008).

(1) Maximum number of regular season contests – 18, inclusive of dual-team matches, tri-team matches, quad-team matches, etc., and all invitational tournaments.

(2) Maximum number of contests in a school week – 3 dual-team, tri-team or quad-team matches, etc., or 2 such matches and 1 tournament. No more than one school day or part of one school day may be missed in a week for traveling to, traveling from and participating in an athletic contest(s).

(3) No contest of any kind may be held on a Sunday except under emergency conditions in tournaments or meets that are approved by the Commissioner or the Board of Directors.

**103.03 Opponents.** Member schools shall compete only against schools that are full members or approved nonmembers of the FHSAA, or out-of-state schools that are members of associations that regulate interscholastic athletic competition within their respective states. Out-of-state schools, however, must have eligibility guidelines comparable to those of the FHSAA, and must have an established season of competition in the sport that is concurrent with that of the FHSAA. Competition with out-of-state schools, in some cases, may require the approval of the NFHS. See Appendix B for NFHS regulations on interstate and international competitions.

**103.04 Contracts.** The “Contract for Interscholastic Athletic Contest” (Form AT1) is required for all regular season contests.

Practice games, exhibition games, non-contract games and scrimmage games with other schools, groups, alumni or league teams are strictly prohibited. All such games or sessions shall be on an intra-squad basis. Non-squad members shall not participate in any team practice, game or contest.

**103.05 Student-Athletes.** Maximum number of regular season contests – 18, inclusive of all matches conducted on the varsity and sub-varsity levels. Maximum number of contests in a week – 3. No more than one school day or part of one school day may be missed in a week for traveling to, traveling from and participating in an athletic contest(s).

A student who participates as a member of a varsity team shall not participate as a member of a sub-varsity team, or vice versa, until the day following such participation.

A student must take part in a minimum of 10 practice sessions on 10 separate days prior to competing in his first contest (Exception: A student who participates in a fall sport that overlaps the wrestling season must take part in a minimum of five (5) practice sessions on five (5) separate days held after the conclusion of the fall sport and prior to competing in his first contest). Individual practice sessions must be conducted as part of, and not separate from or in addition to, the team’s regularly scheduled practice sessions.

## **104. Invitational Tournaments**

**104.01** All invitational tournaments (conference, county, league, etc.) hosted by senior high schools must have the approval of the FHSAA Office. The “Application for Approval of Multi-School Athletic Event” (Form AT2) must be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the tournament to avoid a late fee of

\$50. Approval forms received less than 10 days in advance of the first day of the tournament will incur a late fee of \$100, and forms received after the date of the event will incur a \$200 late fee. No approval is required for regular season contests (dual, tri, quad, etc.) hosted by senior high schools, or any contests or invitational meets hosted by middle schools, regardless of the number of participating teams.

**104.02** There is no limit on the number of regular season tournaments in which a team may participate. Each and every tournament, however, shall count as two matches toward the team's maximum limit of 18 matches.

**104.03** Regular season tournaments:

(a) May be categorized as either dual-team tournaments (competition is team vs. team) or individually bracketed tournaments (competition is bracketed by weight class);

(b) May have a maximum of 32 teams;

(c) May have single-elimination, double-elimination, round-robin or pool-play formats;

(d) Must not allow any match to begin later than 10 p.m. on any day;

(e) Must allow a minimum of 10 hours to elapse between the end of the last match of one day and the beginning of weigh-ins the following day; and

(f) Must begin and end within the same one week (Monday-Saturday) unless held during a holiday period.

The following additional minimum requirements have been established for individually bracketed tournaments:

<b>Tournaments with:</b>	<b>up to 8 teams</b>	<b>9-16 teams</b>	<b>17-24 teams</b>	<b>24-32 teams</b>
Number of matches	182	406	630	840
<b>Requirements</b>				
Minimum number of mats*	2	3	4	5
Minimum number of officials*	4	5	6	8

\* Note: These are minimums. The tournament will run more efficiently if more mats and officials are used.

**104.04** No member school may participate in a tournament that begins earlier than 3 p.m. local time on a school day with the exception of a 32-team tournament, which may begin at noon on a school day provided the terms of s.103.02(2) are met.

**104.05** No junior varsity, junior high or other sub-varsity team may participate in a tournament involving a varsity team. Junior varsity, junior high and other sub-varsity tournaments, if held, must be run separately.

**104.06** Application fees shall be assessed the school/organization making application to hold an invitational tournament based on the number of participating teams according to the following schedule:

- 8 or less teams – \$100.00
- 9 to 16 teams – \$150.00
- 17 to 32 teams – \$250.00

The FHSAA shall not receive any percentage of the receipts, and the host school/organization shall not be required to file a financial report form with the FHSAA Office.

**104.07** Certain invitational tournaments involving out-of-state schools may require the approval of the NFHS. See Appendix B for NFHS regulations on interstate and international competitions.

## 105. Preseason Classics, Jamborees

**105.01** Preseason classic tournaments must have the approval of the FHSAA Office. The “Application for Approval of Multi-School Athletic Event” (Form AT2) must be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the event to avoid a late fee of \$50. Approval forms received less than 10 days in advance of the first day of the tournament will incur a late fee of \$100, and forms received after the date of the event will incur a \$200 late fee.

**105.02** A varsity team may participate in a preseason classic. Sub-varsity preseason classics are prohibited.

**105.03** The following provisions shall apply:

- (1) Must be held on Tuesday through Saturday of Week 19 (Nov. 6-10, 2007).
- (2) Must be hosted by a member school.
- (3) All NFHS Wrestling Rules shall apply.
- (4) Shall not be counted toward a participating varsity team or individual’s win-loss record, team statistics or wrestler’s statistics; no official FHSAA or NFHS records may include results of preseason classic tournaments.
- (5) Limited to a field of four varsity teams; a predetermined format may be used to draw the team bracket. A maximum of two dual meets per school is allowed.

**105.04** A fee of \$75.00 shall be assessed the school/organization making application for each preseason classic tournament. The FHSAA shall not receive any percentage of the receipts, and the host school/organization shall not be required to file a financial report form with the FHSAA Office.

## 106. Rules of Competition

**106.01 Competition Rules.** NFHS Wrestling Rules, as modified by the FHSAA, are the official rules for all wrestling matches and tournaments. The following modifications to those rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors.

- **3-2-1.** Use assistant referee during competition.

- **4-3-2.** The use of artificial limbs.

- **4-4-4.** 2-pound growth allowance.

- **8-1-5c and Penalty Chart.** Ejection of coach: the coach is suspended from the remainder of the match or tournament day and must leave the premises. Additionally, the coach is suspended for the next seven days and a minimum of two matches.

- **10-1-2.** Videotaping guidelines: A visiting school may film or videotape its team’s or contestants’ performances in a contest when permission is secured from and arrangements are made with the host school principal. No representative of a school that is not participating in a contest may film or videotape all or any part of the contest unless permission to do so is granted by the principal of each school that is participating in the contest. (See Section 200.00 for regulations pertaining to state series contests.)

**106.02 Weight Classifications.**

(1) All tournaments and meets will be limited to competition in the following 14 weight classifications:

103 pounds and under	145 pounds and under
112 pounds and under	152 pounds and under
119 pounds and under	160 pounds and under
125 pounds and under	171 pounds and under

130 pounds and under	189 pounds and under
135 pounds and under	215 pounds and under
140 pounds and under	285 pounds and under

(2) A student cannot wrestle more than one weight class above the weight class in which his actual weight places him, and must never wrestle in a weight class below his/her minimum certified weight class. The growth allowance and consecutive-days rule both apply to the 285-pound division.

(3) A school will be limited to one contestant in each weight classification for varsity competition. In sub-varsity tournaments, however, a school may enter multiple contestants per weight class with one of the contestants in the weight class designated as the team scorer.

(4) A student cannot wrestle in more than one weight class in any match.

**106.03 Growth Allowance.** The FHSAA Board of Directors has adopted use of the 2-pound growth allowance as permitted in National Federation Rule 4-4-4. Beginning on and including Dec. 26, 2007, each weight class will be permitted a 2-pound growth allowance. This regulation is intended to encourage wrestlers to increase their strength, and thereby their muscle mass; and to discourage wrestlers from crash dieting to reduce weight so as to remain eligible in a lower weight class. Coaches and athletes are encouraged to use this provision accordingly.

*[Q: If a wrestler is certified for a minimum weight of 104.5, would he qualify for the 103 weight class when the two-pound growth allowance comes into effect?*

*A: No. The growth allowance may not be used to achieve a lower minimum certified minimum wrestling weight for a wrestler. In order to utilize the growth allowance, a wrestler shall compete at "scratch weight" in the desired weight class at least once prior to the district tournament.]*

*[Q: If a wrestler is assessed, and the lowest he can go is 153, can he go 154 for districts?*

*A: No. The growth allowance may not be utilized to achieve a lower certified minimum wrestling weight.]*

**106.04 Certification of Minimum Weight.** Each individual wrestler must have his/her minimum weight class certified by using the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) internet-based Optimal Performance Calculator. Each wrestler shall have his/her hydration and body fat ratios tested by an FHSAA-approved assessor who shall determine the wrestler's safe minimum weight. This data for each wrestler then shall be tracked online. The wrestler may not lose more than an average of 1.5 percent of his/her weight per week under this program. Each FHSAA member school with a wrestling program is required to join NWCA no later than the first day of wrestling practice (Oct. 22, 2007). To register, go to [www.ncwaonline.com](http://www.ncwaonline.com). *[Note: See Appendix F for further information.]* NWCA membership has been processed for each school with a wrestling program. No further action is required.

*[Q: Is it okay to wrestle preseason without having wrestlers assessed for the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator?*

*A: Yes. Each wrestler must be assessed prior to the first regular season contest (dual meet or tournament). An Alpha Master form (printed from the NWCA web site is required for weigh-ins prior to each regular season contest.)*

**106.05 Weigh-Ins.**

(1) Wrestlers must weigh in not more than one (1) hour prior to the scheduled

starting time of the dual match in which they will compete in accordance with National Federation Rule 4-5. This rule permits, for example, the weigh-in to begin at 7 p.m. for a dual wrestling meet which is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. This rule, however, DOES NOT require a 30-minute waiting period between the end of the weigh-in and the scheduled starting time of the meet.

(2) An FHSAA-registered contest official shall conduct all weigh-ins.

(3) Each team may weigh in a maximum of two (2) wrestlers for each weight classification.

(4) The head coach of each school must have with him/her a photocopy of the school's current NWCA Alpha Master form at each dual meet and tournament in which his/her team competes. The exact weight of each wrestler who weighs in must be recorded in the appropriate blank on this form. Both head coaches and the meet referee must sign the NWCA Alpha Master form at the conclusion of the weigh-in. Head coaches must exchange NWCA Alpha Master forms prior to the final match of a dual meet. For tournaments, NWCA Alpha Master forms must be submitted to the tournament director prior to the start of competition.

*[Q: If a school does not produce the Alpha Master list and cannot get a copy that day, should we allow the team to compete?]*

*A: No. The coach can get a copy of his school's Alpha Master form from any computer with Internet access. The NWCA is a web-based database system. The coach can print his school's Alpha Master form from a computer at the host school, find a nearby copy center with Internet access, etc.]*

*[Q: If for any reason a wrestler is left off the Alpha Master list, what is the result?]*

*A: The wrestler does not compete. If the wrestler is not on the Alpha Master form, that means he/she was not assessed.]*

(5) A coach may alter his/her lineup for dual-team competitions within the guidelines of NFHS Rule 4-4-2.

(6) Once the weight class for a wrestler competing in an individually bracketed tournament is established, the wrestler shall be required to compete in the same one weight class for the duration of a tournament.

(7) Any challenge of a wrestler's minimum certified weight class must be made before the last wrestler has been weighed. A wrestler who has his/her minimum certified weight class challenged must be allowed to compete. The head coach issuing the challenge must notify the FHSAA Office of the challenge upon conclusion of the meet.

(8) The provisions of National Federation Rule 4-5 cannot be revised or modified by conference rule, mutual consent or otherwise.

(9) See Appendix G for tournament weigh-in procedures.

### **106.06 Skin Conditions.**

(1) A member school wrestler who exhibits a skin condition(s) of a potentially infectious nature must be examined by a physician before he/she is permitted to participate in competition.

(2) A wrestler with a questionable skin condition must secure from his/her head coach the "Wrestler Skin Condition Examination Report Form" (Form WR2) to present to the physician at the time of the examination. This form must be used by the physician to document that he/she has examined the wrestler's skin condition(s) and

determined that it is not infectious. The wrestler must return the form signed by the physician to the head coach following the examination. The original form which is marked and signed by the physician must be presented by the head coach to the official at the weigh-in or prior to competition for his/her inspection. A photocopy of the form must also be given to the official for his/her records. The original form, however, must be retained by the head coach.

(3) A “Wrestler Skin Condition Examination Report Form” (Form WR2) signed by a physician is valid for a maximum of seven (7) days from the date of the examination unless otherwise indicated by the physician. After that time, the wrestler must obtain a new form from the physician if his/her skin condition is still present. The form is valid only for those areas of the wrestler’s body marked on the form by the physician. If the official observes any questionable area(s) not marked by the physician on the form, the wrestler will not be allowed to participate.

**106.07 Injury.** During an injury timeout, both wrestlers must remain on the mat. The referee will position himself/herself at the scorer’s table.

**106.08 Biting.** The Board of Directors has defined the intentional biting of an opponent by a wrestler during a meet, as judged by the official, as gross unsporting conduct. A wrestler who commits a violation involving biting will be ejected from the meet and suspended from further interscholastic athletic competition for a period of six weeks according to the provisions of Bylaw 11.11.2 and the FHSAA Policy on Unsporting Conduct.

**106.09 Medical Personnel.** The FHSAA Board of Directors recommends that each host member school have an athletic trainer and a physician present or readily available for each match and tournament.

#### **106.10 Athletic Uniforms.**

(1) Uniforms must be in compliance with National Federation Rule 4-1. A wrestler competing in a dual meet or tournament must be in proper uniform at all times while he/she is in public view. The penalty for violation of this regulation is the deduction of one (1) team point.

(2) Commercial advertising, with the exception of the manufacturer’s logo as permitted by NFHS rules, is prohibited on all athletic uniforms.

**106.11 Suspended Contest.** A suspended contest shall be resumed from the point of interruption. Otherwise, NFHS Rules regarding the resumption of suspended contests will apply.

**106.12 Protests.** Protests of interscholastic contests shall not be allowed. The decision of the officials shall be final. The outcome (i.e. winners and losers) of all interscholastic contests are final, and cannot be reversed, except where the rules of the sport permit or in the case where a winner must forfeit its victory or points.

## **107. Sportsmanship and Unsporting Conduct**

**107.01 Sportsmanship.** Student-athletes, coaches, administrators, spectators and all other persons connected directly or indirectly with a member school, as well as contest officials, shall adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and the ethics of competition before, during and after all contests in which they participate and/or attend.

Each participating school shall be held strictly accountable for unsporting conduct on the part of its competitors, coaches and spectators.

If contestants or people from any school are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or host organization, such school will be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**107.02 Disqualification (ejection) for general unsporting conduct or flagrant foul.**

(1) **Student-Athlete.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for the following seven days, but not less than the next two regularly scheduled contests (one contest in boys football); if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the student-athlete participates; beginning with fourth such ejection in a sport, program in that sport is placed on administrative probation and school is assessed a \$100 fine per occurrence in that sport.

(2) **Coach.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for the following seven days, but not less than the next two regularly scheduled contests (one contest in boys football); if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the individual coaches; school is assessed a minimum fine of \$100 per occurrence.

**107.03 Disqualification (ejection) for gross unsporting conduct (Bylaw 11.11.2), or second or subsequent act of general unsporting conduct or flagrant foul.**

(1) **Student-Athlete.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on all levels for up to a period of six weeks; if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the student-athlete participates; beginning with second such ejection in any sport, school is assessed a \$250 fine per occurrence.

(2) **Coach.** Suspended from competition for remainder of contest and all contests on levels for up to a period of six weeks; if last contest of season, suspension is served in the next sport in which the individual coaches; school is assessed a minimum fine of \$100 per occurrence.

**107.04 Restrictions on Disqualified Coach.**

(1) Must immediately leave the competition area to a place where he/she is not visible to student-athletes, officials, spectators or other coaches and where he/she cannot see the competition itself.

(2) Must not have any further contact with or give instruction to student-athletes or other members of his/her staff for the remainder of the contest; including halftime intermission; breaks between quarters, periods or innings; and post-contest activities.

(3) Shall not attend any subsequent contest from which he/she has been suspended in any capacity; shall not be present at the site; and shall not accompany his/her team to the site of the contest.

**107.05 Enforcement.** It is the responsibility of local school authorities to ensure this policy is enforced. When an ineligible student-athlete is allowed to participate, the points won by the ineligible student shall be forfeited. When a coach is allowed to coach in a contest from which he/she has been suspended, the school shall face additional penalties. When a coach is disqualified (ejected) from a contest and no other authorized school personnel are present to take charge of the student-athletes, the contest shall be forfeited. Contest officials, or host schools for contests in sports in which there are no registered officials, must report acts of unsporting conduct to the FHSAA Office using Form AT6 or iFHSAA.

**107.06 Additional Penalties.** In addition to the standard monetary penalty of \$100 for the disqualification (ejection) of a coach, a school may be assessed additional minimum fines for unsporting conduct by the coach or other school personnel as follows:

- Use of profanity or gutter language – \$150.00
- Continuing to give instruction to student-athletes or other members of the coaching staff after having been disqualified from a contest – \$150.00
- Pursuit of officials following a contest – \$150.00
- Refusal to leave the court, playing field or team area following disqualification – \$100.00
- Physical contact with an official – \$250.00
- Removal of a team or individual from an athletic contest prior to its normal conclusion – \$250.00
- Storming the playing field, court or pool before, during or after an athletic contest – \$500.00

**107.07 Public Criticism of Officials.** No coach or other school employee may publicly criticize or berate an official prior to, during or following a contest. Professional ethics require that coaches and other school employees use proper channels to report their complaints about officials rather than airing them publicly. A minimum fine of \$50 shall be assessed a school whose coach or other employees are in violation of this provision.

**107.08 Crowd Control.**

(1) The home school administration is responsible for the control of spectators during a contest. The presence of uniformed officers is recommended.

(2) The visiting school administration is encouraged to assist with the control of its own spectators. Visiting school administrators (i.e., principal, FHSAA representative, assistant principals and athletic director) who are required by their principal to attend the event for supervisory purposes upon presentation of a photo I.D. must be provided complimentary admission to the event, provided the visiting school submits their names to the home school administration by fax in writing on school stationery not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

(3) The officials assigned to officiate a contest are responsible for the conduct of the contest itself. In the event, however, a spectator or group of spectators interferes with the conduct of a contest or causes an official to become distracted through continual, unrelenting verbal abuse, the official should immediately stop the action and report the spectator or group of spectators to the home school administration or the nearest uniformed security officer and ask that they be restrained or removed from the facility. If the home school administration or uniformed security officer is unwilling or unable to comply and the official does not believe the contest can be safely continued, the official must declare the contest ended at that point. Under no circumstance should an official ever confront, challenge, rebuke or threaten a spectator, or make gestures of any kind toward a spectator before, during or after a contest.

(4) Both the officials assigned to officiate a contest and the home school administration are required to file with the FHSAA Office by fax within 24 hours a written report on any contest that is disrupted or terminated due to interference by a spectator(s).

**107.09 Banned Substances.**

(1) The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products by student-athletes, coaches and officials is prohibited during any interscholastic athletic contest and in

the vicinity of the playing field or court. A student-athlete in violation of this policy is guilty of gross unsporting conduct, will be disqualified from the contest and shall be suspended from subsequent contests in accordance with the provisions of s.106.03(1). The official must report any violation of this policy by either a student-athlete or coach to the FHSAA Office. Violation of this policy by a student-athlete or coach shall subject the school to a monetary penalty. Violation of this policy by an official shall subject the official to a monetary penalty or suspension or both. For violations of this policy, a minimum fine of \$100.00 shall be assessed.

(2) The use of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs by a student-athlete is not permissible and is considered to be an act of gross unsporting conduct. A student-athlete discovered to be using such substances shall be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic contest until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of those substances.

## **108. Filming, Videotaping, Photographing Contests**

**108.01** A visiting school may film, videotape or photograph its team's or contestants' performance in a contest when permission is secured from and arrangements are made with the host school principal. Videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator. No representative of a school that is not participating in a contest may film, videotape or photograph all or any part of the contest unless permission to do so is granted by the principal of each school that is participating in the contest.

**108.02** Any school violating this policy is guilty of unsporting conduct and shall be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA.

## **109. Officials**

**109.01 Registered Officials.** All member schools must use FHSAA registered contest officials in wrestling meets in which they participate. In accordance with s.106.05(2), an FHSAA-registered contest official shall conduct all weigh-ins. Regular season tournaments and meets must utilize one referee per bout. The host school, however, may choose to use two officials (referee and assistant referee) per bout. The decisions of the meet officials will be final. No protests will be allowed.

Host schools must contract for officials only with officials associations which are sanctioned by the FHSAA Office. Schools may not, under any circumstance, enter into contracts with individual officials.

Guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures governing the FHSAA contest officials program are published in the 2007-08 FHSAA Officials Guidebook, a copy of which has been provided to each member school. That publication also is available for download as a PDF document on FHSAA.org.

**109.02 Fees.** The maximum fees an officials association may charge for a regular season contest is:

- Varsity meets –\$55.00 per official
- Sub-varsity meets – \$44.00 per official
- Dual-team tournaments – \$55.00 per official for first dual match, \$45.00 per official for each additional dual match and \$16.00 per official for weigh-ins
- Invitationally Bracketed Tournaments – \$105.00 per official on first day, \$35.00 per official on second day and \$16.00 per official for weigh-ins

Sixty (60) cents per mile one way, one vehicle, is the maximum mileage rate that

may be charged by an officials association.

**109.03 Schools' Responsibilities to Officials.** The Board of Directors has charged member schools with the following responsibilities relative to FHSAA officials when serving as host for an athletic contest to which officials are assigned:

(1) An authorized representative of the host school must greet the officials upon their arrival.

(2) The host school shall provide a private, secure place for the officials to park.

(3) The host school should provide a secure dressing facility which affords privacy.

(4) The host school should provide the officials access to private shower facilities with hot water whenever possible.

(5) The host school should provide the officials with refreshments (i.e., water and/or sports drinks) during the halftime intermission, following the conclusion of the contest and other appropriate times.

(6) The host school must provide pregame, halftime and postgame security for the officials. A school official or principal's designee must escort the officials to and from the playing field or court to prevent harassment.

(7) The host school principal or game administrator must indicate to the referee or umpire-in-chief his/her seat location should a situation develop where assistance is needed during the contest.

(8) School personnel, including coaches, must not enter the officials dressing facility while the officials are in attendance except when requested by the officials.

## **111. Coaches**

**111.01** The head coach is required to complete the FHSAA Online Rules Presentation. The rules presentation for coaches will be available October 21-30 in the E-Classroom on FHSAA.org. The financial penalty for failure to complete this requirement is \$50.