

200. State Series

Terms & Conditions

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In accordance with Article 9.8.0 of the FHSAA Bylaws, the following Terms and Conditions governing the 2009 FHSAA State Boys Weightlifting Series have been approved by the FHSAA Board of Directors. Jamie Rohrer, administrator for boys weightlifting, shall be the state series director.

201. Team Entries

201.01 Eligibility.

(1) Participation in the state series is voluntary and open to any full member senior high school varsity team provided:

(a) The school's varsity team competes in a minimum of four (4) regular season varsity contests or the necessary district contests, whichever is greater, during the current season;

(b) The school files a commitment to participate in the state series with the FHSAA Office by the specified deadline;

(c) A school must play not less than 60 percent of its regular season contests in the sport against FHSAA member schools; and

(d) A school must not take more than one trip per school year in the sport beyond the neighboring states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

(2) A school shall enter only one (1) team.

(3) A first-time member senior high school shall not be eligible to enter a team into the FHSAA State Series in any sport in its two years of provisional membership, unless the school is created from the consolidation or division of existing member high schools and remains under the control of the same governing board. A continuing member school that is starting a new program or resuming a previously discontinued program shall not be eligible to enter a team into the state series until the school successfully sponsors a varsity program for a minimum of one school year.

(4) Boys may not participate on a girls team or in the girls division in the FHSAA State Series in any sport. In an individual sport, girls may not participate in the boys division in the FHSAA State Series if competition is conducted in a girls division in that sport; therefore, a school must commit to participate in the girls division of the state series to be eligible to enter female participants.

201.02 Commitment to Participate.

(1) A member school that elects to participate in the state series in an individual sport must file with the FHSAA Office a declaration of intent to participate by the specified deadline. This declaration of intent to participate is an agreement between the member school and the Association, and obligates the school to participate in accordance with and abide by all guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures for the state series.

(2) A school that does not declare its intent to participate in the state series by the specified deadline may be permitted to participate without penalty if its written

request for entry (Form AT12) is received before the state series assignments are released. Once the state series assignments are released, the school will be assigned and assessed a \$100 administrative fee if the request is received prior to the date for the district planning meeting. Thereafter, a school shall not be assigned.

(3) A school that declares its intent to participate in the state series may be released from its commitment without penalty if written notice of its withdrawal (Form AT13) is received in the FHSAA Office before the state series assignments are released. Once the state series assignments are released, the following provisions will apply:

(a) If the school notifies the FHSAA Office in writing of its withdrawal (Form AT13) prior to or on the date for filing the official entry list, the school will be released without penalty.

(b) If the school notifies the FHSAA Office in writing of its withdrawal (Form AT13) after the date for filing the official entry list, or fails to notify the FHSAA Office in writing and does not appear for the district tournament/meet, the school, at a minimum, will be assessed a \$250 fine.

202. Student-Athlete Entries

202.01 Eligibility. To represent a member school in the state series, a student-athlete:

(1) Must be eligible under Bylaw 11 and applicable administrative guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures.

(2) Must participate in a minimum of four (4) interscholastic contests in the sport during the regular season. A student-athlete who is academically ineligible at the beginning of a sports season and who regains his/her eligibility during that sports season, but is unable to participate in the minimum of four (4) varsity interscholastic contests in that sport shall be exempted from this provision.

(3) Must be submitted to the district tournament/meet host on the school's official entry list.

202.02 Official Entry List.

(1) Each participating school must generate in iFHSAA and submit by fax to its district tournament manager a "2009 FHSAA State Boys Weightlifting Series Official Entry List" on which is listed the name of each student-athlete who will represent the school in the state series. The official entry list:

(a) Must be filed by 5 p.m. Monday, Mar. 16, 2009 (late filing fee is \$50, increases to \$100 if not received by district tournament manager by 5 p.m. Friday, Mar. 20, 2009).

(b) May contain the names of two lifters and one alternate in each classification (a total of 30 names) of whom only 15 may participate in any one sectional qualifying meet. All student-athletes listed must have been previously reported to the FHSAA Office on an "Annual Eligibility Report" via iFHSAA.

(c) Must be signed by the principal, FHSAA representative and head coach.

(d) Cannot be e-mailed.

(2) A school whose official entry list is not received by the time of its team's first meet in the qualifying meets may be permitted to participate only with the approval of the FHSAA Office; however, that school shall be assessed a minimum financial penalty of \$250. This penalty will increase if it is later determined that a student-athlete(s) representing the school was ineligible to do so.

(3) Additions/changes to an official entry list must be submitted in writing to the qualifying meet manager using Form WT5. A coach making a change to his/her official entry list must declare that the student affected in the addition or change is otherwise eligible by all FHSAA policies and bylaws; appears on his/her school's annual eligibility list in the iFHSAA database, and meets all minimum contest requirements as established by the Association. The following provisions will apply:

(a) An administrative fee of \$50 per addition or change will be assessed if the WT5 form is filed after the district entry list deadline. The fee(s) will appear on the school's next monthly statement.

(b) Requests for additions or changes are permissible until the time of the team's first meet in the qualifying meets. Once the first qualifying meet begins, no additions/changes may be made.

(4) The district tournament manager shall forward to the FHSAA Office via U.S. Mail all list change forms (WT5) and entry list receipt logs filed by schools participating in the district tournament within 10 business days of the conclusion of the district tournament.

(5) A student-athlete who qualifies for participation in the FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals is expected to compete in the state meet unless ill, injured, suspended due to disciplinary action or for any other reason acceptable to the Executive Director.

203. School Classification

The classification of each school participating in the state series is determined on the basis of student population in the ninth through 12th grades as reported to the FHSAA Office in October 2004. Student populations for schools that do not have all four grades are adjusted in accordance with policy. Student populations for schools that enroll boys only are doubled for classification purposes. There are two classifications as follows:

- Class 2A – schools with populations of 1633 or more students; and
- Class 1A – schools with populations of 1632 or fewer students.

Classification assignments are available on FHSAA.org.

204. Qualifying Sections

204.01 Assignment. Schools that committed to participate in the FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals shall be assigned on a geographical basis to one of eight (8) sections in their respective classifications. Qualifying meets shall be conducted in each section during weeks of the regular season specified herein to determine the individual competitors that shall represent the section in the FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals.

Competition between schools assigned to a section, other than in qualifying meets, is not required during the regular season in boys weightlifting.

204.02 Planning Meeting.

(1) The FHSAA Representative of one school assigned to each section shall be designated the coordinator of that section. The sectional coordinator shall be responsible for facilitating the sectional planning meeting and reporting to the FHSAA Office the results of that meeting, including the schedule of qualifying meets to be held within his/her section.

(2) The sectional coordinator must conduct a sectional planning meeting between Jan. 12-14, 2009. The meeting must be held at a time so that all schools in the section can have a representative present with no loss of time from school. Exceptions to this policy must be made in writing to the Executive Director.

(3) The sectional coordinator must notify in writing the FHSAA representative, athletic director and boys weightlifting coach of each school in his/her section of the site and time of the sectional planning meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. If, however, the FHSAA representative, athletic director or boys weightlifting coach at a given school has not received written notification from the Sectional Coordinator relative to the site and time of the sectional planning meeting, it is his/her responsibility to contact the Sectional Coordinator for the arrangements.

(4) Each school in a section is required to have one voting representative present at the sectional planning meeting. All decisions will be made by a majority vote of those representatives present. There can be no voting by proxy. A school that fails to have a representative present at this meeting will be assessed a financial penalty of \$50.00.

(5) **Agenda.** The following items of business must be addressed at the sectional planning meeting:

- (a) Review FHSAA rules, policies, terms and conditions governing the FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals and qualifying procedures.
- (b) Determine dates and sites of qualifying meets.
- (c) Determine number of platforms to be used at each qualifying meet.
- (d) Determine teams that will compete at each qualifying meet site.
- (e) Selection and compensation of officials for qualifying meets. See s.206.
- (f) Determine financial arrangements for qualifying meets. Determine how expenses/profits will be shared among participating schools.
- (g) Determine the amount of compensation, not to exceed \$100.00, to be paid to the Event Manager.
- (h) Other business (i.e., AED availability, etc.).

(6) The sectional coordinator shall forward to the FHSAA Office and each school in the section a complete report on the sectional planning meeting for which he/she serves as host. This report shall include a list of those school representatives in attendance, the official minutes of the meeting, the format selected for setting up qualifying meets, and a list of the dates, sites and participating schools in each qualifying meet.

204.03 Qualifying Meets.

(1) **Format.** Each section shall follow the structured qualifying format. The section may conduct a number of preliminary qualifying meets. The top lifters in each of these preliminary qualifying meets then will advance to a "lift-off meet(s)" to determine the qualifiers to the FHSAA Finals state meet.

(2) **Structure.** All qualifying meets shall be conducted according to the following provisions:

(a) Qualifying meets shall be held during the week of Mar. 23-28, 2009, which is Week 38 on the FHSAA Standardized Calendar, or during the week of Apr. 6-11, 2009, which is Week 40 on the FHSAA Standardized Calendar.

(b) The rules of competition as set forth in s.105 of this manual, with the exception of s.105.01 and s.105.03, shall apply to all qualifying meets unless modified in these terms & conditions.

(c) Each qualifying meet shall have a minimum of four (4) competing schools.

(d) A school may enter in any one qualifying meet a maximum of two (2) lifters in

any seven of the 10 weight classifications and one (1) lifter in any one of the remaining three weight classifications. A maximum of 15 lifters may represent a school in state series competition.

(e) A school may enter lifters in a maximum of three (3) qualifying meets.

(f) An individual lifter may compete in a maximum of three (3) qualifying meets.

(g) A school may qualify lifters to the FHSAA Finals state meet only through a qualifying meet(s) held in the section to which it is assigned.

(h) Conference, county or other invitational meets shall not serve as qualifying meets.

(i) The qualifying meet director shall forward to the FHSAA administrator for boys weightlifting the results of the qualifying meet for which his/her school served as host using Form WT4. The results must be certified by the signature of the head coach for each participating school to be valid.

(j) No team standings shall be kept for the purpose of determining a “sectional team champion,” neither shall any individual lifter be recognized as a “sectional champion.”

(3) **Weigh-in Procedures.** Weigh-in procedures as stated in the general regulations section will apply except that:

(a) When a lifter weighs in he must lift in the weight category in which he is listed on the Official Entry List;

(b) Only those lifters who do not make weight may return to the scales a maximum of three (3) times to make weight during the time allocated for the weigh-in; and

(c) A lifter must lift in the weight class in which he is entered on the Official Entry List at the close of weigh-ins. After the allocated time has elapsed, a lifter who has not made weight will be disqualified from the meet and may not lift in any other weight classification. A lifter must weigh within the limits of his weight class (see s.105.02).

(4) **Reporting Results.** Sub-section qualifying meet managers must report complete results to the lift-off meet manager upon the conclusion of the meet. The lift-off meet manager must forward the compiled results (Form WT4) to the FHSAA Office via fax at (352) 372-9086 within 24 hours of the completion of the lift-off qualifying meet.

204.04 Determination of Qualifiers.

(1) Each section shall report by Form WT4 its top four lifters, of which the top lifter shall be guaranteed an automatic qualification, in each weight classification to the FHSAA Finals state meet as follows:

(a) Structured Qualifying Format: The top lifter in each weight class who lifts the greatest total weight (bench press and clean & jerk combined) overall in the “lift-off meet(s)” held within the section shall qualify for and advance to the FHSAA Finals state meet.

(b) At-Large Qualifiers. After the top lifter for each weight classification in each section has been determined, the remaining at-large qualifiers statewide will be determined by the FHSAA Office from results reported by the sectional coordinator/lift-off meet director. All qualifiers will be posted on FHSAA.org.

(2) In the event that a tie occurs between any two or more lifters that would result

in more than 18 lifters per weight classification qualifying for the state meet, the tie shall be broken as follows:

(a) The lifter(s) whose body weight(s) was/were the lighter/lightest on the date(s) the total weight was lifted shall be awarded the berth(s) in the state meet. This procedure will be followed until all ties are resolved.

(b) Should two or more tied lifters have the same body weight on the date(s) the total weight was lifted, the lifter(s) who recorded the total weight lifted on the earliest date shall be awarded the berth(s) in the state meet. This procedure will be followed until all ties are resolved.

(c) If a tie cannot be resolved using the procedures set forth in 17.042(b) or (c) a lift-off between the tied lifters shall be held not later than Saturday, Apr. 11, 2009 to break the tie.

In sections choosing the structured qualifying format, all ties in the lift-off meet(s) will be resolved using the procedures set forth in s.105.11 of this manual.

205. FHSAA Finals Structure

205.01 Dates and Site. The FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals state championship meet will be held at River Ridge High School in New Port Richey on Friday-Saturday, Apr. 24-25, 2009. Jamie Rohrer, FHSAA administrator for boys weightlifting, will be the meet director.

205.02 Time Schedule. The following is a tentative schedule:

Thursday, April 23

Classes 2A/1A Walk-through and Packet Pick-up, 7-8:45 p.m.

Friday, April 24

Class 2A Weigh-ins and Packet Pick-up, 9-11 a.m.

Class 2A Judges Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Class 2A Coaches Meeting, 11 a.m.

Class 2A Competition begins, noon

Class 1A Walk-through and Packet Pick-up, 1 hour immediately following Class 2A Finals

Saturday, April 25

Class 1A Weigh-ins and Packet Pick-up, 7-9 a.m.

Class 1A Judges Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Class 1A Coaches Meeting, 9 a.m.

Class 1A Competition, 10:30 a.m.

206. Financial Terms

206.01 Admission. \$7.00.

206.02 Tickets. The host school(s)/organization(s) will provide tickets for the FHSAA Finals meet(s) that it is hosting.

206.03 Division of Receipts. Terms and conditions for the payment of expenses and the division of net profits relative to the FHSAA FHSAA Finals will be established in the provisions of the agreement between the FHSAA Office and the host school(s)/organization(s). No reimbursement of any kind will be paid to schools which qualify teams and/or individual contestants to the FHSAA Finals. Neither the FHSAA nor the host school will assume responsibility for any participating school or individual contestant expenses of any kind.

A complete financial report must be submitted by the host school(s)/organization(s) so that it is received in the FHSAA Office within 30 days of the completion of the

FHSAA Finals meet. The FHSAA Office will provide the form to be used in submitting the report.

207. Meet Regulations

207.01 Participant Credentials. Each qualifying athlete shall be admitted without charge to the FHSAA Finals. One (1) coach credential shall be issued to a school for every six athletes who qualify for the state meet. *Example: 1 to 6 qualifiers – 1 coach credential; 7 to 12 qualifiers– 2 coach credentials; 13 to 15 qualifiers – maximum of three (3) coach credentials.*

207.02 Weight and Weigh-Ins.

(1) A lifter shall be eligible to compete in the FHSAA Finals state meet **ONLY** in the weight classification in which he qualifies from his respective section. At the close of weigh-ins, a lifter whose body weight is under the limit of the weight category in which he qualified shall not compete. A lifter whose body weight is over the limit of the weight category in which he qualified shall not be allowed to compete.

(2) A lifter with a weight problem will be given a maximum of one hour to make weight. A lifter may be weighed a maximum of three (3) times during the hour.

207.03 Order of Events. Groups will be divided by weight classification. Group A will consist of the 119-lb., 129-lb., 139-lb., 154-lb. and 169-lb. weight classes. Group B will consist of the 183-lb., 199-lb., 219-lb., 238-lb. and unlimited weight classes. The order in which the groups lift will be rotated each year. At the 2009 FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals, Group B will lift first.

207.04 Platform Size. The platform at the FHSAA Finals will be eight feet by eight feet.

207.05 State Records. FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Records may be set only during competition in the FHSAA Finals.

207.06 Jury of Appeals. A Jury of Appeals consisting of three members must be appointed by the Meet Director. The duty of the Jury of Appeals is to ensure that the technical rules of competition are being applied and followed. A member of the Jury of Appeals whose team or individual lifter is a party to an appeal must step down and be replaced until the appeal is concluded. The decision of the Jury of Appeals will be final. The Jury of Appeals may not set aside any rule.

When the decision of a referee is contrary to the technical rules of competition, the Jury of Appeals by unanimous vote may grant the lifter another attempt. The lifter must make this attempt before the attempt of the next lifter.

The Jury of Appeals must make the decision in the case of an error in loading the barbell.

207.07 Technical Controller. A technical controller must be appointed to assist the meet director in the supervision and conduct of the competition. The technical controller's duties will be:

(1) To inspect and certify the competition platforms, the barbells, the electronic referee light systems, the warm-up room and other facilities before competition; and

(2) To inspect the uniforms and equipment of lifters during competition, and enforce the technical rules of competition when necessary.

207.08 Competition Area. Only those lifters who are engaged in actual competition may be in the competition area. All other lifters must remain in the spectator seating area. **Coaches, faculty representatives and spectators must remain in**

the spectator seating area.

206.09 Noisemakers. Artificial noisemakers of any kind are prohibited at all meets in the FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals.

208. State Series Policies

208.01 Administration and Management. As specified in Bylaw 4.1.4, all state series shall be conducted in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors and shall be under the direction and supervision of the FHSAA Office.

208.02 Enforcement of Rules & Policies. Participating schools shall adhere to all regulations and policies governing the state series.

The determination of the host school for each event shall be conditioned in part on the school's willingness to comply with and enforce regulations and policies governing the event. This includes financial terms, as well as licensing and merchandising policies. A school that does not comply with and enforce such regulations and policies shall forfeit its opportunity to serve as host.

208.03 Neutrality. It is the responsibility of the host school to ensure that an atmosphere of neutrality is maintained in all state series events. Such events are not "home contests" for the host schools. Special festivities held as part of, or in conjunction with, regular season home contests (i.e., pregame activities designed to rally support for the home team, such as light shows, or give special recognition to members of the home team) are not permitted during the state series.

208.04 Forfeitures and Vacations of Brackets, Standings. Individuals or teams that are eliminated from state series competition by defeat by individuals or teams that later are ordered to forfeit their victory, place and/or points, are not reinstated and do not advance in the state series competition from which they were eliminated by defeat.

If championships or other placements in state series competitions are ordered vacated by individuals or teams, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those placements.

208.05 Passes.

(1) FHSAA State Series Passes, FHSAA Lifetime Passes and legitimate news media credentials ONLY will be honored for complimentary admission to state series events.

(2) FHSAA State Series Passes issued to member schools may only be issued to and used by those individuals who are directly connected to the schools' athletic departments (i.e. coaches, athletic director, athletic secretary, etc.). A state series pass issued to an individual may only be used by the individual in whose name it is issued. Member schools must not issue state series passes to students or other individuals under the age of 18. Use of state series passes by students or other individuals under the age of 18 is prohibited. Users of state series passes must present a valid government-issued photo ID (i.e., drivers license) with the pass to gain admittance. A state series pass admits only the bearer. Individuals accompanying the bearer of a state series pass who themselves do not possess a pass must purchase a ticket of admission to the event. State series event managers are instructed to confiscate and return to the FHSAA Office any state series pass that is misused.

(3) Visiting school administrators (i.e., principal, FHSAA representative, assis-

tant principals and athletic director) who are required by their principal to attend the event for supervisory purposes shall be admitted upon presentation of a photo I.D., provided the visiting school submits their names to the event manager by fax in writing on school stationery not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

(4) All individuals who gain admittance to a state series event using any one of the accepted passes must record their name, position with school or organization, type of pass used, and pass number (if applicable) on the “FHSAA State Series Event Pass Gate Log” (Form AT10). This pass gate log must be submitted to the FHSAA Office with the financial report.

208.06 Signs and/or Banners. The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at games in the state series is permitted, provided:

(1) They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;

(2) They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school or community, and make no reference to the opposing team, its school, players or community;

(3) They are not displayed on the court/field, or in a manner which interferes with play;

(4) They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and

(5) They are not safety hazards.

208.07 Licensing and Merchandising. The FHSAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logos, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including the official event logo for all FHSAA Finals events. The sale of items bearing any of these marks by a member school or organization without the written consent of the FHSAA is prohibited.

The FHSAA retains the exclusive right to produce and sell souvenir products (apparel and otherwise) at all games, tournaments and meets held as part of the state series; host schools/organizations are required to sell items provided by the official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser.

The official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser is Team IP Sportswear, Inc., of Port St. Lucie. Team IP may be reached by phone at (877) 821-8643. Team IP has been awarded exclusive souvenir merchandising rights to all state series events on the district, regional and FHSAA Finals levels in all sports. A host school/organization that desires to sell souvenir merchandise at a state series event must purchase such merchandise from Team IP. No other vendor shall be permitted to produce such merchandise. Team IP shall have the right to go on-property and sell souvenir merchandise at the site of any state series event. The host school/organization of a state series event shall grant Team IP access to its property for the event.

No individual(s), including those affiliated with a participating member school, shall bring onto the property of a facility at which an FHSAA State Series event is being conducted any items (including but not limited to T-shirts, caps, posters, bumper stickers, etc.) to be sold or otherwise distributed on the property to student-athletes, coaches or spectators without the written approval of the FHSAA. An individual(s) found in violation of this provision shall surrender the items for confiscation, shall be expelled from the property and may be subject to legal action. A member school found in violation of this provision shall be assessed a minimum fine of \$250 and, in

addition, shall pay monetary damages to be mutually determined by the FHSAA and its exclusive vendor(s).

The host school/organization of a state series event may be permitted to sell generic merchandise unrelated to the event (i.e., apparel and other merchandise bearing the host school/organization's mark), provided such merchandise has been made available for sale on a consistent basis throughout the year and has not been produced specifically for sale at the state series event.

208.08 Souvenir Programs. All host schools of district tournaments/meets and regional tournaments/meets that produce an official program must display on the program cover both the appropriate FHSAA sport logo and sportsmanship logo, which may be downloaded from FHSAA.org. If the program cover is preprinted, the logos must be displayed prominently inside or on the team roster inserts.

208.09 Public-Address Protocol. The public-address announcer shall be considered a bench official for all state series events. He/she shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a "cheerleader" for any team. The announcer will follow the FHSAA script for promotional announcements, player introductions and award ceremonies. Other announcements are limited to:

- Those of an emergency nature (e.g., paging a doctor, lost child or parent, etc.);
- Those of a "practical" nature (e.g., announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on);
- Announcements that FHSAA souvenir merchandise, souvenir programs and concessions are on sale in the facility.

During the contest, the announcer:

- Should recognize players about to attempt a play (e.g., coming up to bat in baseball, punting, kicking or receiving a punt or kick in football, serving in volleyball, etc.);
- Should recognize player(s) making a play (e.g., "Basket by Jones" in basketball, "Smith on the kill" in volleyball, etc.);
- Should report a penalty as signaled by the umpire;
- Should report substitutions and timeouts;
- Must not call the "play-by-play" or provide "color commentary" as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast;
- Must not make any comment that would offer either competing team an unfair advantage in the contest; and
- Must not make any comment critical of any school, team, player, coach or official; or any other comment that has the potential to incite unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any individual.

The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the announcer should remain silent.

208.10 Public-Address Announcements. Announcements promoting the FHSAA and its interscholastic programs must be read over the public-address system, if available, prior to and during all contests in the state series. See the "Promotions and Programs" page on FHSAA.org for the appropriate script.

208.11 Photography and Videotaping.

(1) The FHSAA, subject to the policies of the host facility, allows still cameras and video cameras to be used at state series events so that participants and spectators may record the excitement and festivities for their own personal entertainment – not

for the purposes of commercial re-sale or public re-distribution in any form. Only those duly authorized organizations or individuals who have been granted appropriate rights by contract or by issued credential shall be permitted to sell or publicly display or otherwise redistribute images and sounds of state series contests and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the FHSAA.

(2) Each participating school shall be permitted to photograph, film or videotape, for archival, coaching or instructional purposes, only those state series contests in which its team or contestants perform when arrangements are made with the contest management. Photographers, videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator.

(3) Spectators may be allowed to bring handheld video cameras that operate on battery power into the facility. Spectators shall be prohibited from using tripods.

(4) There may be additional guidelines or restrictions for FHSAA Finals state championship events.

(5) A school that violates these guidelines shall be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and will be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA. An organization or individual who violates these guidelines, and in so doing infringes upon the rights of the FHSAA, shall be subject to one or more of the following actions: remedies under breach of contract; revocation of credentials; expulsion from the site of competition; and legal action under applicable state and federal laws.

208.12 All-Tournament/Meet Teams. No employee of the FHSAA nor the local manager may influence in any way the selection of any all-tournament/meet team, including the selection of a most valuable player or other “player of the game.”

208.13 Uniformed Security. The local manager for a state series event is responsible for providing appropriate uniformed security at the event that his/her school is hosting.

208.14 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The presence and availability of an automated external defibrillator (AED) is mandatory at the site of every FHSAA state championship series contest on the district, regional, sectional and state levels.

209. Media Policies

209.01 Admission and Seating.

(1) **Qualifying Meets.** Media representatives covering a state series event must be admitted free of charge upon presentation of proper news media identification. Space must be set aside to provide for news media representatives whether they be from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** News media representatives planning to cover the FHSAA Finals state championship tournament must secure credentials as instructed by the FHSAA Office, according to the FHSAA Policy on Media Credentials. Requests for credentials should be submitted to the FHSAA Office not later than 5 p.m. EST Monday, Apr. 20, 2009. Only those representatives requesting credentials by the deadline will be guaranteed seating and informational materials at the tournament.

Each school participating in an FHSAA Finals event may request up to three (3) credentials – for use by student media (i.e., student newspaper, yearbook, TV/video

yearbook) who will be covering the school's participation in the event. These credentials may be issued only to and used only by students.

209.02 Media Rights. The FHSAA owns all media rights to its state series events, including rights to radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts, webcasts, audio and film/video rights, and commercial photography. Radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts of state series events are governed by the FHSAA Broadcast Policy. Such broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts must be approved by the FHSAA Office. The following provisions shall apply.

(1) The "Application for Media Rights to FHSAA State Series Event" (Form AT11) must be submitted to the FHSAA Office by 3 p.m. EST on the business day preceding the event to be broadcast, telecast, or cablecast to avoid a \$25.00 late filing fee.

(2) Radio broadcast rights fees are \$50.00 per event. Tape-delay telecast and cablecast rights fees are \$250.00 per event. Rights fees for live telecasts and cablecasts shall be negotiated at the discretion of the FHSAA. The FHSAA Office shall invoice the outlet to which rights are granted. Rights fees must be paid by company check made payable to "FHSAA" and mailed directly to the FHSAA Office within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. Outlets that fail to make payment of rights fees by the deadline shall be assessed a \$25.00 late fee and may be denied rights to broadcast, telecast or cablecast future contests.

(3) The FHSAA Radio Network owns exclusive rights to the radio broadcast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. Sun Sports Network owns exclusive rights to the telecast and cablecast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. EZStream.com owns exclusive rights to the webcast of all state series events.

(4) Approval of radio broadcasts, telecasts and cablecasts of state series contests by the FHSAA Office are final. The FHSAA Office shall fax to the host school a copy of the approved media rights agreement. A host school shall not permit the radio broadcast, telecast or cablecast of a state series contest that has not been approved by the FHSAA Office.

209.03 Post-Competition Interviews. The head coach of each participating school in the FHSAA Boys Weightlifting Finals is required to grant interviews, within reason, to news media representatives covering the meet. Participation by athletes in interviews is voluntary and at the discretion of the head coach.

Each local director is encouraged to designate a specific area in which interviews are to be conducted. It is recommended this area be covered and that liquid refreshment be provided for the coaches and athletes participating in interviews.

210. Awards

210.01 Team Awards. Trophies will be awarded to the champion and runner-up in each class in the FHSAA Finals. There will be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals. In case of a tie for the championship, co-champions will be declared and no runner-up trophy will be awarded.

210.02 Individual Awards. Medallions to be awarded to the first six placing (finishing) individuals in each class will be furnished by the FHSAA Office. Medallions to be awarded members of the champion and runner-up teams will also be provided. There will be no other individual awards presented by outside organizations or individuals.

211. Officials

211.01 Sectional Qualifying Meets. Officials for sectional qualifying meets shall be selected, and their compensation determined and paid, by either the representatives present at the sectional meeting or by the host school of the respective qualifying meets.

211.02 FHSAA Finals. Officials for the FHSAA Finals state meet shall be selected by the meet director and paid from the budget approved for the state meet. The fees to be paid to each official shall be a maximum of \$65 based on 10 hours of work.