



2019-20 WRESTLING

Policy Manual



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2019-20 WRESTLING DIVISIONS

DIVISION I			DIVISION COORDINATOR
Acadiana	Covington	Lafayette	Dan Erwin Hahnville High School
Airline	Destrehan	Live Oak	
Barbe	Dutchtown	Mandeville	
Baton Rouge	East Ascension	Parkway	
Bonnabel	Ehret, John	St. Amant	
Brother Martin	Fontainebleau	St. Paul's	
Byrd, C.E.	Hahnville	Sulphur	
Catholic - B.R.	Holy Cross+	Terrebonne	
Central - B.R.	Houston, Sam	Walker	
Chalmette	Jesuit	Zachary	
Comeaux	King, Grace		
DIVISION II			
Archbishop Rummel	Huntington	Pearl River	Kent Masson Teurlings Catholic High School
Arhcbishop Shaw	Istrouma	Plaquemine	
Belle Chasse	Lakeshore	Rayne	
Benton	Lee Magnet	Riverdale	
Broadmoor	McKinley	St. Thomas More	
Caddo Magnet	Minden	Tuerlings Catholic	
Carencro	N.O.M.M.A	Washington, B.T.	
East Jefferson	North DeSoto	Woodlawn- B.R.	
Franklin, Ben	North Vermilion		
Haughton	Northside		
Higgins, L.W.	Northwood- Shrev.		
DIVISION III			
Archbishop Hannan	DeQuincy	Lakeside	Jimmy Bible Brusly High School
Basile	Einstein Charter	Loyola Prep	
Bolton	Episcopal	Notre Dame	
Bossier	Evangel Christian	Ouachita Christian	
Brusly	Grand Lake	Parkview Baptist	
Calvary Baptist	Haynes Academy	South Beauregard	
Church Point	Iowa	South Plaquemines	
Crescent City	Jefferson, Thomas	St. Louis	
Curtis, John	Kaplan	St. Michael	
De La Salle	La. School for Visually Impaired	Summerfield	
Dunham	Lake Charles College Prep	Taylor, Patrick Sci. Tech	

** Schools in red indicate schools that added the sport of wrestling after October, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday, August 12 – Sunday, October 6, 2019	Voluntary weight training/conditioning permitted. No practice/contests allowed.
Monday, October 7, 2019	1st Practice/Earliest Scrimmage Allowed. Current medical, athletic participation/parental permission and substance misuse forms must be on file.
Monday, October 28 – Saturday, November 2, 2019	Takedown Tournaments – Eligibility must be submitted online.
Monday, November 4, 2019	1st Meet – If Takedown Tournament not played, eligibility must be submitted online.
Monday, January 13, 2020	Deadline for submitting GPA's online for seniors for All-Academic.
Saturday, February 8, 2020	End of Regular Season (All Divisions). Post wrestler information on Track Wrestling; Submit state entries.
Monday, February 10, 2020	State tournament substitutions deadline.
Friday, February 14 – Saturday, February 15, 2020	State Tournament, CenturyLink Center

ONLINE RULES CLINICS

Instructions for online wrestling rules clinic:

1. Log on to www.lhsaaonline.org
2. The head wrestling coach should receive a username and password from his/her principal that will be used throughout the wrestling season. If you do not have one or forgot your username and/or password, please contact your school principal.
3. Click the Online Rules Clinic Tab - Listed under Sports Clinics will be the link to complete the Wrestling Online Rules Clinic when it becomes available. (See dates listed above)

Online Rules Clinic will be available: **Monday, September 30, 2019 - Sunday, October 27, 2019**

3.9 RULES CLINIC ATTENDANCE - If a school participates in the sports of baseball, girls' and/or boys' basketball, football, girls' and/or boys' soccer, softball, girls' and/or boys' outdoor track and field, volleyball and/or wrestling, it shall be mandatory, that the head coach shall attend an LHSAA administered state rules clinic in that sport. Coaches arriving late to the rules clinic may not be given credit for attendance. Coaches should confirm their attendance has been recorded before leaving the clinic. A head coach failing to attend the rules clinic shall not be allowed to coach an interscholastic contest until he/she completes the required clinic and shall be assessed a \$50 late charge.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING MANDATORY ONLINE RULES CLINIC

If you attended and received credit for the Wrestling Rules Clinic held during the 2019 LHSCA Summer Convention, you do NOT have to take the clinic again.

1. Log on to www.lhsaaonline.org
2. The HEAD wrestling coach should receive a username and password from his/her principal that will be used throughout the wrestling season. If you do not have one or forgot your username and/or password, please contact your school principal.
3. Click the Online Rules Clinic Tab
4. Listed under Sports Clinics will be the link to complete the Wrestling Online Rules Clinic when it becomes available. (See dates listed above)

Welcome to the LHSAA Coaches Website

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Online Clinics

NOTE for Internet Explorer 10 users: You must put IE 10 in compatibility view after you login to the Member Site. To do this either click the Tools menu and click Compatibility View or click the compatibility view button in the address bar. Otherwise you will get an "input string not attached or incorrect" error taking the online rules clinic quiz.

LHSAA Handbook Clinic
▶ [Online Handbook Clinic](#) Available

Sports Clinics - Clinics will only be listed below during certain specific dates assigned to the sport.

Please send us any comments, questions, or suggestions using the [Contact Us](#) form or call the LHSAA office.

CONTEST LIMITATIONS

Please refer to the LHSAA Handbook for all other rules and regulations as they pertain to the sport of wrestling. The Handbook can be found on the LHSAA website.

Handbook Rule 25.2 CONTEST LIMITS

25.2.1 Pre-season:

1. A team shall be limited to two (2) pre-season scrimmages.
2. A team shall be limited to one (1) takedown tournament.

25.2.2 Week: (Sunday-Saturday)

1. The number of interschool meets in which a student may participate shall be limited to two dual meets or one tri-meet per week,
2. One tournament per week,
3. One dual meet or one tri-meet per week and one tournament per week.
4. A student shall be allowed to participate in two dual meets or one tri-meet and a tournament in a week or two tournaments in a week when school is not in session during the Thanksgiving and/or Christmas holidays.

LHSAA WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

LHSAA WEIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS						
106 lbs.	113 lbs.	120 lbs.	126 lbs.	132 lbs.	138 lbs.	145 lbs.
152 lbs.	160 lbs.	170 lbs.	182 lbs.	195 lbs.	220 lbs.	285 lbs.

The LHSAA's Wrestling Weight Management Program is designed to assist all student-athletes in the elimination of rapid or severe weight reduction programs that have been proven to be harmful to student-athletes. It is the LHSAA's philosophy that the basis for a second and healthy weight control plan is best designed when the wrestler, his/her parents, his/her coach and a physician are included in the planning process.

A wrestler shall meet the following criteria to qualify in a specific weight class for regular season meets and tournaments and the state tournament:

- I. The wrestler shall pass a hydration test and establish a minimum weight class before participating in any scheduled competition.
- II. The wrestler shall not compete in any competition, including out of state competition, at a weight below his/her eligible wrestling weight class as listed on the Track Wrestling site and the weigh-in sheet for each event. If a wrestler fails to abide by this rule, please refer to [Rule 25.6.3](#) in the LHSAA Handbook.
 - a. The eligible wrestling weight based on his/her descent rate will determine the minimum weight and maximum weight classes a wrestler may wrestle at the State Tournament.
- III. Coaches shall enter all varsity weigh-ins on the Track Wrestling website at the completion of the meet/tournament and prior to the next meet/tournament. This information is critical for the individual wrestler's weight loss descent plan and the next pre-match weigh-in sheet.
- IV. Coaches shall record all varsity weigh-ins and results for all wrestlers as this is important for building the brackets. Only weigh-ins in which a wrestler actually competes shall be recorded.

LHSAA WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Rules Specific To The LHSAA Wrestling Weight Management Program

REGULATION - All wrestlers shall complete the LHSAA Weight Management Test in order to be eligible to compete in wrestling at all levels of competition.

TESTING - All wrestlers will be given a hydration test using a refractometer to determine the specific gravity. Wrestlers that pass the hydration test will then be given the Bio-Impedance Body Composition Test on the **approved scale by the LHSAA** and given a printout of the results. Wrestlers that fail the hydration test will have to wait 24 hours before a re-test can be done. Wrestlers must pass the hydration test before taking the BIA.

FEES - Schools will be assessed \$10 per wrestler for each test administered. Wrestlers that fail the hydration test shall be re-tested at \$10 per test. All fees shall be paid at the time the test is administered to the TEST ADMINISTRATOR. The school shall be charged \$30 per year for access to the NWCA/Track Wrestling web site which will provide all necessary information regarding each wrestler, payable to the LHSAA before the start of the season.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND TESTING PREPARATION GUIDELINES

1. No vigorous activity on the evening before and the day of testing.
2. Avoid any caffeinated beverages on the day before and the day of testing.
3. On the day of the testing you should drink 500ml (about 17 ounces) of fluid (a sports drink is an excellent choice). This will ensure the wrestler is adequately hydrated prior to testing.
4. Avoid any vitamin or mineral supplement two days before the day of testing.

TESTING SCHEDULE - All schools must report for testing on the day, time and at the site assigned. **Any changes to the schedule must be requested in writing and approved by the testing coordinator, Roberto Furtado AND Adam MacDowell at the LHSAA.**

TESTING DAY

1. Schools should report at the site for their scheduled time.
2. Wrestlers must show his/her ID at the hydration test and at the scale.
3. Males dress for the test shall be underwear only. No shirts or socks will be allowed.
4. Females dress for the test shall be her wrestling uniform or a sports bra and shorts. Shorts must completely cover female assets. No socks allowed.
5. All athletes must be present 15 minutes prior to closing time to be tested.

WHO MUST BE PRESENT - A head coach, assistant coach or faculty/school representative must accompany wrestlers to the test and sign the testing sheets or wrestlers will not be tested.

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SCHEDULED RE-TESTS/SPECIAL SITUATIONS - Once a coach has scheduled a day and time for a wrestler other than the scheduled test dates, the school shall be charged for the test if the athlete does not show up for the test. Remember, all tests (including hydration re-tests) given other than the scheduled dates shall require approval of the test coordinator Roberto Furtado AND Assistant Executive Director Adam MacDowell.

Sunday February 2, 2020 is the final day for wrestlers who have never wrestled to take the test. Contact Adam MacDowell AND Roberto Furtado for a date and time to be tested.

APPEALS - A wrestler who has successfully completed the certification process may appeal the results of the test under the following conditions:

- a. A wrestler that has certified at or below 7% body fat percentage for males or 12% body fat percentage for females SHALL not appeal. Any wrestler that has a body fat less than 7% in males and 12% in females must be cleared by a physician using the attached Physician Release Form found on the Wrestling page of the LHSAA website.
- b. The wrestler's coach must contact the area testing coordinator to set up an appeal of the initial certification. It is the **coach's** responsibility to set up the appeal. Failure to timely complete the appeal shall result in the appeal being denied and no appeal shall be allowed.
- c. The appeal may occur only one (1) time, and the results of the appeal shall become official.
- d. The fee for the appeal shall be \$20.00 to be paid at the time of the test to the **test administrator**.
- e. If a wrestler who is appealing fails the hydration portion, he/she may make as many attempts as necessary to pass the hydration portion. Each additional attempt at hydration shall require a \$20.00 fee. (NOTE: There is a mandatory 24 hour waiting period between hydration tests.)
- f. Once the wrestler successfully passes the hydration portion, the appeal process can be completed and once the appeal is successfully completed, the minimum weight resulting in the minimum weight class in which the wrestler may compete will be recalculated.

Saturday February 8, 2020 is the final date for a re-test for a wrestler who certifies his/her weight for the first time after December 25th.

25.6.4 No wrestler shall enter the state tournament unless his/her minimum weight has been properly certified. *Exception: It is possible for a wrestler to participate in the state tournament without previously having wrestled in an interscholastic match prior to the state tournament if he/she has taken and passed the hydration test and body fat assessment prior to the seeding meeting. The deadline to test a wrestler who has not wrestled previously shall be the Thursday immediately prior to the deadline for submitting all wrestlers' information on the Track Wrestling website.*

LHSAA WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Rules Governing Weight Certification and Control Program – Please refer to Handbook Section 25.6

25.6.1 Each wrestler shall undergo and pass a hydration level test and a body fat assessment test prior to participation in a meet. A wrestler's hydration level shall not exceed 1.025 on the refractometer. A wrestler's body fat shall be no lower than 7 percent for males and 12 percent for females. Wrestlers who do not take and pass the mandatory tests shall be ineligible to compete at all levels of competition. All tests shall be administered by an LHSAA-certified testing team. Schools shall be assessed a fee of \$10 per wrestler tested and \$30 for access to the Track Wrestling website. All fees shall be paid at the time the test(s) are administered. Test dates and sites, as well as make-up dates and sites, will be sent to schools annually.

25.6.2 No wrestler may compete until they are officially registered on Track Wrestling and their weight loss/descent rate has been established. Exception: The wrestler competes on the same day as the initial certification and submits the initial certification document at weigh-ins. Each wrestler's weight and descent rate shall be monitored on Track Wrestling. Weight loss shall not exceed an average of 1.5 percent a week.

25.6.3 No wrestler may wrestle below his/her eligible wrestling weight class as listed on the Track Wrestling site and the weigh-in sheet for each event. The following penalties have been established for a wrestler or a coach who wittingly or unwittingly circumvents, manipulates, attempts to cheat, or cheats the weight management process or program:

Student-Athlete:

- 1. 1st offense: Suspension from the next scheduled competition and match forfeited if wrestled.**
- 2. 2nd offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season including post-season**

Coach:

- 1. A coach who assists in attempting to circumvent the weight assessment process shall be suspended from coaching for one calendar year in Louisiana.**
- 2. A coach that fails to produce a pre-match weigh-in sheet and/or alpha master sheet for each weigh-in, varsity or sub varsity may be suspended.**
- 3. A coach that does not record all weigh-ins as required may be suspended.**
- 4. A coach that does not record all varsity results after a contest and before the next contest on Track Wrestling may be suspended.**
- 5. A coach that enters inaccurate records to Track Wrestling may be suspended.**
- 6. The suspension may be for the next contest, tournament, or the LHSAA State Tournament.**
- 7. The LHSAA will determine the duration of the suspension in #2-5.**

25.6.4 No wrestler shall enter the state tournament unless his/her minimum weight has been properly certified. *Exception: It is possible for a wrestler to participate in the state tournament without previously having wrestled in an interscholastic match prior to the state tournament if he/she has taken and passed the hydration test and body fat assessment prior to the seeding meeting. The deadline to test a wrestler who has not wrestled previously shall be the Thursday immediately prior to the deadline for submitting all wrestlers' information on the Track Wrestling website.*

25.6.5 A wrestler may wrestle one weight class above his/her ACTUAL weight. A wrestler who wrestles two or more weight classes above his/her actual weight has to re-establish his/her new weight loss descent plan based on higher weight class wrestled. Example: If a wrestler's actual weight is 160.0 and he/she wrestles at the 182 lb weight class, then the wrestler must re-establish his new descent rate from 182. The weight shall be adjusted by the testing coordinator.

25.6.6 A two-pound growth allowance shall be added to each weight class on December 25 of each year.

25.6.7 Every wrestler’s weigh-ins and results shall be entered on the Track Wrestling website after the completion of each competition. Failure to submit the results timely shall result in the school being fined \$50 per occurrence. Schools submitting inaccurate or false information shall be fined \$100 per occurrence and the coach shall be penalized.

NFHS Wrestling Rules (Section 5 Weight-Control Program):

Article 2: For health and safety reasons, the state’s weight control program shall require hydration testing with a specific gravity not greater than 1.025, which immediately precedes the body fat assessment. A minimum weight class will be determined by a body fat assessment. Any wrestler’s assessment that is below seven (7) percent for males and twelve (12) percent for females shall have a medical release to participate at a weight class below that for which the initial assessment allows.

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The following are set dates for all weight management testing for all areas. All dates below must be adhered to. In the event that a change of date and/or venue is required the testing site administrator must inform the testing coordinator and Adam MacDowell (amacdowell@lhsaa.org) of change prior to scheduled date change.

MONTH	DATES
October	12-13, 18-19, 24-25
November	2-3, 10, 17, 24
December	8, 15, 22, 29
January	5, 12, 19, 26
February	2, 8*

** Last date for testing of wrestlers that have never wrestled this season*

IMPORTANT DATES

December 22- Last day for wrestlers (who have previously completed the test) to appeal their weight class.

December 25 - 2-pound growth allowance added to each weight class.

February 8 - Final date of testing for any wrestler who has not completed an initial test weight certification.

February 8 - Final date for wrestler to appeal their weight class - only applies to athletes who completed an initial test after December 25, 2019.

February 14 - The final date for any wrestler to reach his/her minimum wrestling weight is the first day of the State Tournament.

REMINDER: Tester shall send all results in immediately upon completion on day of testing. Do not hold the results. All documents must be sent to the following address:

3233 Florida Avenue
Kenner, LA 70065

TESTING COORDINATOR – Roberto Furtado, (504) 723-3905, roberto.furtado@jpschools.org

DATA ADMINISTRATOR - Bonnie Slaughter, bbs1024@aol.com

LHSAA WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Below is a list of testing administrators for each area.

AREA	ADMINISTRATOR
Baton Rouge	<p>Tommy Prochaska Catholic High – B.R. (225) 954-2762 tprochaska@catholichigh.org</p> <p>Jimmy Bible Brusly HS (225) 270-1981 jimmy.bible@wbrschools.net</p>
Lafayette	<p>Kent Mason Tuerlings Catholic (337) 654-2699 kmasson@tchs.net</p> <p>Keith Bergeron Comeaux HS (337) 277-6541 coachkeith@cox.net</p>
Sulphur	<p>Jean-Paul Duhon Sulphur High School (337) 764-4802 jeanpaul.duhon@cpsb.org</p>
New Orleans	<p>Robert Pinero Archbishop Rummel High School (504) 812-3011 rpinero@rummelraiders.com</p> <p>Rod Cusachs Archbishop Rummel High School (504) 473-1398 rcusachs@rummelraiders.com</p>
Northshore	<p>Craig Ketelsen St. Paul’s School (985) 966-1147 craigk@stpauls.com</p> <p>Matt Pinero St. Paul’s School (504) 491-2627 m.pinero@stpauls.com</p>
Shreveport	<p>Dustin Burton North Desoto High School (318) 617-5188 dburton1988@yahoo.com</p>

TRACK WRESTLING

Each school is required to use this [website](#) to track all wrestlers weigh-ins (ACTUAL WEIGHT) weight class wrestled in and results of each bout after every competition and prior to the next competition.

Each head coach will be given a secured pass code by their principal to enter the site and record all of the required information on each wrestler. Only your schools information can be accessed with your pass code; however, you will have the ability to monitor all other LHSAA member schools to help ensure all information is entered correctly. The LHSAA shall have access to all schools information in order to track the progress of all wrestlers throughout the season.

The weight verification and seeding information for the state tournament will be taken from the information submitted on the schools section of the website. Schools failing to keep track of this information may not have their wrestlers seeded. Schools that submit false information will jeopardize the eligibility of the coach and their wrestlers by doing so. Schools may be penalized for failure to report and maintain accurate records.

Schools will no longer have to submit the weight verification and seeding information forms. The LHSAA will download this information from your schools Track Wrestling site and print it out. This is to ensure that the LHSAA can have all the information ready for the seeding meeting. (Note that one of the main seeding criteria is the weight class results the wrestler will be wrestling in the state tournament.) This is why it is imperative for each school to keep accurate records on a daily basis.

To obtain information about the website and program and see samples, you can go to the Track Wrestling website www.trackwrestling.com or contact Roberto Furtado, (504) 723-3905, roberto.furtado@jpschools.org

REPORTING INFORMATION ON TRACK WRESTLING

All results and information on every wrestler shall be entered on the website on a per competition basis (required each time a wrestler wrestles). Schools failing to do so shall be fined \$50 per occurrence. Schools filing inaccurate or false results shall be fined \$100 per occurrence and the coach shall be penalized.

- a. It is to the wrestler's advantage that his/her wrestling information is entered on Track Wrestling each and every time he/she wrestles throughout the season before the next competition.
- b. It is the coach's responsibility to keep and maintain accurate records on each wrestler and to insure this information is submitted correctly.

All required information on every wrestler shall be entered on the website by Saturday February 2, 2019. Schools failing to enter all required information by the deadline shall be fined \$100 and the wrestler may not be seeded. Schools entering false data shall be fined \$200, the wrestler may not be seeded, and the coach may be suspended.

Please keep your records up to date, and enter results and all information as soon as wrestling takes place.

MEET / TOURNAMENT PROTOCOL

1. Every head coach shall present the opposing coach(es) in a dual or tri-meet and the director in a tournament a copy of the Alpha Master Sheet and Weigh-In Sheet for his/her team. **Host coaches and/or tournament directors shall send a copy of the completed weigh-in sheet for each team (including their own) to the Division Coordinator.** Sheets are due the same time results are due online. It is suggested that host coaches and tournament directors use the weigh-in sheets for weigh-in as standard practice.
2. If a coach does not have the Alpha Master Sheet and Weigh-In Sheet as required when asked to present them to an opposing coach the team shall be ineligible to compete that day.
3. If one or more wrestlers are omitted from the Alpha Master Sheet and/or Weigh-In Sheet, then only those wrestlers omitted shall be ineligible to compete that day.
4. 25.6.2 No wrestler may compete until they are officially registered on Track Wrestling and their weight loss/descent rate has been established. Exception: The wrestler competes on the same day as the initial certification and submits the initial certification document at weigh-ins. Each wrestler's weight and descent rate shall be monitored on Track Wrestling. Weight loss shall not exceed an average of 1.5 percent a week.
5. It is highly important that every wrestler's weigh-ins and results be entered on the Track Wrestling website BEFORE the next competition. It is required that this be completed timely or the school shall be fined.

RULES FOR SUBSTITUTIONS & FEES OWED

25.7.6 The state tournament's official seeding meeting (Divisions I, II, and III) shall be the Monday night prior to the state tournament. The LHSAA shall be notified of any substitutions no later than 6:30 p.m. at the seeding meeting. After 12:00am the Saturday before the seeding meeting, substitutions SHALL ONLY be allowed for reasons approved by the Tournament Director and individuals already on the roster SHALL NOT be moved. To SUBSTITUTE (not add) a wrestler at a weight class, there must be a wrestler already designated for that weight class. Substitutions shall not be allowed for any reason after 6:30 p.m. the day of the seeding meeting.

Schools that owe any money to the LHSAA for testing and the website access shall be ineligible to compete in the state tournament until such fees are paid.

HEALTH / SAFETY INFORMATION

Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

A concussion is a traumatic brain injury that interferes with normal brain function. An athlete does not have to lose consciousness to have suffered a concussion.

DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CONCUSSION RULE

Appropriate Health-Care Professional – an individual(s) from the following professions are designated as the persons to diagnose whether an athlete has or does not have a concussion:

- MD – A medical doctor licensed to practice in Louisiana
- DO – A doctor of osteopathic medicine licensed to practice in Louisiana
- PA – A physician’s assistant licensed to practice in Louisiana
- NP – A nurse practitioner licensed in Louisiana
- PM – A paramedic licensed to practice in Louisiana
- AT – An athletic trainer licensed nationally or by the State of Louisiana

On-site appropriate health-care professional – an individual from one of the above-named categories that are in attendance at an athletic event or practice.

RTC (Return to Competition) – term used to describe the action when an athlete who has had a concussion is released by an MD or DO to return to practice or competition. NOTE: ONLY an MD or DO shall release an athlete, diagnosed as having a concussion, to return to competition. A return to competition form can be found on the Wrestling page of the LHSAA website under Forms & Downloads.

Responsible Individual – the term which designates the Head Coach as the individual to make the diagnoses whether his/her athlete has or does not have a concussion in the absence of an appropriate health-care professional.

Contest Officials Role – to recognize the symptoms consistent with that of a concussion and remove the athlete from the contest until he/she has been diagnosed by an appropriate health-care professional (Officials shall always rule on the side of caution with the health and safety of the athlete being his primary and foremost concern).

STATE SEEDING MEETING & BRACKET BUILDING

A Division Coordinator, as selected by the LHSAA each year, shall be a head coach from each division. Each division will be represented by the division coordinator and one coach from each area of the state.

The three Divisions shall meet on the Monday of the week of the State Wrestling Tournament. **The meeting will be closed to all except for the Division Coordinator and the committee members.**

The committees will seed the wrestlers using the seeding criteria adopted by the LHSAA Executive Committee. The Track Wrestling program will be used in the seeding process.

The seeding committee will determine 9 wrestlers to be seeded in each weight class. The seeding committee reserves the right to seed fewer than 9 wrestlers in a weight class if there are not enough athletes eligible to be seeded according to the criteria.

The seeds for each weight and rosters for each team will be published and released to the public on Monday evening after the meeting, but brackets will not be built. All state wrestling tournament brackets shall be built on Friday morning after all athletes have completed skin check and have been weighed in.

Only the top 8 seeds in each weight class will be placed on the bracket in their respective positions. The ninth seed is an alternate seed in the event that a seeded wrestler is deemed ineligible to compete for any reason (missing weight, failing skin check, not attending, etc.). If one of the top 8 seeds is scratched, the seeds will be adjusted and the alternate will fill the next available spot after all the others have been moved up. All athletes not seeded will be randomly drawn into the bracket.

SEEDING CRITERIA

A wrestler must have at least 10 matches in the division and a winning percentage above .500, excluding forfeits, to be considered for seeding. If a weight class has less than 9 wrestlers that meet this criteria, then the seeding committee shall seed only those wrestlers who meet this criteria, even if it results in less than 9 wrestlers being seeded. All wrestlers who meet the criteria shall be considered for seeding. When determining seeding for the State Wrestling Tournament, the following criteria in order will be used to determine seed placement:

1. Head-to-head competition is primary criterion for seeding between 2 or more wrestlers. If tied, proceed to next criteria. (Won/Loss only – score is irrelevant)
2. Win/Loss record versus common opponents in the current state tournament bracket which the wrestler is competing in. (Won/Loss only – score is irrelevant)
3. Win/Loss record versus all common opponents. (Won/ Loss only – score is irrelevant)
4. Place finishes in common tournaments in current year. (Defined as a single tournament in which both wrestlers entered and competed at the same weight class.)
5. Preceding year state tournament finish in the same division and weight class.
6. Winning percentage versus in-state division opponents.
7. Overall winning percentage versus all opponents (excluding forfeits).
8. Vote by committee, if necessary.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE EXCEPTION: The seeding committee shall have the authority, by majority vote, to set aside the baseline qualifying criteria found above (10 matches, .500 winning percentage) in the event of a participant's injury, illness, or other extenuating circumstance of which the participant had no control. By setting aside the baseline criteria, the seeding committee makes the participant eligible for seeding according to the seeding criteria.

HUDL

The LHSOA has purchased HUDL for the use of the wrestling officials to review wrestling action and better assist them in recognizing maneuvers and holds that will help them to improve their officiating skill and make them a better official.

Coaches are encouraged to send in clips and videos of their wrestlers' matches to the assignment secretaries. They will then share this with their officials. There is no better way to learn something than by seeing it in action.

This is also an avenue for coaches to have the officials review situations in which he and the official disagreed. This will not permit a call to be overturned, but it will give the officials the opportunity to see the decision made, why it was made and give them the opportunity to discuss the situation.

Your help and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about HUDL, please contact Lee Sanders in the LHSAA office or Gerry Schmidt, wrestling rules interpreter.

LHSAA VIDEO RULES

LHSAA rules allow a school to record their own wrestlers match during a meet or tournament and review/show it on venue property. However, the recording SHALL not be viewed on or in the mat area at any time (this includes all dual meets, tri meets and all tournaments.)

At the LHSAA State Tournament video recording of any match at the LHSAA tournament shall be from the spectator stands only. **No videos shall be recorded from the floor or near the mats.**

It is never legal to record or view a video in which one of your students is not a participant, no matter the location of viewing.

The electronic devices that are legal for coaches to use to record their wrestlers are cell phones, iPads, and video cameras. These devices may be used by the coach and non-participating wrestler only while on the bench or chair in the corner. The viewing SHALL never take place on or near the mat area.