



The Official's Duties

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Primary Duty

Safety



Duties: Different Seasons

- * Pre-Season
- * Pre-Match
- * Match
- * Post Match
- * Self Improvement



SAFETY

Starts w/ PREPARATION



- Pre-Season Preparation
 - **Physical Preparation**
 - Get where the action is ... hustle
 - The Kids Deserve It
 - Take Pride in Your Performance
 - **Mental ...** view self video
 - Rules Knowledge
 - Rules Application
 - Recognition of Skills



Pre-match



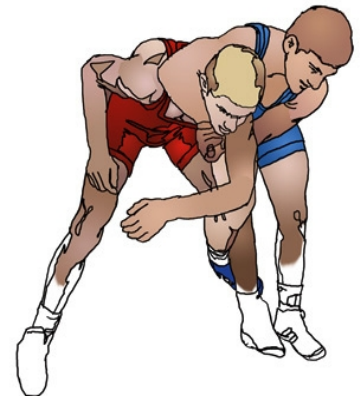
- Arrival ... dress appropriately
 - Contracts ... check with AD days before
 - All materials; rule, case, NFHS flyer, other manuals
 - Timing is important
 - Meet AD ... locker room
 - Dress ready for Weigh-in
 - Be Professional





Weigh-In

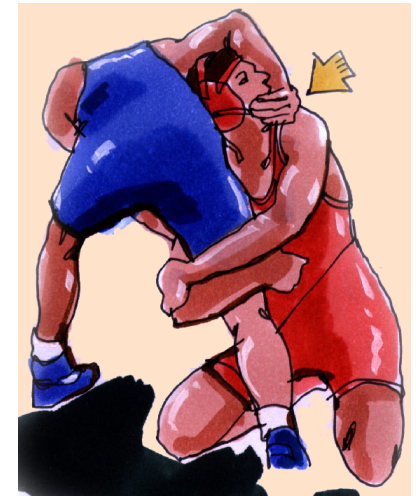
- Introduce yourself to teams & coaches
- Conduct Random Draw ... wrestlers line-up
- Instruct weigh master and recorder
- Health & Safety Check
 - Follow the same routine
 - Skin Check ... must be complete
- Sign weigh-in sheets for coaches



Check Competition Area



- Walk the Mat ... 5' protection
- Check Benches
- Check Head Table: Necessary Materials
 - Blood Clean-up
 - Stop Watch
 - Extra Disc & Whistle
- Meet with Table Team





Meet w/ Table Team

- Give Necessary Instructions to ...
 - Timer ...
 - Scorer, agree with guest scorer
 - Guest Scorer, agree w/ home score book
 - Communicate & confer all recordings
- No one Interferes w/ Table
- No Cell Phones ... be a team





Locker Room Visit

- Be Direct & Short
 - Build Confidence and Respect for Officials
- Serves an Important Purpose
 - Settles Kids and Coaches
 - Information
 - New Rules, "C-A-C", Aggressive Action, etc.
- Don't Paint Yourself in a Corner





How you handle yourself

- Speaks Volumes
- First Impressions
- Builds Confidence & Trust
- Sets the Stage for Future Visits





Start of Match ...

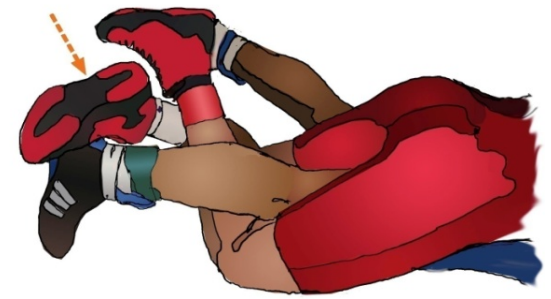
- Meet with Captains
 - Sportsmanship
- Toss the Disc
 - 1977-78 ... Procedure
- Instruct Scorer "Odd & Even"
- Start w/ Random Draw Selection
- Call for First Match, match # 1





Conclusion of Match

- ❖ Check w/ the Official Scorer, agree?
- ❖ Sign Official Score Book, # 107663
 - Write in the Time of Completion
 - Correction of Errors
 - Sign Guest Score Book
 - Be Aware of 30 minute limit
- ❖ Any Report Forms
- ❖ Exit floor





Safety During all Phases

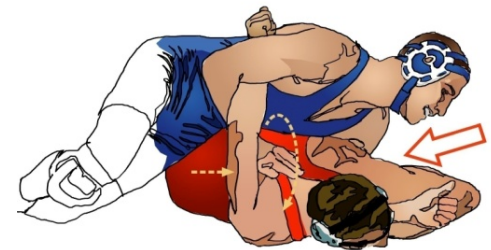
- Locker Room; skin, cast, braces, etc.
- **MATCH CONTROL**
 - Potentially Dangerous
 - Coach's Misconduct
 - Unsportsmanlike Conduct
 - Flagrant Misconduct
 - Do Not Hesitate ...
- Conclusion ... Maintain Order



Two Important Concepts Related to Official's Duties



Intent of the Rule Common Sense



Intent of the Rule: "Shield"



All Say ...

- Read the rule book,
- Read the case manual, etc.
- **It is Important to Understand the Intent of the Rule to apply rule correctly!**





Common Sense

- Some situations are not covered
- They must be Dealt with ... DUTY
- **Be Fair** ... Apply Common Sense
 - How would you want to be treated?
 - Don't pass the Buck to the next Guy
 - Deal with it!
 - Decisive





Veteran Officials ...Duty

MENTORING





... Give Back ... Overlooked

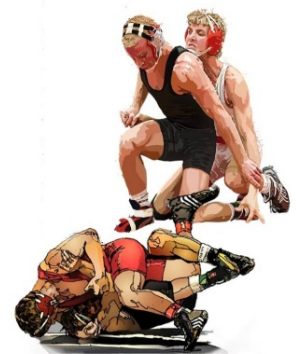
- Mentoring ... Veteran Officials need to
 - Pay it Forward ...
 - By Improving a Younger Official, you Mentally Refresh your own skills / concepts
 - Takes Time, but is a necessary stage in developing the future of Wrestling / Officiating.
- Rewarding !
- Say Thanks ... Pay it Forward





Being a Professional ...

- Be Prompt
- Be Patient
- Be Polite
- Be Direct
- Be Decisive
- Always ... Be A Professional



Thank You



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