



# 2008-09 Boys Wrestling Series Terms And Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2008-09 IHSA Class 1A, 2A and 3A Boys Wrestling Tournament Series.

## I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Boys Wrestling Tournament Series will be determined on an enrollment basis.

**A.** The classification of a school shall be determined on the basis of its total student enrollment figure reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in its Fall Housing Report on September 30 of the preceding school year. Non-boundaried schools will have their total student enrollment multiplied by 1.65.

**B.** For classification purposes, the total student enrollments for one-year high schools, two-year high schools, three-year high schools and high schools which enroll boys only or girls only shall be calculated as follows:

- 1) For one-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be quadrupled.
- 2) For two-year high schools, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.
- 3) For three-year high schools, one-third of the total student enrollment figure shall be added to the total student enrollment figure reported.
- 4) For schools which enroll boys only or girls only, the total student enrollment figure reported shall be doubled.

**C.** A multiplier of 1.65 will be added to all non-boundaried schools.

**D.** Schools participating in sports and activities operating under the three-class system shall be classified as follows:

- 1) Schools with enrollments of 754 and below will be Class 1A.
- 2) Schools with enrollments of 754.01 to 1652 will be Class 2A.
- 3) Schools with enrollments of 1652.01 and above will be Class 3A.
- 4) Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

## II. DATES AND SITES

### A. Individual Tournament Series Dates and Sites:

- 1) Regionals: February 7

Tournament centers and team assignments will be posted online.

**Note:** It is recommended that Regionals be held as one-day tournaments on Saturday, February 7. Two-day Regionals may be conducted with the consent of the IHSA.

- 2) Sectionals: February 13-14

Tournament centers and correlated Regionals will be posted online.

**Note:** All Sectional tournaments shall be two-day tournaments.

- 3) State Final

Tournament: February 20-21

The 2008-09 Class 1A, 2A and 3A Individual State Final tournaments will be held at the Assembly Hall, University of Illinois, Champaign. Joe Pedersen has been appointed manager in charge of local arrangements.

### B. Dual Meet Team Tournament Series Dates and Sites:

- 1) The Team Sectional qualifier will be the school accumulating the most team points at the Individual Regional.
- 2) Sectionals - February 24  
Centers will be assigned by the IHSA.
  - a. Four Regional championship teams shall compete at each of four Sectional semi-final sites.
- 3) State Final Tournament – February 28.

a. The eight team Class 1A, 2A and 3A State Final will be held February 28. A blind draw will be used to determine placement on the bracket.

Pairings for the Dual Team Sectional matches will be drawn at the Winter Sports pairings drawing at the IHSA Office in early December. In each Dual Team Sectional, only the semi-final matches shall be conducted on February 24. The two teams winning semi-final matches will advance in the Dual Team State Tournament.

## III. ONLINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2008-09 Entry Policies and Procedures.

### A. Online Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA Schools Center on the IHSA Website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry in wrestling is November 1, 2008. The 2008-09 Entry Policies and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

### B. Late Entries

Any attempt to enter a sport or activity online after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

### C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure)

To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from wrestling prior to the seeding meeting date and/or the date the List of Participants is due for that sport.

If a school withdraws after the seeding meeting date/List of Participants due date and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty. If applicable, the school may be charged for any additional financial loss sustained by the offended school(s) or the Association as a result of such breach.

### D. Eligibility

All member schools in good standing may enter an individual(s) or a team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054.

### E. Affirmative Action

Only boys shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy.

## IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Regional Meets:

For Individual Regional Tournaments, the host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to meet officials. The host school shall receive a guarantee of \$1,560 plus \$40 for submitting scores via internet and shall be reimbursed for the cost of officials. The host school shall retain 20% of net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for

the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

### B. Sectional Meets:

For Individual Sectional Tournaments, the host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to meet officials. The host shall receive a guarantee of \$2,400 plus \$40 for submitting scores via internet and shall be reimbursed for the cost of officials. The host shall retain 20% of net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee. For Dual Team Sectional Tournaments, the host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue checks to meet officials. The host school shall receive a guarantee of \$550 and shall be reimbursed for the cost of officials. The host school shall retain 20% of net income and submit remainder to the IHSA. In the event of a negative balance, the host shall be reimbursed for the entire deficit. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

### C. State Final:

In the State Final Dual Team Tournament only, each participating team shall receive reimbursement according to the following schedule.

Round Trip Mileage to State Final Site	Flat Rate Reimbursement
0-150 miles	\$ 250.00
151-300 miles	\$ 500.00
301-over miles	\$ 750.00

Mileage is \$5.00 per round trip mile for the first 50 miles and \$3.00 for each round trip mile beyond 50.

Mileage shall be based on one (1) round trip to and from the State Final site. No reimbursement will be guaranteed to member schools which qualify individual contestants.

**Note:** Neither the State Association nor the local tournament management will assume responsibility for expenses of any kind other than those specified above.

### D. Admission Fees:

1) In the Individual State Tournament Series, ticket prices have been established by the IHSA Board of Directors. The per session prices are as follows:

Regional	\$4.00 per session (2) or \$6.00 all-day pass
Sectional	\$5.00 per session (3)
State Final	\$8.00 or \$10.00 per session (4) \$32.00 or \$40.00 season

2) In the Dual Team State Tournament Series, ticket prices on a per session basis have been established as follows:

Sectional	\$5.00
State Final-Quarterfinals and Semifinals	\$7.00
State Final-Final Session	\$7.00

### Season Ticket Prices for Regional/Sectional Meets and Tournaments:

Local managers of Regional and/or Sectional meets and tournaments may sell season tickets along with session tickets. In the event a manager exercises this option, season ticket prices will be the same as the single-session price multiplied by the number of sessions.

For the Individual State Final, Reserved tickets will be sold in advance by mail or at the gate during the first day of the tournament. **Orders with correct remittance should be sent to: IHSA State Wrestling Tournament Tickets, Assembly Hall, 1800 South First Street, Room 101, Champaign, IL 61820. Make checks payable to University of Illinois.**

**Note:** Under no circumstances shall there be a refund of ticket money for tickets sold in advance for the State Finals even when the tournament sessions are necessarily postponed. Tickets purchased in advance shall be good for the session when it is held.

### E. Rights Fees for TV and Radio:

See the IHSA web site ([www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)) for the fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA for television and cable broadcasts and radio origins.

The Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in these Terms and Conditions.

## V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS

### A. Individual Regional Tournament Entries:

1) Each school shall submit to the Regional Manager at the seeding meeting the following information for all wrestlers who may participate in the Regional:

a) the completed Regional List of Participants, **which is the Wrestler Weight Certification Form for your school.**

b) the Individual Wrestler's Season Record Verification Form listing the wrestler's actual weights and records from all their season matches. **(Entry in the tournament begins at the seeding meeting.)**

**Note:** In lieu of the official verification forms available online, coaches may submit computerized records listing the necessary information.

**\*Only wrestlers that are on the Wrestler Weight Certification Form, that was turned in, will be allowed to enter the Regional Tournament or be able to be an alternate in the Regional Tournament.** Wrestlers who fail to make weight may be moved to a higher weight class. Wrestlers entered at the seeding meeting

who subsequently become ill or injured may be replaced.

### \*2) Criteria for determining seeded wrestlers will be without exception:

a) Head to Head. \*(If both wrestlers have beaten each other the same number of times, then go to the next criteria.)

b) Record versus common opponent.

c) Vote of the coaches. If tied for a seed, re-vote on tied wrestlers only. If tie remains, flip the coin.

### B. Seeding and Schedules in the Individual State Tournament series will be done according to the following plan:

1) In the Regional Tournaments, only four (4) wrestlers in each weight class will be seeded in a meeting of coaches called for this purpose. Whenever possible, the top four (4) seeded wrestlers will not wrestle until the quarter-finals. This seeding session shall be held on **Wednesday** prior to the first session of the Regional Tournament. Only extenuating circumstances should require a seeding meeting to be conducted during the weigh-in. A scratch session shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the weigh-in and the start of the tournament, and brackets shall be reseeded if a seeded wrestler withdraws. (See tournament manual for requirements regarding scratches.)

Under no circumstances shall the seeding and pairing of wrestlers delay the start of the first wrestling session.

**Note:** In all Individual Regional tournaments, each weight bracket shall be an eight-person bracket. When the number of competitors is not a power of two (2, 4, 8, etc.) there shall be byes in the initial round of competition. The number of byes shall be equal to the differences between the number of competitors and the next higher power of two. There shall be no byes, after the first round of competition in either the championship or consolation brackets.

2) Individual Sectional Pairings: Wrestlers have been paired by a chance drawing. Champions and runners-up of the same Regional have been drawn to opposite half brackets, and third-place winners have been drawn to the opposite quarter brackets to the runners-up of the same Regional. In the first round of competition, Regional champions shall receive byes and Regional Runners-up will be matched with third-place winners.

3) Individual State Final Pairings: A separating/seeding criterion will be used on all sectional champs to separate them in each weight class according to a listing of specific performance criterion that relates to the overall performance for that year and the previous year's state tournament only. The criteria would be as follows:

Establish a point system for each of the sectional winners. The wrestler that has the highest number of points would be seeded number one; the wrestler with the second high-

est points would be seeded number two etc. The wrestlers that placed second and third in each sectional would be assigned to a designated spot in the opposite bracket of the winner from that sectional. For 3A the 4th place finisher would be assigned to a designated spot on the same side of the bracket as the sectional champ, but not in the first round.

Returning state champion at that weight class .....35 points  
 Returning state champions at any weight class .....30 points  
 Undeafated wrestler (minimum of 20 matches) .....20 points  
 37 or more wins .....15 points  
 32 to 36 wins .....10 points  
 27 to 31 wins .....7 points  
 22 to 26 wins .....5 points  
 Returning 2nd or 3rd place winner at that weight class .....25 points  
 Returning 4th, 5th or 6th place winner at that weight class .....20 points  
 Returning place winner at any weight class 15 points  
 Returning state qualifier at any weight class 10 points

If tied for a place, flip of a coin would determine the seed of the wrestlers for placement of that seed on the bracket, except for the number one (1) seed and if the returning champ at that weight class is tied for the number one (1) seed, the returning champ will be seeded number one (1).

4) Dual Team Sectional tournament pairings for each class shall be drawn by the IHSA and posted online in December. State Final pairings will be drawn yearly at the Winter Sports drawing.

**C. Dual Team Roster:**

1) A team roster listing a maximum of twenty-one (21) wrestlers who constitute the tournament squad shall be submitted to the Dual Team Sectional and Dual Team State Final tournament managers prior to the weigh-in for each tournament. Only these twenty-one (21) wrestlers may weigh-in. Schools may substitute persons on their team rosters for any reason and at any time between contests, provided all substitutes meet IHSA eligibility requirements.

**VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES**

**A. Individual Tournaments**

Individual Regional and Individual Sectional time schedules will be announced by the local tournament managers. No session may be scheduled during normal school hours.

Following is the time schedule for the Individual State Final Tournaments:

**Thursday, February 19, 2009**

2:30 p.m.--Doors will open at the Assembly Hall  
 3:00 p.m.--Mats open

3:30-5:30 p.m.--Skin Checks for all classes (This will include hair and nails—weight check may occur after a wrestler has finished the skin check process.)  
 4:00 p.m.--Coaches Meeting A-Tier, West side of the Assembly Hall  
 4:45-5:45 p.m. -- Regional Representative Meeting at the Assembly Hall  
 6:00 p.m.--Officials Meeting--TBA

**Friday, February 20, 2009**

5:45 a.m.--Doors open for weigh-in and final skin checks  
 6:15 a.m.--All wrestlers in Section B  
 6:45 a.m.--Classes 1A, 2A and 3A weigh-ins at the Assembly Hall

**Session One**

7:30 a.m.--Doors open  
 7:30 a.m.--Table Workers Meeting--Dining Room  
 8:30 a.m.--Class 3A First Round matches (6 mats)  
 11:00 a.m.--Classes 1A and 2A First Round matches (2 mats per class)  
 Class 3A Quarterfinal matches (2 mats)

**Session Two**

5:00 p.m.--Doors open  
 6:00 p.m.--Classes 1A and 2A Quarterfinal matches (2 mats per class)  
 Class 3A First Round wrestle-backs (2 mats)

**Saturday, February 21, 2009**

5:45 a.m.--Doors open for weigh-in and final skin checks  
 6:15 a.m.--All wrestlers in Section B  
 6:45 a.m.--Classes 1A, 2A and 3A weigh-ins at the Assembly Hall

**Session Three**

7:30 a.m.--Doors open  
 8:30 a.m.--3A Quarterfinal wrestle-backs (6 mats)  
 9:30 a.m.--Classes 1A, 2A and 3A Semifinals (2 mats each)  
 11:30 a.m.-Classes 1A and 2A Quarterfinal wrestle-backs  
 12:30 p.m.-Classes 1A, 2A and 3A Semifinal wrestle-backs (2 mats each)

3:00 p.m.-1A Third Place matches  
 2A Third Place matches  
 3A Third Place matches  
 3A Fifth Place matches

**Session Four**

5:30 p.m.--Doors Open  
 6:00 p.m.--Line up for Grand March  
 6:30 p.m.--Start Grand March  
 Championship matches (3 mats)

**B. Dual Team Tournaments**

1) Sectional Dual Team semifinals will begin no later than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2009; only the semifinals will be wrestled.

2) In the Dual Team Sectionals and State Final, the weight class in which wrestling shall begin, will be determined by randomly

selecting one of the fourteen weight classes at weigh-ins. Once the beginning weight has been selected, the weight classes shall run consecutively.

3) Following is the time schedule for the State Final Dual Meet tournament on February 28, 2009.

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**

6:00 a.m.--Doors open  
 7:00 a.m. Weigh-in begins  
 Class 1A, 2A and 3A (weigh-in will be done by teams)

**Session One**

8:00 a.m.--Doors open to the Public  
 9:00 a.m.--Quarterfinals for upper bracket in 1A, 2A and 3A (2 mats each)  
 11:00 a.m.-Quarterfinals for lower bracket in 1A, 2A and 3A (2 mats each)  
 2:00 p.m.--Semifinals for 1A, 2A and 3A (2 mats each)

**Session Two**

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**

6:00 p.m.--Championship and Third Place matches for 1A, 2A and 3A (2 mats each)  
 8:30 p.m.--Awards

**VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS**

**A. Individual Advancements:**

1) Regional to Sectional: First, second and third place winners from each weight class will advance from Regional to Sectional competition where twelve (12) wrestlers in each weight class will compete for State qualifying berths.

2) Classes 1A and 2A Sectionals to Class 1A and 2A State Final; First, second and third place winners from each weight class will advance from Sectional to State Final competition where twelve (12) wrestlers in each weight class will compete for championship honors.

3) Class 3A Sectional to Class 3A State Final; First, second, third and fourth place winners from each weight class will advance from Sectional to State Final competition. Sixteen (16) wrestlers in each weight class will compete for championship honors.

4) Alternates: If any of the three (3) or four (4) winners from the Regional Tournaments should be unable to participate in the Sectional Tournaments, or any of the three (3) winners from the Sectional Tournaments should be unable to participate in the State Final Tournament, alternates shall be selected. The preceding tournament manager (Regional manager for Sectional and Sectional manager for State Final) shall select the alternate using guidelines as follows:

**Regional:** The first alternate shall be the wrestler defeated in the third-place match. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the championship bracket but failed to qualify as a place winner or as the first alternate. Should more than one (1) wrestler meet second alternate criterion then

the one who was defeated by the highest seeded place winner shall qualify as the second alternate and advance to the Sectional. The other wrestler shall become the third alternate.

**Sectional:** The first alternate shall be the wrestler defeated in the third-place match. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in championship bracket competition but failed to qualify as a third place winner or as the first alternate. Should more than one (1) wrestler meet second alternate criterion then the one winning the most matches in both the championship and consolation brackets shall be the second alternate. However, if two (2) wrestlers remain tied for the second alternate position, the one defeated by the highest placing wrestler shall advance. (In Class 3A, the state final alternate will start with criterion number two (2).

**Note:** In all Regional and Sectional Tournaments the alternate shall always be considered as being the third place wrestler. If an alternate is required for a champion, the second place wrestler shall be considered as the champion for the purposes of pairing, etc.

5. **Deadline for Withdrawing:** If a wrestler qualifies for advancement and is unable to compete for any reason (including failure to make weight), he has until the weigh-in time deadline before withdrawing.

**Note 1:** Alternates substituting for any Sectional or State Final qualifiers may be entered up to the weigh-in time deadline. It shall be the responsibility of the principal or coach to notify the previous tournament manager at the earliest possible time that an alternate may be necessary. That tournament manager is responsible for informing the alternate's coach that he will replace the regular qualifier.

**Note 2:** Should a qualifying champion or runner-up to the Individual Sectional or State Final tournament withdraw or be disqualified before or at the weigh-in deadline preceding the first session of such tournament for reasons including failure to make weight, and no alternate is available, the remaining qualifiers from the same Regional or Sectional in that weight class shall be moved up in the bracket, i.e., third to second, second to first, so that the resulting forfeit shall only occur in the initial round of competition.

## B. Team Advancement:

**1) The team scoring the most points at the Individual Regional will advance to the Team Sectional.** Pairings for the Sectionals shall be drawn by the IHSA and posted online in December.

a. Four (4) Class 1A, 2A and 3A teams will compete in each of four Sectionals, where the winners of the semi-final matches will advance to the State Finals.

2) To be eligible as a team a school must compete in at least ten (10) weight classes in the Individual Regional tournament. If a

qualifying team did not compete in the required ten weight classes, the next highest finishing team with ten competing wrestlers shall advance.

3) Each Class 1A, 2A and 3A Sectional semi-final winners shall advance to the State Final Dual Team tournament. Teams shall compete in each of the three classifications. State Final pairings shall be determined by a blind draw conducted at the Winter Sports drawing.

4) In each dual meet, home team designation shall be alternated by weight class. The team whose wrestler has choice of starting positions at the beginning of the second period in each match shall be considered "home" team and shall be governed by Rule 6-2-2. The "home" team wrestler shall report to the official's table and identify himself by name and weight class. Thereafter he cannot be withdrawn or replaced without forfeiture of the weight class.

## VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. The official 2008-09 National Federation Wrestling Rules shall be in effect for all tournaments.

**B. Weight Classification.** The weight classifications listed in Rule 4-4-1 of the National Federation Rules Book will apply. The classifications are as follows:

- 103 lbs. and under
- 112 lbs. and under
- 119 lbs. and under
- 125 lbs. and under
- 130 lbs. and under
- 135 lbs. and under
- 140 lbs. and under
- 145 lbs. and under
- 152 lbs. and under
- 160 lbs. and under
- 171 lbs. and under
- 189 lbs. and under
- 215 lbs. and under
- 285 lbs. and under

**Note:** Tournament weigh-in allowances as prescribed in National Federation Rule 4-5-4 shall be granted.

## C. Weight Control Plan Entries: (Individual)

1) School athletic authorities should read carefully the information on the 2008-09 Weight Control Plan and the Questions and Answers which are included in the Wrestling School Manual which is online in the Schools Center. The weight control regulations establish the minimum weight at which wrestlers may compete in the Individual and Dual Team State Series.

2) A wrestler shall not enter nor participate in a weight classification lower than the one for which they have been body fat tested as the minimum weight. (See Weight Control Plan)

3) A wrestler may not weigh in more than one weight class above the lowest weight class they have weighed in at without being certified at that higher weight class, i.e., A wrestler that has weighed in at 135 may weigh in at 135 or 140. If that wrestler weighs in at 145, that wrestler may not weigh in lower than 145 the rest of the year.

4) Coaches must present the Weight Certification Form to the Meet Manager at all weigh-ins and **provide the meet official with a copy.**

5) All wrestlers must be certified at their lowest weight class they will enter the Individual or Dual Team Wrestling State Final Tournament by the conclusion of weigh-ins for the Regional Tournament.

**D. Weigh-in:** All contestants are required to weigh-in in accordance with Rule 4-4 and 5. In Individual Regional Tournaments, each participant shall be named to his respective weight class prior to the conclusion of the weigh-in. Rule 4-5-5. A wrestler is considered a participant in the championship tournament series when they have been entered and have met the weight requirements on the first day of the Regional Tournament. Thereafter if they fail to make weight requirements in the Regional, Sectional or State Final, or if they fail to appear for any match, their participation in the Individual Tournament series is over and their opponent(s) shall be awarded **both forfeit** and advancement points when applicable.

Each contestant must weigh in on the second day of the Individual Regional, Sectional, and State Final Tournaments. One (1) additional pound will be allowed on each succeeding day of each tournament. (4-5-4)

The weigh-in time shall be held within the following time schedules (As determined by Meet Manager): **Note: Everyone must be in the weigh-in area at the designated starting time.**

1) For Individual Regional Tournaments: A maximum of two (2) hours and a minimum of one-half hour preceding the opening of the tournament. (Specific time will be set by the meet manager and all participants must be in the weigh-in area at the designated starting time.)

2) For Individual Sectional Tournaments: The manager may set the starting time up to a maximum of two (2) hours and a minimum of one-half hour preceding the opening of the individual tournament. (Specific time will be set by the meet manager and all participants must be in the weigh-in area at the designated starting time.)

3) The second day weigh-in for the Regional and Sectional Individual Tournaments shall be held not more than two (2) hours or less than one-half hour before the second session.

4) For State Final Tournament(s): (see tournament time schedule, VI-A).

5) All dual meet tournament teams shall weigh-in each day of competition a maximum of one (1) hour and a minimum of one-half hour before the first scheduled round of meets. (Rule 4-5-1 and 4-5-4)

6) A two (2) pound weight allowance will be given to all wrestlers after January 1 for any weight class that they have made scratch weight at least once. When a wrestler goes down to a lower weight class for the first time weigh-in, the wrestler must make scratch weight at that weight class for that first time weigh-in. No allowances are given for a first time weigh-in at a lower weight class including consecutive day allowance.

#### **E. Length of Matches:**

1) All championship bracket matches, and third and fourth place matches shall be six (6) minutes in length divided into three (3) periods of two (2) minutes with no rest between periods.

**2) All consolation matches shall be six (6) minutes in length consisting of three two 2-minute periods.**

3) In case of a tie after a regulation match the contestants shall wrestle an overtime match in accordance with National Federation Rule 6-1-3.

**F. Overtime Matches:** All ties in the individual and dual team tournament matches shall be resolved by an overtime as provided in the National Federation Overtime Criteria.

**Note:** Referee/assistant referee officiating teams shall officiate all third-place matches in Regional Tournaments employing three officials and all Sectional Tournament championship and third-place bouts. The referee/assistant referee teams will referee all bouts in the Class A and AA State Final Tournament.

#### **G. Team Scoring:**

1) According to IHSA by-law 3.054, all member schools must have competed in at least six (6) contests to be eligible for team honors. Entries may be accepted for individuals from member schools who have not met the six (6) contest requirement, however, no team points will be awarded to these individuals. If an individual should place, points for that place will not be awarded.

2) In all Individual Regional Tournaments scoring shall be: first place, 14 points; second place, 10 points; third place, 7 points and fourth place, 4 points. All brackets will be scored as an eight person bracket. If any pigtail matches are necessary (in brackets that would have nine or more wrestlers) scoring for the pigtail matches will be only advancement points (2 points) and bonus points. The first pigtail match would feed into the #4 seeded wrestlers bracket, the second pigtail match would feed into the #3 seeded wrestler's bracket, etc.

3) In all Individual Regional Tournaments, two (2) additional points shall be credited to a team's total for each fall during the tournament and two (2) points for each default, forfeit and disqualification. In the championship bracket, a team shall also be awarded two (2) points for each match won except in the championship final match. In the consolation bracket of Regional Tournaments, a team shall be awarded one (1) point for each match won except in the third place matches. In addition, in both the championship and consolation bracket one and one-half (1 1/2) team points shall be awarded each technical fall and one (1) team point shall be scored for a major decision victory margin of eight (8) or more points.

**Note 1:** In all Regional Tournaments, if a wrestler received a bye in the preliminary round of competition, they shall be awarded two (2) advancement points for that round if they win the next match. In addition to the advancement points, they shall be awarded for the bye the same number of "bonus" points, if any, they earned for winning their first match by fall, forfeit, default, disqualification, technical fall, or major decision. In Regional Tournament consolation brackets, wrestlers receiving byes in the preliminary round of competition shall be awarded one (1) advancement point and applicable "bonus" points if they win their next match. In any walk-on matches, the wrestler gets the same number of bonus points as the previous match.

4) See Rule 9-2-2 a, b, c, d, e, regarding the recording and posting of team scores after the semifinal matches in Regional Tournaments.

5) At the Individual Sectional and State Final Tournaments, no individual team scores will be kept.

#### **H. Team Tiebreaker:**

1) Individual Regional Formula--To determine the place winners of a Regional Tournament which ends in a tie for the first two places, the following criteria will be applied in the order listed:

a. The team with the most individual champions will be declared the winner.

b. The team with the most second place winners will be declared the winner.

c. The team with the most third place winners will be declared the winner.

d. The team with the most fourth place winners will be declared the winner.

e. The team with the most victories in head-to-head competition with other tied teams throughout the tournament shall be declared the winner.

f. The team with the most victories in the championship and consolation brackets shall be declared the winner. (Do not count byes.)

g. The team that has accumulated the most advancement points throughout the tournament shall be declared the winner. (Do not count bonus points.)

h. The team with the most pins, and wins by default, disqualification or forfeits in the tournament shall be declared the winner.

i. The team with the most technical falls shall be declared the winner.

j. The team with the most major decisions shall be declared the winner.

k. If a tie exists, a winner shall be declared by a flip of the coin.

2) Dual Team Sectional and State Final Formulas--In the event that a tie score exists in a dual meet at the Sectional, or State Final Tournament, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

a. The team whose opposing players or team has been penalized the greater number of team points for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be declared the winner.

b. The team having won the greater number of matches shall be declared the winner (including forfeit).

c. The team having accumulated the greater number of points for falls, defaults, forfeits or disqualifications shall be declared the winner.

d. The team having the greater number of points for technical falls shall be declared the winner

e. The team having the greater number of points for major decisions shall be declared the winner.

f. The team having the greater number (total match points) of first-points scored shall be declared the winner.

g. The team having the greater number of points for near-falls shall be declared the winner.

h. The team having the greater number of takedowns shall be declared the winner.

i. The team having the greater number of reversals shall be declared the winner.

j. The team having the greater number of escapes shall be declared the winner.

k. The team whose opponent has been penalized more often for stalling.

l. The team whose opponent has been warned more often for stalling.

m. The team whose opponent has the greater number of points for all other infractions.

n. If none of the above resolve the tie, the flip of a disk will determine the winner.

**I. Team Bench:** The dual team bench shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-six (26) individuals, including a maximum of twenty-one (21) wrestlers in proper uniform, listed on the team roster. The five (5) remaining individuals must be connected with the team and may include coaches, trainers, managers, etc.

#### **J. Consolation Matches: (Individual Tournaments)**

1) In the Regional Tournaments a modified double elimination format will be utilized. All wrestlers losing their first round match shall compete in the wrestle backs.

2) In the Sectional Tournaments, all wrestlers defeated by each of the two (2) championship finalists shall compete in the wrestle backs that will determine third place.

3) In all Regional Tournaments, the championship and consolation final matches shall be wrestled at the same time. When possible, two (2) officials shall work the third-place match and one (1) official the championship match.

4) In all Sectional Tournaments, the championship and third place matches shall be conducted simultaneously. Two (2) officials shall referee each third-place match and two (2) officials shall referee each championship match.

5) In Regional and Sectional competition, a wrestler defeated in the quarter-final round will advance to the consolation bracket if his quarter-final opponent fails to make second-day weight requirements.

6) In Classes 1A and 2A State Final Tournaments, third and fourth place winners shall be determined by "wrestling back." All wrestlers defeated by the winners of the semifinal matches are eligible to compete in the wrestle backs that will determine third and fourth place as in Rule 10-3-4 and 5, except that there shall be no cross bracketing.

7) In the Class 3A State Final Tournament, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place winners will be determined by "wrestling back." All wrestlers defeated by the winners of the quarter-final matches are eligible to compete in wrestle backs that will determine third, fourth, fifth and sixth places, as in Rule 10-3-3, except that there shall be no cross bracketing. In the consolation semifinals, when two (2) wrestlers who have already met are paired again, the match shall not be repeated and the result of their previous meeting will hold-- the winner will wrestle for third place and loser for fifth place. The defeated semifinalists in the consolation bracket (wrestle backs) will wrestle for fifth place.

#### **K. Disqualification and Forfeits:**

The following interpretation of Rule 8-4, 6 and 10-2-1 through 7 shall apply for 2008-09 tournaments:

1) Individual Tournaments: If disqualification is due to an illegal hold or a technical violation--including stalling--the wrestler would not be eliminated from competition for consolation matches. Disqualification for any other reason (Rule 8-4,6 and 10-2-1, 2, 5, 6 and 7) eliminates a contestant from further competition as follows:

Regional Individual Tournament--disqualified from further competition in individual series.

Sectional Individual competition--disqualified from further competition in individual series.

State Final Individual competition--disqualified from further competition in individual series.

2) Disqualification (except for the infractions listed in K1) in Dual Meet competition:

Sectional Dual competition--disqualified from further competition in Sectional team meets.

State Final Dual Team competition--disqualified from further competition in State Final Dual Team Meet,

3) Forfeits and Disqualifications in Individual Tournaments:

a. Regional and Sectionals: If a wrestler has advanced to the semifinal round and they forfeit this match or are disqualified as in Rule 8-4,6 or 10-2 (except for the infractions listed in "K-1") they shall not be permitted to wrestle for third place. If they forfeit (unless due to injury or illness as verified verbally or in writing to the tournament manager by a doctor) or are disqualified in (1) the third place match, they shall not be considered for individual advancement as provided under 'Advancement of Winners' above. Fourth place shall be void and no fourth place medal awarded.

The Championship match:  
b. Second place shall be declared void. No medal shall be awarded. The winner and loser of the third-place match shall advance to the applicable tournament along with the champion.

c. State Final tournaments: Unless as verified as in K-3a, the forfeiting or disqualified contestant shall be ineligible for the consolation brackets and if the forfeiture or disqualification occurs in a championship, third or fifth place match the place shall be voided and no medal awarded.

4) Forfeits in Dual Team Tournaments:

Each school participating in the dual meet tournament series is expected to have wrestlers entered and actively compete in each of the fourteen weight classes in each dual meet. Failure to enter a wrestler in any weight class or failure for a wrestler to appear for his match shall result in a forfeit awarded to the opponent in the uncontested weight class in that meet only. Forfeits do not carry-over to subsequent meets.

**L. Sideline Coaching:** Rule 7-5-1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be strictly enforced. Coaches should observe the following:

1) at the State Final Individual tournament two (2) coaches or other school approved certified adult school personnel from each opposing team will be permitted in chairs at the edge of the mat during all matches. At Regional and Sectional Individual tournaments, facilities permitting, a maximum of two (2) team representatives, of which at least one shall be a

coach or other school approved certified adult school personnel, from each team may be permitted at mat side.

2) Coaches or others connected with a Dual Team Tournament meet should remain seated in the restricted area during the time the match is in progress (Rule 2-2-1).

3) Coaching should be limited to words of help and encouragement, and the ethics of good sportsmanship must be observed.

**M. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any wrestler, coach and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. The IHSA By-laws 2.030, 3.151, 6.011 and 6.012 give the Board of Directors complete authority to penalize a school for any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the principal, the coach, athletes, or any member of the faculty or Board of Education or any other official representative of any participating school. This authority will definitely be exercised by the Board of Directors.

**N. Video Taping:** Video taping will be allowed provided the local manager has a comparable area for competing schools to videotape. When one school requests the video space, then the local manager shall provide similar space to competing schools. Non-competing schools and spectators will be allowed to videotape matches in the stand, provided they do not obstruct the view of participants and spectators. Any taping for the purpose of reviewing during the tournament is prohibited by National Federation Rule 10-1-2.

### **IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

**A. Presale Tickets:** See IHSA Website for presale information.

**B. All-Star Teams:** No athletic team from any member school may compete against an "all-star" team. No school official from a member school shall assist, either directly or indirectly, with any contest by an all-star team during the school year, unless the contest is approved by the Board of Directors.

**C. State Final Passes:** Each school with one or more individual qualifiers for the Individual State Final will receive two (2) tournament passes for coaches--plus one (1) tournament pass for each State Final contestant. One additional coach's pass will be given if a school qualifies five (5) or more wrestlers.

Each school qualifying a team for the State Final Dual competition shall receive twenty-six (26) passes, twenty-one (21) of which may only be used for uniformed wrestlers.

Any school desiring to bring additional coaches, managers, trainers, etc., over and above the number of passes allotted, must purchase regular admission tickets for the extra

personnel. No school will be permitted more than twenty-six (26) participant passes.

**Alternate Passes – Note:** Any wrestler that gets into the tournament on Friday morning (at weigh-in), as an alternate, will be issued a pass at the weigh-in. If the alternate does not get into the tournament, they must have a ticket for the State Finals.

**D. Bands:** May be used by local tournament directors prior to the start of a session.

**E. Artificial Noisemakers:** Mechanical noisemaking devices such as air horns and whistles shall be excluded from the gymnasium. In addition, any noisemaking devices that interfere with the competition shall be prohibited.

**F. Signs and Banners:** The displaying of signs, banners, placards or similar items at IHSA state series events 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/community;
- 3) they are not displayed on the field of play 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.

**G. Cheerleaders:** At all Regional and Sectional Tournaments, cheerleaders may be permitted on the floor to cheer depending on the facilities and available space. They are not to interfere with the conduct of the matches by standing up, obstructing the scoreboard, pounding on the mat, etc.

At the State Final, a maximum of eight (8) cheerleaders will be permitted on the floor for dual competition only. No cheerleaders will be permitted on the floor at the individual State Final.

**H. Damage to Property or Equipment:** If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**I. Media Requirements:**

- 1) Provide Space:

Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they be from newspapers, internet sites, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations, according to the IHSA Policies regarding News Media credentials and working assignments for IHSA state series.

2) Radio and TV:

It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payment (where required) and make cancellation refund for television and/or radio play-by-play originations, according to the IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a. Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b. Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series (except State Final). Local Managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c. Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast policies.

3) Administrative Detail:

Reporting information to the news media and/or the IHSA Office, as stipulated in instructions to Local Managers shall be the responsibility of each Local Manager and is required.

**J. Tobacco Products:** No coach, player or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

**K. Use of Inhalers:** A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois School Code.

**L. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series Events:** The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by

a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

**X. AWARDS**

**A.** In all Individual Regional Tournaments, medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third individual place winners in each weight class. In all individual Sectional Tournaments, medals will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth place winners in each weight class. Plaques will be awarded to the school winner in the Individual Regional Tournaments.

**B.** In Classes 1A and 2A State Final Individual Tournament, medallions will be awarded to the first four (4) place winners in each weight class.

In the Class 3A State Final Individual Tournament, medallions will be awarded to the first six (6) place winners in each weight class.

First, second, third and fourth place trophies will be awarded to the school winners in Classes 1A, 2A and 3A of the State Final Dual Team Tournaments.

In addition, twenty-six (26) medallions will be presented to the first, second, third, and fourth place teams in each class.

**C. Grand March:** While participating in the Grand March, wrestlers shall wear their school's official warm-up or team uniform. No extra clothing, hats, caps, signs or other adornment may be worn or carried. If a contestant fails to cooperate in the above requirement, they shall be prohibited from participating in the Grand March. **Only coaches or certified school personnel shall participate in the Grand March with a school's qualifying wrestler(s).**

**D. Awards Ceremonies:** At all tournaments when wrestlers are receiving awards, they shall wear their school's official warm-up or team uniform. **No extra clothing, hats, caps, signs, or other adornment shall be worn or carried at the awards ceremony or any other time on the Assembly Hall floor. If a contestant fails to wear their official school warm-up or uniform, they shall not be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony.**

**XI. OFFICIALS**

**A. Individuals:** In each of the Regional and Sectional Tournaments, all matches preliminary to the semifinal round shall be wrestled during the opening session. Two (2) officials and two (2) mats for all sessions of the Regional Tournaments shall be provided. Whenever possible, three (3) officials will be assigned to

Regionals. Four (4) officials shall be assigned for all sessions of the Individual Sectional Tournaments. Sectional Tournament centers are to use a minimum of three (3) mats for the first two (2) sessions. Where facilities permit, four (4) mats should be used for the first sessions.

**B. Dual Team:** Two officials shall be assigned to officiate each Dual Team Sectional tournament. At the State Final tournament two officials will be assigned to officiate each meet.

**C. Official Fees:**

The following fee schedule for officials will be adhered to.

Wrestling (Classes 1A,2A,3A) (Flat fees per tournament):

Individual Regional--\$149.00 per tournament

Individual Sectional--\$205.00 per tournament

Individual State Final--\$331.50 flat fee plus up to two (2) nights' lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator.

Team Sectional--\$63.00 per tournament

Team State Final--\$221.00 flat fee plus up to one night's lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator.

**Mileage Policy:** In the state series, to assist officials for out-of-pocket expenses, a voucher system will be used to compensate officials when they actually drive in excess of 100 miles round trip per contest. Payment will be made through the IHSA Office, after completion of the tournament series, at a rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile for all mileage in excess of 100 miles round trip. No compensation will be permitted for trips of less than 100 miles round trip.

### REVISION HISTORY

**Dec. 22** VIII-G-2, the last sentence should read: The first pigtail match would feed into the #4 seeded wrestlers bracket, the second pigtail match would feed into the #3 seeded wrestler's bracket, etc.