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### Major Changes

**1-1-2 New:** A random draw for championship final matches for an individual tournament, regular season and/or state high school championship series, may be used for competition.

**3-1-1:** The referee's uniform consists of a short-sleeve knit shirt, with alternating black-and-white 1-inch stripes, or gray with black pinstripes.

**4-2-3:** A clarification was made on communicable skin conditions or any other condition, in that the current written documentation from a physician needs to be on an approved form from either the NFHS or a state association.

**4-2-5 New:** Each contestant who has braces or has a special orthodontic device on his or her teeth, shall be required to wear a tooth and mouth protector.

**5-20-6 New:** Prior to assuming an offensive starting position, the offensive wrestler may signal to the referee the neutral position. The defensive wrestler is awarded an escape, and wrestling begins from the neutral position.

**5-31-1:** The head coach shall be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct if wrestlers report to the scorer's table not in proper uniform, not properly groomed, not properly equipped or not ready to wrestle. Exception: The head coach shall not be penalized when a wrestler reports to the scorer's table with shoelaces that are not properly secured.

**6-4-4:** Any coach of the contestant or the contestant has the prerogative to default a match to the opponent at any time by informing the referee.

**6-6-4a1, 6-6-5a1:** Errors by the timekeeper, official scorer or referee must be corrected prior to the offended contestant

leaving the mat area if additional wrestling is necessary. If additional wrestling is not necessary, the error may be corrected as long as the offended contestant or coach remains in the mat area. **8-2-1a-h:** The exact procedure to follow when administering the second injury time-out during a match was added for clarification.

**Other Changes** 2-1-1; 3-1-2; 3-1-4c; 3-1-11; 4-3-1; 4-5-8; 5-8; 5-18-2; 5-28-1c; 6-1-3; 6-7-1c4; 6-7-1d; 6-7-3; 7-1-5g; 7-1-5t; 7-1-5v; PENALTY CHART " Coach Misconduct; PENALTY CHART " Note 2; PENALTY CHART " Summary of Technical Violations; 9-1-8; 9-2-3h; SCORING ABBREVIATIONS; ILLUSTRATIONS 56., 62., 86.

**Points of Emphasis** 1. Correction of Errors 2. Stalling 3. Sportsmanship 4. Communicable Skin Conditions