

SUFFOLK WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING #4
January 3, 2012

General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by Acting President C. Smith

President's Announcements:

Discussed procedure for addressing coaches when questions about a call. The official should be able to explain their reason for making the call. If coach disagrees with your judgment, they should be penalized for misconduct. First penalty is a warning. If the coach becomes abusive, they are to be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct and one team point deducted on first offense. Use your judgement on what to call.

Skin Checks

Check wrestlers in uniform. If you see something, they will need an original copy of a doctor's note on the recognized form. You get a copy of the form, but you must see the original. If the coach does not produce the form, the wrestler will be unable to wrestle.

The note must be presented at weigh-in and not at mat side. If you can't get a copy, you get the original. Fax a copy to Section XI and forward copies to SWOA secretary.

A referee is to be present for skin checks at weigh-ins for tournaments and Multi Team duals involving more than 4 teams.

Points of Emphasis

Dual meets – Keep coaches on bench and off mat. Nothing(chairs, warm-ups, etc.) closer than 10 ft. to mat where facilities permit.

Secretary Announcements

Volunteers are needed for the State Tournament on February 24-25 in Albany. Please contact George Wissman if you are interested and additional detail will be provided.

The next meeting is January 19. Elections will be held.

Rules Interpretation - John Truscello:

Stalling

If you feel the wrestler(s) are stalling, they probably are. Call stalling whenever necessary. Know when stalling applies and when to stop the match for stalling.

Positioning:

Stay positioned at heads/shoulders of wrestlers whenever possible. Step back to get better view of action on mat.

False Starts

Call it when it happens. Reset clock if any time ran off. Tell wrestlers they start on your whistle. Say "set" prior to blowing whistle.

NF Criteria

Be in position to start count. If out of position, know to start count mentally before getting in correct position. Wrestlers could be at a "2" count or more before you start waving.

Four Criteria for NF: 45 degrees or less, shoulders 4" or less from mat, both elbows, high bridge.

Steve D. Video

The following should all be called:

1. OW posts knee on elbow during hammer lock situation = Potentially Dangerous
2. OW places knee in middle of DW's back in hammer lock is Illegal.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

George Wissman
Secretary/Treasurer