

Head Officials Duties And Limitations

1. Call the school 2 or 3 days before tournament date. Verify starting time of the tournament and weigh in time.
2. Call the official's working the tournament and fill them in on tournament, and weigh in start times.
3. The head official should arrive at least 30-40 minutes before weigh in starts. The head official should organize the weigh in according to the rule book, and the tournament director instructions.
4. During the weigh in process the official's will be implementing there own interpretations on various situations. If they need help, they could then ask the head official for his interpretation, at that time the official may accept or reject his interpretation.
5. The head official should meet with table workers, to make sure timing and scoring are executed properly.
6. The head official should meet with the medical staff. Where they will be located, and how many of them are there.
7. The head official should meet with tournament official's, before the tournament starts. At that time he can organize the mat assignments, and check on any conflicts.
8. There most likely will be a coaches meeting before the tournament starts. The tournament director, or head coach will introduce the head official. The head official will then introduce the tournament official's. At that time he may want to talk about sportsmanship or anything he feels will help the tournament run smoothly.
9. If a coach request that the head official come to his mat to possibly help with a interpretation or some type of other problem concerning rules. That request must be honored.
10. The head official has no authority to overrule any official during a tournament.
11. When the head official is called to the mat area, by either the mat official, tournament director, or the head coach, he will talk to the mat official in an area that no one can hear. After a brief conversation with the mat official, the mat official will render his decision. The mat official has the final word. The head official should walk away and avoid talking to anyone if possible.
12. Head official's are appointed to help organize, to help interpret rules so the tournament runs orderly. They are not there to demine or show anyone up.
13. There are a list of recommended duties for the head official in the wrestling manual on page 18.