

## OFFICIALS DUTIES

Always call the school the day of your meet to make sure the match is still being held. Schedules are susceptible to change, especially early in the season. It is especially important to contact the school when the weather is inclement.

Consider putting your valuables and clothing in your car after you dress for duals or tournaments. It is a good idea to take a lock with you because most schools have lockers available. Address both teams together just prior to starting weigh-ins.

### Speak to all wrestlers:

The following are examples of things to say to the wrestlers:

- All wrestlers must be in the designated weigh- in area prior to the start of weigh-ins and they are not allowed to leave the area once weigh-ins start. Any attempts to lose weight once weigh-ins start will not be tolerated.
- Sportsmanship is very important, no pushing off after the whistle sounds to stop the action, no cross faces coming from right or left field, no taking their forearm and rubbing it back and forth across their opponent's face, no forearms applied forcibly in the back of the head or neck.
- If they put their entire weight in someone's back when they are attempting to tilt the wrestler, potentially dangerous will be called and match will be stopped.
- Shake (Not Slap) hands prior to the start of the match and again when the match is over prior to raising the winning wrestler's hand.
- Stalling may be called if there is no action or lack of advancement to score.

Check the mats to ensure the mats have supporting mats where necessary to avoid wrestlers hitting the floor.

Make sure team chairs are at least 10 feet from the edge of the mat and scorers table.

Speak to the table workers and review their duties, ask if they worked tables before. Normally dual meet table workers are experienced but table workers for tournaments may not be. Have the winning wrestler report to the table to confirm they are the winner.

Always have your pay voucher filled out and make every attempt to hand it to the AD prior to the start of the meet. Always keep your copy so you can reconcile payment after your check from the school arrives.

During the meet if a spectator becomes abusive or unruly, have the athletic director or someone from the school ask the spectator to calm down or you can request that they be removed from the premises.

**Upon completion of the meet, sign the both scorebooks, writing down time of completion and your MSHSAA#. Then gather your belongings and depart the premises in a timely fashion.**

**If for some reason during the meet you have a spectator that has been unruly, and you feel they might cause you problems as you walk to your car you may ask the AD for an escort.**