

200. State Series

Terms & Conditions

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In accordance with Article 8 of the FHSAA Bylaws, the following Terms and Conditions governing the 2010 FHSAA State Wrestling Series have been approved by the FHSAA Board of Directors. Gary Pigott, administrator for wrestling, shall be the state series director.

201. Team Entries

201.01 Eligibility.

(1) Participation in the state series is voluntary and open to any full member senior high school varsity team provided:

(a) The school engages in a minimum of four (4) interscholastic contests (games, matches or meets) or the required number of district contests as determined in the district meeting, whichever is greater, in the sport. To count as a contest, the school's team actually shall participate in and complete the contest. Scheduled contests that are canceled or not completed (in accordance with the playing rules of the sport in question) may not be counted.

(b) The school files a declaration of intent to participate in the state series with the FHSAA Office by the specified deadline;

(c) A school must play not less than 60 percent of its regular season contests in the sport against FHSAA member schools; and

(d) A school must not take more than one trip per school year in the sport beyond the neighboring states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

(2) A school shall enter only one (1) girls team and/or one (1) boys team.

(3) A first-time member senior high school shall not be eligible to enter a team into the FHSAA State Series in any sport in its two years of provisional membership, unless the school is created from the consolidation or division of existing member high schools and remains under the control of the same governing board.

(4) Boys may not participate on a girls team or in the girls division in the FHSAA State Series in any sport. In an individual sport, girls may not participate in the boys division in the FHSAA State Series if competition is conducted in a girls division in that sport. However, for a girl to participate in the girls division of the state series in a sport, the school must file a "Declaration of Intent to Participate in the FHSAA State Series" form in that sport.

201.02 Commitment to Participate.

(1) **Commitment Form.** Each member school that elects to participate in a State Series competition in an individual sport must notify the FHSAA Office of its intent to do so on the "Declaration of Intent to Participate in FHSAA State Series" form. The FHSAA issues intent forms on a biennial basis. A commitment made using this form is for the following two school years.

(2) **Signatures Required.** An intent form, to be valid, must bear the signature of the member school principal and Athletic Director or FHSAA Representative.

(3) **Non-Binding Agreement.** A properly executed intent form is non-binding on the member school. A school that elects to withdraw from its intent to participate in an individual sport may do so without penalty, prior to the beginning of the fifth (5th) week of competition in the sport, by notifying the FHSAA Office of its decision using the form provided for that purpose. If, however, the school fails to notify in writing the FHSAA Office of its decision to withdraw from its intent to participate in an individual sport prior to the beginning of the fifth (5th) week of competition, that school shall be assessed a \$250 fine and its program in that sport placed on administrative probation.

(4) **Failure to Declare Intention before Deadline.** A school that does not file notice of its intent to participate in the FHSAA State Series in an individual sport by the deadline, and later submits a request in writing to the FHSAA Office to participate in that sport shall be assigned to the appropriate classification and district and shall be assessed a mandatory, non-refundable \$100 administrative fee.

No school, however, under any circumstance, shall be assigned to a classification and district in the FHSAA State Series in an individual sport if its request for such assignment is received in the FHSAA Office on or after the deadline for filing the Official Entry List in that sport.

(5) **Intention Agreement.** By filing notice of intent to participate in an FHSAA State Series, a member school agrees to participate in accordance with and abide by all the procedures, guidelines, policies and regulations for that FHSAA State Series as approved by the FHSAA Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association.

202. Student-Athlete Entries

202.01 Eligibility.

(1) To represent a member school in the state series, a student-athlete:

(a) Must be eligible under Bylaw 9 and applicable administrative guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures.

(b) Must participate in a minimum of four (4) interscholastic contests in the sport during the regular season. A student-athlete who is academically ineligible at the beginning of a sports season and who regains his/her eligibility during that sports season, but is unable to participate in the minimum of four (4) interscholastic contests in that sport shall be exempted from this provision.

(c) Must be submitted to the district tournament/meet host on the school's official entry list.

(d) In an individual sport, to be eligible for individual honors on the regional and state levels, a student-athlete shall compete for individual honors on the district level. To be eligible for individual honors on the state level, a student-athlete shall compete for individual honors on the district and regional levels.

202.02 Official Entry List.

(1) Each participating school must generate in iFHSAA and submit by fax to its district tournament manager a "2010 FHSAA State Wrestling Series Official Entry List" on which is listed the name of each student-athlete who will represent the school in the state series. The official entry list:

(a) Must be filed by 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2010 (late filing fee is \$50, increases to \$100 if not received by district tournament manager by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29,

2010).

(b) There is no limit on the number of student-athletes that may be listed on an Official Entry List. Of those student-athletes listed, however, only 14 – one per weight classification – may actually compete in the state series. All student-athletes listed must have been previously reported to the FHSAA Office through iFHSAA/C2C Schools.

(c) Must be signed by the principal, FHSAA representative and head coach.

(d) Cannot be e-mailed.

(2) A school whose official entry list is not received by the time designated for weigh-ins to begin in the district tournament may be permitted to participate only with the approval of the FHSAA Office; however, that school shall be assessed a minimum financial penalty of \$250. This penalty will increase if it is later determined that a student-athlete(s) representing the school was ineligible to do so. Under no circumstances shall the Manager of a District Tournament/Meet permit a team for which he/she has no Official Entry List to participate in the District Tournament/Meet without the approval of the FHSAA Office.

(3) Additions/changes to an official entry list must be submitted in writing to the district tournament manager using Form AT8. The coach must certify that the student-athlete has been reported to the FHSAA Office on an annual eligibility list via iFHSAA and has met minimum regular season participation requirements. The following provisions will apply:

(a) An administrative fee of \$50 per addition or change will be assessed if the AT8 form is filed after the district entry list deadline. The fee(s) will appear on the school's next monthly statement. This penalty will increase if it is later determined that the student-athlete(s) added to the school's Official Entry List was ineligible. This fee will be waived for changes due to academic eligibility changes from the first semester to the second semester.

(b) Requests for additions or changes are permissible until the time designated for or weigh-ins to begin in the district tournament. Once the weigh-ins for the district tournament begin, no additions/changes may be made without the approval of the tournament manager.

(4) The Event Manager must forward to the FHSAA office within ten (10) working days following the conclusion of a district, regional or state finals event: 1). The Official Entry Lists submitted by the participating schools; 2). The Entry List Addition/Change Forms (AT8); and 3). The Entry List log. The minimum fine for noncompliance with this regulation is \$100.

203. School Classification

Please refer to Policy 12 in the FHSAA Handbook for more information on school classification. State series assignments as of press time are provided in Appendix B. Check FHSAA.org for the most up-to-date assignments.

204. Districts

204.01 Assignment. Participating schools are geographically assigned to one of 16 district complexes in their respective classifications (see Appendix B or FHSAA.org). A tournament shall be conducted in each district complex at the conclusion of the regular season to determine the individual competitors who shall represent

their respective schools and the district complex in the remainder of the state series.

204.02 District Coordinator. One school in each district complex has been designated as the district coordinator (see Appendix B or FHSAA.org). The FHSAA representative or his/her designee at the district coordinator school shall be responsible for hosting, conducting and reporting to the FHSAA Office results of the district tournament planning meeting. The tournament manager is responsible for all aspects of the district tournament upon the conclusion of the district planning meeting and receipt of the meeting's minutes.

204.03 District Meeting.

(1) Each district coordinator must conduct a district meeting between Monday, Oct. 19-Thursday, Oct. 22, 2010. The site and time of the meeting shall be determined by the District Coordinator, except that the time of the meeting should cause no loss of time from school for any attendee. The District Coordinator shall give written notice to the FHSAA representative, athletic director and appropriate head coach of each school in his/her district as to the date, time and site of the meeting at least seven (7) days in advance of the date of the meeting. If, however, the FHSAA representative, athletic director and appropriate head coach at a given school has not received written notification from the District Coordinator as to the date, time and site of the meeting, it is his/her responsibility to contact the District Coordinator for the arrangements. Exceptions to this policy must be made in writing to the Executive Director.

(2) Each school in the district shall be required to send a representative to attend the meeting and vote on behalf of the school on all matters pertaining to plans for the district tournament. A school that is not represented at the meeting shall be assessed a \$100 penalty. If a school wishes to submit an invitation to host the district tournament at the meeting and its representative present is not the principal, FHSAA representative or athletic director, the representative must have in his/her possession a letter of invitation signed by one or more of the principal, FHSAA representative or athletic director. A District Coordinator may request of the Executive Director or his/her designee permission to conduct a district scheduling/tournament meeting by teleconference if his/her district is spread over a large geographic area.

(3) The following items of business must be addressed at the district meeting:

- (a) Review FHSAA rules, policies, terms and conditions governing the FHSAA State Wrestling, including the "FHSAA Licensing and Merchandising Policy."
- (b) Select host school, site, and determine schedule of matches and number of sessions. (Note: If using alternate sites, one school must be selected as the host and be responsible for submitting all required reports at the conclusion of the district tournament with FHSAA policies.)
- (c) Determine team awards to be ordered.
- (d) Determine number of passes to be allowed competing teams.
- (e) Select officials.
- (f) Determine financial arrangements and complete the Financial Terms Form included in the district meeting packet. See Section 206 (Financial Terms). Determine how expenses/profits will be shared among participating schools.
- (g) Determine the amount of compensation, not to exceed \$100 total for the event, to be paid to the Tournament Manager.
- (h) Determine allocation of tickets to participating schools on an equitable basis if seating is limited.
- (i) Other business (i.e., AED availability, medical presence, etc.).

(4) The FHSAA Office will e-mail each district coordinator a form on which to record the decisions made during the district meeting. The report form should be com-

pleted and submitted along with minutes of the meeting to the FHSAA Office and each school in the district promptly following the meeting.

204.04 Regular Season District Competition. Competition between schools assigned to a district is not required during the regular season.

205. Tournament Structure and Time Schedules

205.01 Tournament Series. The successive tournament series shall be designated respectively as district, regional and FHSAA Finals.

205.02 District Tournaments.

(1) Dates, Time Schedule and Site.

(a) Dates. Week 31 (Feb. 1-6, 2010).

(b) Time Schedule. Each district will determine the time schedule for its tournament at the district meeting. The following time schedule is recommended for all one-day district tournaments:

Weigh-ins	8 a.m.
Seeding Meeting	9:30 a.m.
First Round Competition	10 a.m.
Consolation Competition	6 p.m.
Championship Finals.....	7 p.m.

A district with five (5) or more schools must conduct its tournament in two sessions.

A district with four (4) or less schools must conduct its tournament in one session.

(c) Site. Each district will determine a site for its tournament at the district meeting. The date and site of each district tournament will be posted on FHSAA.org.

205.03 Regional Tournaments.

(1) **Complexes.** Competition will be conducted in four regional complexes in each classification. Districts 1-4 will comprise the Region 1 complex, Districts 5-8 the Region 2 complex, Districts 9-12 the Region 3 complex, and Districts 13-16 the Region 4 complex. One tournament will be conducted in each regional complex.

(2) **Dates and Time Schedule.** Regional tournaments shall be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, 2010 (Week 32). The following time schedule shall be used:

Friday, Feb. 12

Weigh-ins

.....	10 a.m.
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Session 1

Preliminaries, Wrestlebacks (1st & 2nd rounds)

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Saturday, Feb. 13

Weigh-ins

.....	8 a.m.
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Session 2

Semifinals.....

.....	10 a.m.
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Wrestlebacks (3rd & 4th rounds).....

.....	12:30 p.m.
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Session 3

Consolation/Championship Finals (2 mats)

.....	6 p.m.
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(3) **Sites.** Regional tournaments shall be held at the following sites and hosted by the following schools:

CLASS 3A

<u>Regional Complex</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Host School(s)</u>
1	Forest HS (Ocala)	Forest HS
2	Brandon HS	Brandon HS
3	Park Vista HS (Lake Worth)	Park Vista HS
4	Reagan HS (Doral)	Reagan HS

CLASS 2A

<u>Regional Complex</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Host School(s)</u>
1	Chiles HS (Tallahassee)	Chiles HS
2	Liberty (Kissimmee)	Liberty HS
3	Charlotte HS (Punta Gorda)	Charlotte HS
4	Jensen Beach HS	Jensen Beach HS

CLASS 1A

<u>Regional Complex</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Host School(s)</u>
1	Clay HS (Green Cove Springs)	Clay HS
2	Matanzas HS (Palm Coast)	Matanzas HS
3	TBA	TBA
4	Cardinal Gibbons HS (Ft. Laud.)	Cardinal Gibbons HS

(4) **Electronic Clocks.** Visual electronic clocks are required at each state series tournament. It is strongly recommended that adults work the table at each mat in all state series tournaments.

(5) **Invitations to Host.** The deadline date for extending an invitation to serve as host for a regional tournament in 2011 is May 28, 2010. Invitations to host should be addressed to Gary Pigott, Wrestling Administrator, 1801 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606-9176. See FHSAA.org in April 2010 for more information.

205.04 FHSAA Finals.

(1) **Dates and Site.** The FHSAA Wrestling Finals state tournament shall be held on Friday through Saturday of Week 33 (Feb. 19-20, 2010) at The Lakeland Center. Gary Pigott, FHSAA administrator for wrestling, will be the tournament director. Brian Bain of Polk County Schools will be the tournament manager.

(2) **Time Schedule.** The FHSAA Finals will be run according to the following time schedule:

Thursday, Feb. 18

Scales available	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Roll arounds	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Coaches Packet Pick-Up (Arena)	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19

Weigh-ins	8 a.m.
Coaches Packet Pick-Up (Weigh-In Area)	8 a.m.

Wrestling will be on 10 mats unless otherwise noted.

Session 1

Arena opens	9 a.m.
First round of competition	10 a.m.

Session 2

Arena opens	45 minutes after first round
First round of wrestlebacks	Following
Second round of competition	Following

Second round of wrestlebacks.....	Following
Saturday, Feb. 20	
Weigh-ins	7:30 a.m.
Session 3	
Arena opens.....	8 a.m.
Third round of wrestlebacks.....	9 a.m.
Semi-finals (6 mats)	11:15 a.m.
Fourth round of wrestlebacks.....	Following
Fifth & sixth place finals (3 mats)	Following
Third & fourth place finals (3 mats).....	Following
Session 4	
Arena opens (wrestlers 5:15 p.m.).....	5:30 p.m.
Introduction of finalists	6:15 p.m.
Russ Mauger Award.....	6:25 p.m.
Championship finals (3 mats).....	6:35 p.m.

(3) **Coaches Meeting.** A meeting for head coaches of schools with participating teams or individuals shall be conducted online at FHSAA.org. Each school entering a team or individual in the FHSAA Finals must complete the video presentation requirement online before arriving at the Finals venue. Failure to comply will result in a financial penalty to the school.

205.05 Advancement of Teams and Individuals.

(1) **District Tournament to Regional Tournament.** The top four (4) individual wrestlers in each weight classification from each district tournament in each school classification will advance to the regional tournament to which they are assigned.

(2) **Regional Tournament to FHSAA Finals.** The top four (4) individual wrestlers in each weight classification from each of the four regional tournaments in each school classification will advance to the FHSAA Finals.

205.06 Local Management. The FHSAA representative of the host school will be the local manager for the state series tournament that his/her school is hosting. He/she will be responsible for making the necessary preparations to host the tournament and for the filing of necessary reports to the FHSAA Office upon conclusion of the tournament. The local manager must submit to both the FHSAA Office and the next level tournament manager a list of those individuals, together with their overall win-loss records, who qualified to advance to the next level tournament. This report must be completed and submitted immediately upon conclusion of the tournament, but not later than 9 a.m. EST on the day following the conclusion of the tournament. The FHSAA Office will supply each local manager with the appropriate report forms, fax numbers and e-mail addresses.

206. Financial Terms

Please refer to Policy 9 in the FHSAA Handbook for more information on financial terms.

207. Tournament Regulations

207.01 Squads. At the regional tournaments and FHSAA Finals, a participant pass will be issued to each athlete who qualifies to the tournament. In addition, for those schools that have qualifiers for the regional tournament and/or FHSAA Finals, coaches will be issued passes as follows:

- One to three participants – One head coach and one assistant coach.
- Four to seven participants – One head coach and two assistant coaches.
- Eight or more participants – One head coach and three assistant coaches.

No team student managers or student athletic trainers will receive participant passes.

Participant and coach passes will not be transferable and will entitle those persons who receive such passes access to the mat areas.

207.02 Warmup Uniforms. All wrestlers must wear school-issued warm-ups while on the arena floor and during their participation in awards presentations and photograph sessions. Wrestlers must not wear hats, sunglasses, cutoffs, altered clothing, clothing displaying advertisements, jewelry and cosmetic paraphernalia on the arena floor or during awards presentations.

207.03 Seeding and Bracketing.

(1) **District Tournaments.** Each district will seed and bracket its district tournament in accordance with the procedure as outlined in NFHS Rule 10 after the weigh-in has been completed. Brackets will be crossed in the quarterfinal round to better ensure that the best four wrestlers in each district tournament advance to the regional tournament. See Appendix C for a sample bracket.

(2) **Regional Tournaments and FHSAA Finals.** All regional tournaments and the FHSAA Finals will be seeded according to the formula developed by the FHSAA Office. The wrestleback will be used. A consolation match for fifth place and sixth place in each weight class will be contested at the FHSAA Finals only. Brackets will be crossed in the quarterfinal round in each regional tournament to better ensure that the best four wrestlers advance to the FHSAA Finals; and in the FHSAA Finals to better ensure that the best six wrestlers in each weight class medal. See Appendix C for a sample bracket.

207.04 Verification of Weight Class. The head coach of each entrant in a district tournament and regional tournament must make available his/her school's NWCA Alpha Master forms, with actual weights recorded for each of his/her school's entrants in the event of a challenge to an entrant's weight class. An entrant whose weight class is questioned and whose head coach does not have available his/her school's NWCA Alpha Master forms shall be subject to disqualification. Any challenge to an entrant's weight class in a district tournament must occur during the district tournament seeding meeting. Any challenge to an entrant's weight class in a regional tournament must occur during the regional tournament scratch meeting.

207.05 Noisemakers. All mechanical noisemaking devices, as well as any noisemakers of any kind that simulate an official's whistle, are prohibited at tournaments in the state series.

207.06 Failure to Appear.

(1) **District Tournaments.** If a school has an individual wrestler weigh in for a weight class and then fails to enter that individual wrestler in the appropriate weight class, the match in which the individual wrestler was scheduled to compete will be declared a forfeit and will be scored accordingly.

(2) **Regional Tournaments and FHSAA Finals.** If a wrestler qualifies for a regional tournament and/or the FHSAA Finals and fails to compete, his/her opponent will be declared the winner by forfeit and will advance to the next round. Points will be awarded in accordance with NFHS Rules.

(3) A school that permits a wrestler to qualify from the district tournament to the

regional tournament and/or from the regional tournament to the FHSAA Finals who fails to participate for reasons other than illness, injury, suspension due to disciplinary action or for any other reason acceptable to the Executive Director will be considered in violation of s.201.02(1).

208. State Series Policies

208.01 Administration and Management. As specified in Bylaw 4.3.2, all state series shall be conducted in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors and shall be under the direction and supervision of the FHSAA Office.

208.02 Enforcement of Rules & Policies. Participating schools shall adhere to all regulations and policies governing the state series. The determination of the host school for each event shall be conditioned in part on the school's willingness to comply with and enforce regulations and policies governing the event. This includes financial terms, as well as licensing and merchandising policies. A school that does not comply with and enforce such regulations and policies shall forfeit its opportunity to serve as host.

208.03 Neutrality. It is the responsibility of the host school to ensure that an atmosphere of neutrality is maintained in all state series events. Such events are not "home contests" for the host schools. Special festivities held as part of, or in conjunction with, regular season home contests (i.e., pregame activities designed to rally support for the home team, such as light shows, or give special recognition to members of the home team) are not permitted during the state series.

208.04 Forfeitures and Vacations of Brackets, Standings. Individuals or teams that are eliminated from state series competition by defeat by individuals or teams that later are ordered to forfeit their victory, place and/or points, are not reinstated and do not advance in the state series competition from which they were eliminated by defeat. If championships or other placements in state series competitions are ordered vacated by individuals or teams, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those placements.

208.05 Passes.

(1) FHSAA State Series Passes, FHSAA Lifetime Passes and legitimate news media credentials ONLY will be honored for complimentary admission to state series events.

(2) FHSAA State Series Passes issued to member schools may only be issued to and used by those individuals who are directly connected to the schools' athletic departments (i.e. coaches, athletic director, athletic secretary, etc.). A state series pass issued to an individual may only be used by the individual in whose name it is issued. Member schools must not issue state series passes to students or other individuals under the age of 18. Use of state series passes by students or other individuals under the age of 18 is prohibited. Users of state series passes must present a valid government-issued photo ID (i.e., drivers license) with the pass to gain admittance. A state series pass admits only the bearer. Individuals accompanying the bearer of a state series pass who themselves do not possess a pass must purchase a ticket of admission to the event. State series event managers are instructed to confiscate and return to the FHSAA Office any state series pass that is misused.

(3) Visiting school administrators (i.e., principal, FHSAA representative, assis-

tant principals and athletic director) who are required by their principal to attend the event for supervisory purposes shall be admitted upon presentation of a photo I.D., provided the visiting school submits their names to the event manager by fax in writing on school stationery not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

(4) All individuals who gain admittance to a state series event using any one of the accepted passes must record their name, position with school or organization, type of pass used, and pass number (if applicable) on the “FHSAA State Series Event Pass Gate Log” (Form AT10). This pass gate log must be submitted to the FHSAA Office with the financial report.

208.06 Signs and/or Banners. The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at games in the state series 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 or community, and make no reference to the opposing team, its school, players or community;

(3) They are not displayed on the court, 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.

208.07 Licensing and Merchandising. The FHSAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logos, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including the official event logo for all FHSAA Finals events. The sale of items bearing any of these marks by a member school or organization without the written consent of the FHSAA is prohibited.

The FHSAA retains the exclusive right to produce and sell souvenir products (apparel and otherwise) at all games, tournaments and meets held as part of the state series; host schools/organizations are required to sell items provided by the official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser.

The official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser is Team IP Sportswear, Inc., of Port St. Lucie. Team IP may be reached by phone at (877) 821-8643. Team IP has been awarded exclusive souvenir merchandising rights to all state series events on the district, regional and FHSAA Finals levels in all sports. A host school/organization that desires to sell souvenir merchandise at a state series event must purchase such merchandise from Team IP. No other vendor shall be permitted to produce such merchandise. Team IP shall have the right to go on-property and sell souvenir merchandise at the site of any state series event. The host school/organization of a state series event shall grant Team IP access to its property for the event.

No individual(s), including those affiliated with a participating member school, shall bring onto the property of a facility at which an FHSAA State Series event is being conducted any items (including but not limited to T-shirts, caps, posters, bumper stickers, etc.) to be sold or otherwise distributed on the property to student-athletes, coaches or spectators without the written approval of the FHSAA. An individual(s) found in violation of this provision shall surrender the items for confiscation, shall be expelled from the property and may be subject to legal action. A member school found in violation of this provision shall be assessed a minimum fine of \$250 and, in

addition, shall pay monetary damages to be mutually determined by the FHSAA and its exclusive vendor(s).

The host school/organization of a state series event may be permitted to sell generic merchandise unrelated to the event (i.e., apparel and other merchandise bearing the host school/organization's mark), provided such merchandise has been made available for sale on a consistent basis throughout the year and has not been produced specifically for sale at the state series event.

208.08 Souvenir Programs. All host schools of district tournaments/meets and regional tournaments/meets that produce an official program must display on the program cover both the appropriate FHSAA sport logo and sportsmanship logo, which may be downloaded from FHSAA.org. If the program cover is preprinted, the logos must be displayed prominently inside or on the team roster inserts.

208.09 Public-Address Announcer. The public-address announcer shall be considered a bench official for all state series events. He/she shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a "cheerleader" for any team. The announcer will follow the FHSAA script for promotional announcements, player introductions and awards ceremonies. Other announcements are limited to:

- Those of an emergency nature (e.g., paging a doctor, lost child or parent, etc.);
- Those of a "practical" nature (e.g., announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on); and
- Announcements that FHSAA souvenir merchandise, souvenir programs and concessions are on sale in the facility.

During the contest, the announcer:

- Should recognize players about to attempt a play (e.g., coming up to in baseball, punting, kicking or receiving a punt or kick in football, serving in volleyball, etc.);
- Should recognize player(s) making a play (e.g., "Basket by Jones" in basketball, "Smith on the kill" in volleyball, etc.);
- Should report a penalty as signaled by the referee;
- Should report substitutions and timeouts;
- Must not call the "play-by-play" or provide "color commentary" as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast;
- Must not make any comment that would offer either competing team an unfair advantage in the contest; and
- Must not make any comment critical of any school, team, player, coach or official; or any other comment that has the potential to incite unsporting conduct on the part of any individual.

The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the announcer should remain silent.

208.10 Public-Address Announcements. Announcements promoting the FHSAA and its interscholastic programs must be read over the public-address system, if available, prior to and during all contests in the state series. See FHSAA.org for the appropriate script.

208.11 Photography and Videotaping.

(1) The FHSAA, subject to the policies of the host facility, allows still cameras and video cameras to be used at state series events so that participants and spectators may record the excitement and festivities for their own personal entertainment – not for the purposes of commercial re-sale or public re-distribution in any form. Only

those duly authorized organizations or individuals who have been granted appropriate rights by contract or by issued credential shall be permitted to sell or publicly display or otherwise redistribute images and sounds of state series contests and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the FHSAA.

(2) Each participating school shall be permitted to photograph, film or videotape, for archival, coaching or instructional purposes, only those state series contests in which its team or contestants perform when arrangements are made with the contest management. Photographers, videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator.

(3) Spectators may be allowed to bring handheld video cameras that operate on battery power into the facility. Spectators shall be prohibited from using tripods.

(4) There may be additional guidelines or restrictions for FHSAA Finals state championship events.

(5) A school that violates these guidelines shall be guilty of unsporting conduct and will be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA. An organization or individual who violates these guidelines, and in so doing infringes upon the rights of the FHSAA, shall be subject to one or more of the following actions: remedies under breach of contract; revocation of credentials; expulsion from the site of competition; and legal action under applicable state and federal laws.

208.12 All-Tournament/Meet Teams. No employee of the FHSAA nor the local manager may influence in any way the selection of any all-tournament/meet team, including the selection of a most valuable player or other “player of the game.”

208.13 Uniformed Security. The local manager for a state series event is responsible for providing appropriate uniformed security at the event that his/her school is hosting.

208.14 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). The presence and availability of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) is mandatory at the site of every FHSAA state championship series contest on the district, regional, sectional and state levels.

209. Media Policies

209.01 Admission and Seating.

(1) **District and Regional Tournaments.** Media representatives covering a state series event must be admitted free of charge upon presentation of proper news media identification. Space must be set aside to provide for news media representatives whether they be from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** News media representatives planning to cover the FHSAA Finals state championship tournament must secure credentials as instructed by the FHSAA Office, according to the FHSAA “Policy on Media Credentials.” Requests for credentials should be submitted to the FHSAA Office not later than 5 p.m. EST Monday, Feb. 15, 2010. Only those representatives requesting credentials by the deadline will be guaranteed seating and informational materials at the tournament.

(3) **Student Media.** Each school participating in an FHSAA Finals event may request one (1) credential for use by student media (i.e., student newspaper, yearbook, TV/video yearbook) who will be covering the school’s participation in the event.

These credentials may be issued only to and used only by students. Requests for credentials beyond the specified number allowed must be accompanied by an explanation of the necessity for the additional credentials.

209.02 Media Rights. The FHSAA owns all media rights to its state series events, including rights to radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts, webcasts, audio and film/video rights, and commercial photography. Radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts of state series events are governed by the FHSAA “Broadcast Policy.” Such broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts must be approved by the FHSAA Office. The following provisions shall apply.

(1) The “Application for Media Rights to FHSAA State Series Event” (Form AT11) to the FHSAA Office by 3 p.m. EST on the business day preceding the event to be broadcast, telecast, or cablecast to avoid a \$25 late filing fee.

(2) Radio broadcast rights fees are \$50 per event. Tape-delay telecast and cablecast rights fees are \$250 per event. Rights fees for live telecasts and cablecasts shall be negotiated at the discretion of the FHSAA. The FHSAA Office shall invoice the outlet to which rights are granted. Rights fees must be paid by company check made payable to “FHSAA” and mailed directly to the FHSAA Office within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. Outlets that fail to make payment of rights fees by the deadline shall be assessed a \$25 late fee and may be denied rights to broadcast, telecast or cablecast future contests.

(3) The FHSAA Radio Network owns exclusive rights to the radio broadcast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. Sun Sports Network owns exclusive rights to the telecast and cablecast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. EZStream.com owns exclusive rights to the webcast of all state series events.

(4) Approval of radio broadcasts, telecasts and cablecasts of state series contests by the FHSAA Office are final. The FHSAA Office shall fax to the host school a copy of the approved media rights agreement. A host school shall not permit the radio broadcast, telecast or cablecast of a state series contest that has not been approved by the FHSAA Office.

209.03 Post-Competition Procedures.

(1) **District and Regional Tournaments.** The host school should cooperate with news media representatives in providing them access to a work area and telephone following a state series contest so that they can file their reports on the contest. The head coach of each competing team is required to cooperate with the news media by participating in interviews as quickly as possible following the conclusion of the contest and providing contest statistics/results if available. Participation by athletes in interviews is voluntary and at the discretion of the head coach.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** Media accommodations for the FHSAA Finals shall be established in the agreement between the FHSAA and the host organization.

209.04 Restrictions.

(1) **Access to Locker/Dressing Rooms.** The FHSAA operates under a closed lockerroom policy at all FHSAA Finals state championship events. At no time will news media representatives be granted access to lockerrooms or dressing rooms at any state championship event. Team boxes, team benches, team huddles and dug-outs are considered extensions of locker/dressing rooms.

(2) **Access to Competition Area.** Media representatives are not permitted in the competition area (e.g. on the mats, in the weigh-in area, etc.) at any time dur-

ing a state series contest until the competition has concluded and a winner has been determined. Photographers shall honor photographer lines and designated areas when marked.

210. Awards

210.01 Team Awards.

(1) **District Tournaments.** Trophies are available for awarding to the champion and runner-up teams, and may be purchased from the FHSAA's authorized vendor by the host school or district as an expense of the tournament as determined by those school representatives present at the district meeting, or individually by the champion and runner-up schools. There shall be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals. In the event of a tie for the district championship, co-champions shall be declared and no runner-up trophy shall be awarded.

(2) **Regional Tournaments.** Championship and runner-up trophies must be purchased by the host school from tournament receipts from the FHSAA's authorized vendor. A formal presentation of these trophies to the champion and runner-up teams must be made at the conclusion of the tournament. There will be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals. In the event of a tie for the regional championship, co-champions shall be declared and no runner-up trophy shall be awarded.

(3) **FHSAA Finals.** Trophies will be awarded to the champion and runner-up in each class in the FHSAA Finals. There shall be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals. In the event of a tie for champion, co-champions shall be declared and no runner-up trophy will be awarded.

(4) **FHSAA Authorized Vendor.** Trophies must be ordered from The Trophy Shop in Gainesville by calling (352) 372-8551. The vendor should also be contacted if problems are experienced in receiving trophies on time and in good condition.

210.02 Individual Awards.

(1) **District and Regional Tournaments.** Ribbons to be awarded to the first four (4) placing individuals will be furnished to the host school by the FHSAA Office. There will be no other individual awards presented by any organization or individual.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** Medallions to be awarded to the first six (6) placing individuals in each class will be furnished to the host school by the FHSAA Office. Medallions to be awarded members of the champion and runner-up teams also will be provided. Additionally, the Russell A. "Russ" Mauger Jr. Mental Attitude Award will be presented to the one wrestler who, in the opinion of his fellow wrestlers, their coaches and tournament officials – displays the most outstanding sportsmanship, leadership and integrity during state tournament competition. There will be no other individual awards presented by any organization or individual.

210.03 Awards Ceremony.

(1) **District and Regional Tournaments.** Formal awards ceremonies may be conducted following the conclusion of district tournaments at the discretion of the respective tournaments managers. Formal awards ceremonies must be conducted at the conclusion of regional tournaments.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** A formal awards ceremony for individual medalists, as well as champion and runner-up teams, will be conducted at the FHSAA Finals.

211. Officials

211.01 Assignment.

(1) **District Tournaments.** Officials for each district tournament will be selected at the district meeting. One official will be assigned to each match. Districts may agree to assign two officials (referee and assistant referee) to each match. The district coordinator will contract with the appropriate officials association for those officials selected by his/her district. The decisions of the officials will be final. No protests will be allowed.

(2) **Regional Tournaments and FHSAA Finals.** Officials for regional tournaments and the FHSAA Finals will be assigned by the FHSAA Office. One official (referee) will be assigned to each match. Two officials (referee and assistant referee) may be assigned to semifinals, the last round of wrestlebacks, consolation finals and championship finals. The decisions of the officials will be final. No protests will be allowed.

211.02 Payment.

(1) **District Tournaments.** The host school for each district tournament will be responsible for paying tournament officials from its share of gross gate receipts according to the financial terms stipulated in Policy 9 of the FHSAA Handbook. Checks in payment of officials' fees and expenses must be issued to the officials association to which the officials belong.

(2) **Regional Tournaments.** The host school for each regional tournament will be responsible for paying tournament officials from its share of gross gate receipts according to the financial terms stipulated in Policy 9 of the FHSAA Handbook. Checks in payment of officials' fees and expenses must be issued to the officials association to which the officials belong.

(3) **FHSAA Finals.** The FHSAA Office will be responsible for paying tournament officials assigned to work the FHSAA Finals.

211.03 Fees. The fees to be paid officials for the state series are as follows:

- District Tournaments – \$115 per official on first day, \$45 per official on second day and \$20 per official for weigh-ins
- Regional Tournaments – \$125 per official on first day, \$55 per official on second day and \$20 per official for weigh-ins
- FHSAA Finals – \$162 per official on first day, \$65 per official on second day, \$38 per official on third day and \$20 per official for weigh-ins

Sixty (60) cents per mile one way, one vehicle, is the maximum mileage rate.

211.04 Dressing Facilities. The host school for each regional tournament game shall provide contest officials with a secure and adequate dressing room (one each for mixed gender crews) with properly operating bathroom facilities including showers with warm water at the site of the contest. If the site does not have such facilities, the host school shall obtain and provide at its expense an appropriate hotel/motel room(s) reasonably close to the site. The host school is required to complete dressing room arrangements and have the information available to the head referee at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. It is the responsibility of the head referee or umpire-in-chief to contact the school administration at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest to verify the arrangements for the contest. The referee or umpire-in-chief shall report to the FHSAA Office the failure of any host school to provide dressing facilities as required.