

Follow up Interpretations to 2021-2022 Rules Interpretation meeting Syracuse NY

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Every HNC time out starts as an injury time out and only becomes an HNC time out when the AHCP request the extended time. The Coach or Referee can not make that request, it can only come from the AHCP. Once this request is made, the time used is subtracted from the maximum of five minutes that are allowed and both injury times and the full 1 ½ minutes injury time will be reinstated. When a referee stops the match for injury, caused by legal maneuver they will start the injury clock and the wrestler will remain on injury time until the request for an HNC, by the AHCP.

NYSPHAA Wrestling Program Booklet, page 27 defines appropriate health care professional as, Physician, Physician Assistant, Certified Athletic Trainer, Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner or an EMT.

Situation: Wrestler A has used both injury time outs for an injury not related to the head, neck, or cervical column, later in the same match Wrestler A sustains a head injury, this would be considered a third injury time out, which would conclude the match. The opportunity to use a HNC time out would not exist.

Ruling: Wrestler B would win the match by default.

Note: In the absence of an AHCP, the Referee has the authority to terminate the contest if a wrestler is exhibiting signs and symptoms of a concussion.

2021-2022 Wrestling Season all contestants are required to wear a mask and no exceptions will be granted for individuals who can not tolerate wearing a mask.

The use of non-valved multilayered cloth masks, surgical masks and gators will be compliant.

Any mask that becomes displaced during competition will be treated the same as an ear guard that becomes displaced. The match will continue until there is no significant action.

Wrestlers intentionally removing the mask during competition will be admonished by the Referee to keep the mask in place.

If this is done repeatedly the wrestler could be subject to a stalling penalty under Rule 7-6-6b, for unnecessarily changing or adjusting equipment.

Note: Wearing a mask is not covered in NFHS Rules Book. We are dealing with an unusual and hopefully temporary situation with a mask mandate. Referees must exercise good judgement and patience in this regard and only penalize if mask removal is done excessively.

The Covid mask will also be considered as a suitable cover for facial hair. Last year officials required each contestant to briefly lower their mask so that an inspection of facial hair could be conducted. This season because all wrestlers are required to wear a mask this may not be necessary as they will automatically be in compliance.

There are no restriction limiting the number or size of manufactures' logos/trademark/references on the mask, as long as the markings are not offensive or meant to intimidate.