

MVKWA Policy on Handling Issues with Skin, Hair or Nails

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From this point (Jan. 11, 2019) going forward, if any hair, nail or skin issues come up, the wrestler's parent(s) are responsible to resolve the issue(s).

- (1) For fingernail issues, the parent is responsible for trimming the fingernails. Coaches are not to cut any wrestler's fingernails.
- (2) For hair issues, the parent is responsible to resolve this issue by either cutting the wrestler's hair or providing a legal hair covering with a headgear per the NFHS/OHSAA/MVKWA rules for the wrestler. Coaches are not to cut any wrestler's hair.
- (3) For skin issues, the parent is responsible to provide the OHSAA Skin Condition Form, which must be the original signed by the doctor and not a copy. The parent must give this form to the team's coach who is with the wrestler during skin checks. [See "Special Notes on Skin Conditions" at bottom.]

If the parent(s) choose:

- (1) not to cut the fingernails that need to be cut
- (2) not cut the hair or provide the legal hair covering for hair that needs that
- (4) not provide the proper OHSAA Skin Condition Form

Then the wrestler will not be allowed to practice or compete in a meet.

Special Notes on Skin Conditions:

- The Host Team can have one Doctor for the Meet for a final appeal of a skin condition decision of the referees.
- No Doctors out of the stands, No trainers and No parents will have a say in the skin condition decision of the referees.
- No arguing with the referees on their decision on a skin condition issue.
- The appeal procedure for a skin condition issue noted by a referee:
 - Parents must go to the Team's Head Coach, not to a referee.
 - Assistant Coaches must go to the Team's Head Coach, not to a referee.
 - The Head Coach can appeal the skin condition decision to the Head Referee.
 - The Head Referee can consult with the Host Team's one designated doctor if they choose to.
 - If the Host Team's one designated doctor says the wrestler cannot wrestle due to the skin issue, that is final.
 - If the Host Team's one designated doctor says the wrestler can wrestle, the referee normally goes with that.
 - However, the Head Referee can overrule the doctor, and the Head Referee's decision on the skin condition is final.
- If a wrestler has an OHSAA skin form, the original form needs to be with the wrestler at the mat when he wrestles.
- A referee can still disqualify a wrestler before/during a match if the referee sees an obvious skin issue.

The USA Wrestling-Ohio State Chairman Chris Kallai requested and approves of this policy. This policy is also approved the MVKWA Director, Mark Gerhard and MVKWA In-Season Director, Charlie Smith.