

BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS, 2025-26

INFORMATION PACKET FOR SCHOOLS

**THE ENTIRE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED
THROUGH TRACKWRESTLING.**



**IOWA HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

This packet contains complete information for **schools** regarding the current year's body composition assessment program for high school wrestlers. The rule, process, and all necessary forms are contained in this packet.

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IHSAA BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT RULE

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Iowa High School Athletic Association believes one of the primary factors in promoting proper weight maintenance among high school wrestlers is the development of a weight control program that encourages safe weight loss. Determining a formula to predict the safe, minimal wrestling weight of high school wrestlers has been a priority of the IHSAA since 1968. With such a formula established, the IHSAA began providing body composition assessment to every high school in Iowa with a wrestling program in 1987. The Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association implemented mandatory body composition assessment, effective with the 1998-99 wrestling season. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) wrestling rules now mandate hydration assessment, body composition assessment and the rate at which a wrestler may lose weight. The primary purpose for these rules is to provide a safe wrestling environment for all high school wrestlers.

The NFHS and IHSAA are NOT encouraging wrestlers to attain their minimum wrestling weight. Many wrestlers actually perform better while weighing more than their minimum wrestling weight. A wrestler's minimum wrestling weight may not be his optimal competitive weight. It is simply the lowest, safe weight at which a wrestler may compete.

BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT

1. All high school wrestlers (grades 9-12) must have their body composition assessed by an approved assessor before their first competition. They must have had their body composition assessed and be entered into the online weight management system (Optimal Performance Calculator – OPS) to be eligible to compete at any level. **OFFICIAL BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENTS MAY BE CONDUCTED FROM OCTOBER 20, 2025 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026.** Approved assessors may conduct unofficial assessments before the official assessment period begins, but assessments conducted by approved personnel after the official assessment period begins are official assessments.
2. Each wrestler is allowed only one official body composition assessment, unless the IHSAA grants an appeal. Any subsequent assessments, except approved appeals, will not change a wrestler's minimum wrestling weight.
3. A list of approved body composition assessors can be found on the IHSAA Wrestling website under the "Body Composition Assessments" heading. Assessors must:
 - be approved by the IHSAA
 - follow the instructions provided by the IHSAA
 - use one of the assessment methods approved by the IHSAA.

APPEALS

1. One appeal per wrestler may be performed with prior approval from the IHSAA. Appeals performed without prior approval from the IHSAA are not valid.
2. The wrestler and/or school is responsible for any and all costs related to the appeal.
3. All appeals must be conducted within 14 days of the school receiving the assessment results from the assessor and before a wrestler competes at any level.

APPEAL METHOD:

1. The wrestler must have the same body composition assessment agency perform the appeal that performed the original assessment, and the same assessment method must be used. The wrestler must pass the hydration assessment at the time the appeal is performed. Wrestlers may use their weight at the time of the original body composition assessment unless they have gained more than 1.5% of their body weight (rounded up to the nearest whole pound) between the time of the original assessment and the appeal. If they have gained more than 1.5%, they must use their weight at the time of the appeal.
 - a. Example: A wrestler weighs 137# at the time of the original assessment and chooses to appeal. $137\# \times 1.5\% = 2.1\#$, rounded up that is 3#. If he weighs 140#, or less, at the time of appeal, he can use his original weight at the appeal.
 - b. **NOTE:** Before a wrestler decides to appeal, they may, but are not required to, ask their body composition assessor to review the data related to the original assessment. If an error is detected, the assessor should contact the Iowa High School Athletic Association with the correction. Correcting an error does not constitute an appeal.

BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

1. It is the coaches' and athletic administrators' responsibility to make sure wrestlers follow the established assessment protocol. The Athletic Association will provide the protocol for each assessment method to each wrestling school and assessor. When the assessment protocol is not followed, it is nearly impossible for an assessment to be accurate. This may place a wrestler's health in jeopardy and/or reduce their performance.

BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT METHODS

1. One of the following body composition assessment methods shall be used.
 - A. Tanita Body Composition Analyzer/Scale (300A or 300WA)
 - B. Futrex Body Composition Analyzer (6150 or 6100)
 - C. InBody 270 Body Composition Analyzer
 - D. Skin Calipers - Metal alloy calipers only
 - E. Hydrostatic (Underwater) Weighing
 - F. Bod Pod Air Displacement
 - G. Dune Entergy X-Ray Absorptiometry (DEXA)
 - H. Styku 3D body scanner
2. The IHSAA will provide instructions/protocol for body composition assessment methods.

HYDRATION ASSESSMENT

1. Hydration assessment must immediately precede body composition assessment. Any wrestler not passing the hydration assessment must wait a minimum of 24 hours before they can have their hydration level reassessed. Wrestlers cannot have their body composition assessed until they pass the hydration assessment.

HYDRATION ASSESSMENT METHODS

1. One of the following hydration assessment methods shall be used.
 - A. Urine Color Chart - primary method

- B. Reagent Litmus Strips - secondary method
- C. Refractometer - secondary method
- 2. The IHSA will provide instructions/protocol for hydration assessment methods.

TRACKWRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

1. Hydration and body composition assessment information must be entered into the Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) by the body composition assessor before a wrestler can compete at any level.
2. TrackWrestling (OPC) will be used to monitor each wrestler's descent plan. The descent plan will determine which two weight classes a wrestler is eligible to compete in each week without causing their descent plan to be recalculated. As per NFHS rules, wrestlers may wrestle one weight class above the class for which they weigh-in without breaking certification.

MINIMUM WRESTLING WEIGHT

1. The minimum wrestling weight for each wrestler will be determined by predicting a wrestler's weight at 7% body fat. *(12% for females)*

MINIMUM WRESTLING WEIGHT CLASS

1. A wrestler's minimum wrestling weight class CANNOT be less than their minimum wrestling weight as predicted by body composition assessment.
 - A. If a wrestler's minimum wrestling weight is between two weight classes, the wrestler must certify, and wrestle, at, or above, the higher weight class.
 - B. If a wrestler's minimum wrestling weight is exactly that of one of the weight classes, the wrestler may certify, and wrestle, at, or above, that weight class.
 - C. A wrestler having less than 7%/12% body fat at the time of body composition assessment cannot certify, or wrestle, at a weight class less than their actual weight at the time of assessment, even with a physician's written release. If a wrestler's percent body fat at the time of body composition assessment is below 7% *(12% for females)* the wrestler shall wrestle at their minimum wrestling weight class as determined by body composition assessment at 7%/12% body fat, or, if their sub-7% body fat weight is exactly that of one of the weight classes, the wrestler may wrestle at that weight providing they have a physician's written release stating they are naturally below 7%/12%.

Certifying Minimum Wrestling Weight Class

Wrestlers no longer will be required to "certify" their weight class by making scratch weight. All wrestlers will receive their two-pound growth allowance on January 1. The growth allowance does not allow a wrestler to weigh in below their Minimum Weight Class, as determined by the body composition assessment conducted prior to competition. (Example: A wrestler has a Minimum Wrestling Weight (MWW) of 121, which makes him eligible for a Minimum Weight Class (MWC) of the 126-pound weight class. After January 1, when the wrestler receives the two-pound growth allowance, that wrestler's MWC remains at 126. He cannot go to the 120-pound class despite being allowed to have an MWW of 121. He is ineligible to compete at 120 for the entirety of the season.)

Growth Allowance

Wrestlers will receive the 2-pound growth allowance after January 1. A wrestler cannot use the growth allowance to achieve a lower Minimum Weight Class than his/her 7%(12%) weight permits. A wrestler is allowed to use the growth allowance at either of their Eligible Weight Classes for that week.

Weight Loss Descent Plan

1. All wrestlers losing weight are limited to an average weight loss of 1.5% per week beginning the Monday of the week their body composition is assessed. (i.e. – assessment is administered on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Wrestler A weighs in at 141 with 14% body fat and a MWC of 132, his descent plan allows him to lose 2.5 pounds per week. That weight loss is for the current week of Nov. 23-

29 but will show up on the descent plan on Monday, Dec. 1, when he can then weigh 138.5 and be eligible for the 145-pound weight class during the week of Nov. 30. Coaches and wrestlers should know that the “loss per week” amount does not come off during the same week that the assessment is given, rather the next Monday.) The descent plan will be monitored as follows:

- Before each weigh-in session, coaches must provide an Official Weigh In Report form to the Administrator of weigh-ins, or their designee. This form will show the weight classes for which every wrestler is eligible to weigh in on that date without causing their descent plan to be recalculated. After January 1, every wrestler will receive the 2-pound growth allowance.
 - A wrestler is NOT eligible to wrestle at a weight class below the Minimum Weight Class determined by their descent plan regardless of their actual weight. Rule 4.4.2 states, “A contestant shall not wrestle more than one weight class above that class for which the actual weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies the competitor.” If a wrestler whose lowest eligible weight class for a given week according to the descent plan is 138# weighs in for the 126# weight class, or less, the wrestler is not eligible to compete at any weight class in that meet because of Rule 4.4.2 (can’t “bump up” from 126 to 138 – the lowest weight class for which they are eligible).
2. A wrestler cannot weigh-in above their highest eligible weight class listed for a specific date without having their descent plan recalculated immediately (beginning at 12:01am the next day). For example, a wrestler’s eligible weight classes (EWC) listed on the weigh in form for a specific date are 132, 138 pounds. If the wrestler weighs in excess of the 138# weight class their descent plan will be IMMEDIATELY (beginning at 12:01am the next day) recalculated. They will not be able to compete again at 138 pounds, or below, until their descent plan allows them to.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF WEIGHT MANAGEMENT RULES

1. The first time a school’s wrestler(s) compete below their lowest eligible weight class for a given week according to the descent plan, the school will receive a letter of reprimand from the Athletic Association. Any wrestler weighing in below their lowest eligible weight class for a given week according to their descent plan will forfeit all matches won at that meet.
2. The second time a school’s wrestler(s) weighs in below their lowest eligible weight class for a given week according to the descent plan, the wrestler(s) will forfeit all matches won at that meet and the head coach will be suspended from the next four (4) scheduled, or rescheduled dates at that level of competition, which could include postseason competition.
3. The third time a school’s wrestler(s) weighs in below their lowest eligible weight class for a given week according to the descent plan, the wrestler(s) will forfeit all matches won at that meet and the school’s wrestling program will be placed on probation and not be allowed to compete the remainder of the season, including postseason competition.

IHSAA MEDICAL RELEASE FOR WRESTLERS BELOW 7% BODY FAT

THIS FORM MAY ONLY BE COMPLETED BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE PERMITTED BY IOWA LAW TO PERFORM PRE-PARTICIPATION ATHLETIC PHYSICALS: (physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or athletic trainer licensed by a board designated under section 147.13.)

This is the only form accepted as a "MEDICAL RELEASE FOR WRESTLERS BELOW 7% BODY FAT." A copy of this completed form must be e-mailed to the Iowa High School Athletic Association, aumthun@iahsaa.org, by the school for whom the wrestler competes, after the last signature is obtained.

Any wrestler whose body fat percentage at the time of body composition assessment is below 7% for males and 12% for females must obtain, in writing, a medical clearance stating the wrestler is naturally at this sub-7% or 12% body fat level, if he/she wants to wrestle at their natural weight. This release is valid for only one season and expires following the last date of that season. A wrestler always has the option of wrestling at their weight predicted at 7%/12% body fat.

The sub-7% male, or sub-12% female, who receives this clearance may not wrestle at a weight class below his/her weight at the time of body composition assessment. Example: A wrestler weighing 110 pounds at the time of body composition assessment with less than 7% body fat may not wrestle below the 112-pound weight class.

WRESTLER'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

OFFICIAL BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT VERIFICATION - STEP #1

DATE OF OFFICIAL BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT: _____

ACTUAL WEIGHT AT OFFICIAL BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT: _____ pounds.

PERCENT BODY FAT AT OFFICIAL BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT: _____ percent.

Signature of assessor & name of agency conducting the official body composition assessment _____ DATE _____

EXAMINING MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S EVALUATION INFORMATION - STEP #2

DATE OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S EVALUATION: _____ WEIGHT AT MEDICAL EVALUATION: _____

LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S APPROVAL (See top of form for approved medical personnel)

It is my medical opinion that the above-named wrestler is naturally below 7% (for males)/12% (for females) body fat and can compete in a safe and healthy manner at a weight class which may be below their weight predicted at 7%/12% body fat, but which is not below their actual body weight at the time their official body composition assessment.

LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S NAME (typed or printed) _____ DESIGNATION (MD, DO, DC, PA, ARNP) _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that the above-named wrestler is permitted by his/her parent or guardian and the medical professional signing this form to compete at their natural weight that is below their 7%/12% weight as predicted by body composition assessment.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S OR PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

- OVER PLEASE FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION -

TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SIGNING THIS MEDICAL RELEASE:

(physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or athletic trainer licensed by a board designated under section 147.13.)

National high school wrestling rules require a medical release for any wrestler whose body composition at the time of body composition assessment is less than 7% for males, or 12% for females, and who wishes to compete at a weight less than their weight predicted at 7%/12% body fat. The wrestler named on this release form is requesting that he/she be allowed to wrestle at a weight that is less than his/her weight at 7%/12% body fat. Most adolescents require a minimum of 7% body fat for males, or 12% body fat for females, to achieve optimal growth and development. However, some adolescents are naturally lean and develop normally at a lower percent body fat. A wrestler with less than 7%/12% body fat CANNOT wrestle at a weight less than their actual weight at the time of the original body composition assessment.

Please evaluate this wrestler for normal growth and development, paying particular attention to weight fluctuations and his/her growth curve. Based on the wrestler's history and your exam determine if his/her present weight is compatible with normal growth and development.

By signing this release, you are indicating that, in your medical opinion, it is safe and healthy for this wrestler to compete at a weight which is below his/her weight at 7%/12% body fat but is not less than his/her actual weight at the time of the original body composition assessment.

Questions or comments about this release should be directed to Andy Umthun, Wrestling Sport Administrator, Iowa High School Athletic Association. Phone 515-432-2011 (ext. 237) or aumthun@iahsaa.org

**IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
WRESTLING BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL SHEET
(BIO-ELECTRICAL IMPEDANCE ANALYSIS)**

No male wrestler may certify at a weight class below his weight at 7% body fat!

No female wrestler may certify at a weight class below her weight at 12% body fat!

In order to receive accurate assessment results, it is imperative that wrestlers having their body composition assessed follow the guidelines listed below. Certain factors can adversely affect the accuracy of body composition assessment on any given day. In order to control as many of those factors as possible, each wrestler to be assessed should be provided with the following information several days before the assessment and the coach is responsible for ensuring that each athlete follows this protocol.

1) *Exercising immediately prior to the assessment will yield completely inaccurate results. ATHLETES MUST NOT EXERCISE WITHIN EIGHT HOURS OF HAVING THE ASSESSMENT PERFORMED!*

2) *Athletes must not eat a large meal within 4-6 hours of being assessed.*

3) Athletes should not fast within 3 days of having the assessment performed.

4) *DO NOT COME TO THE ASSESSMENT DEHYDRATED!*

5) Wear a T-shirt and shorts to the assessment.

ACCURATE RESULTS CANNOT BE OBTAINED IF THE ASSESSMENT IS PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A WORKOUT.

ACCURATE RESULTS CANNOT BE OBTAINED IF THE WRESTLER IS DEHYDRATED DURING THE ASSESSMENT. WRESTLERS MUST COME TO THE ASSESSMENT WELL HYDRATED!

FOR ACCURATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS, WEIGHTS MUST BE ACCURATELY OBTAINED AT THE TIME THE ASSESSMENTS ARE PERFORMED.

**IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
WRESTLING BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL SHEET
(BOD POD AIR DISPLACEMENT)**

No male wrestler may certify at a weight class below his weight at 7% body fat!

No female wrestler may certify at a weight class below her weight at 12% body fat!

In order to receive accurate assessment results, it is imperative that wrestlers having their body composition assessed follow the guidelines listed below. Certain factors can adversely affect the accuracy of body composition assessment on any given day. In order to control as many of those factors as possible, each wrestler to be assessed should be provided with the following information several days before the assessment and the coach is responsible for ensuring that each athlete follows this protocol.

1) **DO NOT COME TO THE ASSESSMENT DEHYDRATED!**

2) Do not exercise immediately prior to having the assessment performed.

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A WORKOUT.

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IF THE WRESTLER IS DEHYDRATED. WRESTLERS MUST COME TO THE ASSESSMENT WELL HYDRATED!

FOR ACCURATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS, WEIGHTS MUST BE ACCURATELY OBTAINED AT THE TIME THE ASSESSMENTS ARE PERFORMED.

**IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
WRESTLING BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL SHEET
(HYDROSTATIC “UNDER WATER” WEIGHING)**

No male wrestler may certify at a weight class below his weight at 7% body fat!

No female wrestler may certify at a weight class below her weight at 12% body fat!

In order to receive accurate assessment results, it is imperative that wrestlers having their body composition assessed follow the guidelines listed below. Certain factors can adversely affect the accuracy of body composition assessment on any given day. In order to control as many of those factors as possible, each wrestler to be assessed should be provided with the following information several days before the assessment and the coach is responsible for ensuring that each athlete follows this protocol.

1) Athletes must not eat for 3 hours prior to the assessment. Eating foods causing gas, such as beans and cauliflower, is not recommended for 24 before the test.

2) **DO NOT COME TO THE ASSESSMENT DEHYDRATED!**

3) Do not exercise immediately prior to having the assessment performed.

4) Athletes should have a bowel movement before the assessment, if possible.

5) Athletes must wear swim trunks or swimsuit to the assessment. (Girls should wear a two-piece swimsuit.)

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A WORKOUT.

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IF THE WRESTLER IS DEHYDRATED. WRESTLERS MUST COME TO THE ASSESSMENT WELL HYDRATED!

FOR ACCURATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS, WEIGHTS MUST BE ACCURATELY OBTAINED AT THE TIME THE ASSESSMENTS ARE PERFORMED.

**IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
WRESTLING BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL SHEET
(NEAR-INFRARED PHOTOSPECTROMETRY)**

No male wrestler may certify at a weight class below his weight at 7% body fat!

No female wrestler may certify at a weight class below her weight at 12% body fat!

*In order to receive accurate assessment results, it is imperative that wrestlers having their body composition assessed follow the guidelines listed below. Certain factors can adversely affect the accuracy of body composition assessment on any given day. In order to control as many of those factors as possible, each wrestler to be assessed should be provided with the following information several days before the assessment and *the coach is responsible for ensuring that each athlete follows this protocol.**

1) Wear a T-shirt and shorts to the assessment.

2) **DO NOT COME TO THE ASSESSMENT DEHYDRATED!**

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A WORKOUT.

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IF THE WRESTLER IS DEHYDRATED. WRESTLERS MUST COME TO THE ASSESSMENT WELL HYDRATED!

FOR ACCURATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS, WEIGHTS MUST BE ACCURATELY OBTAINED AT THE TIME THE ASSESSMENTS ARE PERFORMED.

**IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
WRESTLING BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL SHEET
(SKIN FOLDS)**

No male wrestler may certify at a weight class below his weight at 7% body fat!

No female wrestler may certify at a weight class below her weight at 12% body fat!

In order to receive accurate assessment results, it is imperative that wrestlers having their body composition assessed follow the guidelines listed below. Certain factors can adversely affect the accuracy of body composition assessment on any given day. In order to control as many of those factors as possible, each wrestler to be assessed should be provided with the following information several days before the assessment and the coach is responsible for ensuring that each athlete follows this protocol.

1) EXERCISING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ASSESSMENT WILL YIELD COMPLETELY INACCURATE RESULTS due to the increased volume of blood beneath the surface of the skin. The athlete's skin should be dry, as sweating makes it very difficult to obtain accurate skinfolds.

2) DO NOT COME TO THE ASSESSMENT DEHYDRATED.

3) Wear a T-shirt and shorts to the assessment.

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A WORKOUT.

DO NOT PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT IF THE WRESTLER IS DEHYDRATED. MUST COME TO THE ASSESSMENT WELL HYDRATED! WRESTLERS

FOR ACCURATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS, WEIGHTS MUST BE ACCURATELY OBTAINED AT THE TIME THE ASSESSMENTS ARE PERFORMED.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDUCTING WRESTLING HYDRATION ASSESSMENT USING THE IHSAA URINE COLOR CHART

THIS IS THE PRIMARY METHOD OF HYDRATION
ASSESSMENT.

HYDRATION ASSESSMENT MUST BE PERFORMED
IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE BODY COMPOSITION
ASSESSMENT.

- IDENTIFY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE HYDRATION ASSESSMENT. This could be a school administrator, or another person designated by the school administrator (school nurse, science teacher, PE teacher, etc.), or the assessor conducting the body composition tests. It is NOT required that registered body composition assessors perform the hydration assessments. (*WRESTLING COACHES MAY NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE HYDRATION, OR BODY COMPOSITION, ASSESSMENT PROCESS.*)
- Use only CLEAR, PLASTIC CUPS when collecting urine samples.
- Have each wrestler provide an adequate urine sample so there is approximately 1-2 inches of urine in the cup.
- WHILE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO OBSERVE THE WRESTLER ACTUALLY GIVING THE URINE SAMPLE, IT IS NECESSARY TO VERIFY THAT EACH WRESTLER IS PROVIDING HIS/HER OWN URINE SAMPLE. These suggestions may be helpful:
 - < Closely monitor the area where wrestlers are providing the urine sample
 - < Allow only one wrestler to give a sample at a time
 - < Place blue sanitizer tablets in all stools and urinals
 - < Turn off water to sinks near collection area

- Have only the athlete giving the sample handle the cup containing their urine sample, if possible. The person responsible for hydration assessment should always wear protective gloves in the rare event he or she will be touching cups containing another person's urine.
- Have the athlete place the cup containing their urine sample on a WHITE sheet of paper and place the IHSAA Urine Color Chart next to the cup to compare colors. If the color of the urine is in the "WELL HYDRATED" range of 1-5 on the chart the wrestler passes the hydration assessment. If not, he/she fails the hydration assessment using this method.

GOOD LIGHTING IS ESSENTIAL TO GETTING ACCURATE RESULTS.

- IF A WRESTLER FAILS THE HYDRATION ASSESSMENT USING THE URINE COLOR CHART, his/her urine sample may be assessed using a reagent (litmus) strip. If the wrestler fails the hydration assessment using a litmus strip, or it is not available, his/her urine sample may be assessed using a refractometer or he/she must wait a minimum of 24 hours before he can be reassessed. If the wrestler fails the hydration assessment using a refractometer, or it is not available, he/she has failed the hydration assessment and must wait a minimum of 24 hours before he/she can be reassessed.
- Have the wrestler discard his/her urine sample in a urinal, or toilet, NOT in the same location where other wrestlers are giving urine samples.
- Have the wrestler discard his/her collection cup in a trash bag that can be disposed of immediately after all assessments are concluded.
- Wrestlers who fail the hydration assessment should not be allowed into the area where body composition assessment is taking place. It may be a good idea to place a check mark on the back of the right hand of those passing the hydration assessment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERFORMING WRESTLING HYDRATION ASSESSMENT USING REAGENT STRIPS FOR URINALYSIS (*LITMUS STRIPS*)

THIS IS A SECONDARY METHOD OF HYDRATION ASSESSMENT. IT SHOULD ONLY BE USED IF A WRESTLER FAILS THE ASSESSMENT USING THE URINE COLOR CHART.

HYDRATION ASSESSMENT MUST BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT.

- IDENTIFY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE HYDRATION ASSESSMENTS. This could be a school administrator, or another person designated by the school administrator (school nurse, science teacher, PE teacher, etc.), or the assessor conducting the body composition tests. It is NOT required that registered body composition assessors perform the hydration assessments. (*WRESTLING COACHES MAY NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE HYDRATION, OR BODY COMPOSITION, ASSESSMENT PROCESS.*)
- Use only CLEAR, PLASTIC CUPS when collecting urine samples.
- Have each wrestler give an adequate urine sample so there is approximately 1-2 inches of urine in the cup.

- WHILE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO OBSERVE THE WRESTLER ACTUALLY GIVING THE URINE SAMPLE, IT IS NECESSARY TO VERIFY THAT EACH WRESTLER IS PROVIDING HIS OWN URINE SAMPLE FOR TESTING. These suggestions may be helpful:

- < Closely monitor the area where wrestlers are providing the urine sample
- < Allow only one wrestler to give a sample at a time
- < Place blue sanitizer tablets in all stools and urinals
- < Turn off water to sinks near collection area

1. The person responsible for hydration assessment should always wear protective gloves when touching cups containing another person's urine.
2. Have the person conducting the hydration assessment dip the reagent (litmus) strip into the urine sample for 1-2 seconds. When removing strips from urine, run the entire length of the strip against the rim of the collection cup to remove excess urine.
3. Hold the strip in a horizontal position for 40 seconds and "read" the strip at 45 seconds. To "read" the strip, hold it close to, BUT NOT TOUCHING, the color blocks on the bottle and match the colors carefully. A urine specific gravity of 1.025, or less, is a passing hydration level.

GOOD LIGHTING IS ESSENTIAL TO GETTING ACCURATE RESULTS.

4. If the wrestler fails the hydration assessment using a litmus strip, or it is not available, his urine sample may be assessed using a refractometer. If the wrestler fails the hydration assessment using a refractometer, or it is not available, he has failed the hydration assessment and must wait a minimum of 24 hours before he can be reassessed.
5. Have the wrestler discard his urine sample in a urinal, or toilet, NOT in the same location where other wrestlers are giving urine samples.
6. Have the wrestler discard his collection cup in a trash bag that can be disposed of immediately after all assessments are concluded.
7. Wrestlers who fail the hydration assessment should not be allowed into the area where body composition assessment is taking place. *It may be a good idea to place a check mark on the back of the right hand of those passing the hydration assessment.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERFORMING WRESTLING HYDRATION ASSESSMENT USING A REFRACTOMETER

THIS IS A SECONDARY METHOD OF HYDRATION ASSESSMENT. IT SHOULD ONLY BE USED IF A WRESTLER FAILS THE ASSESSMENT USING THE URINE COLOR CHART AND LITMUS STRIP.

HYDRATION ASSESSMENT MUST BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT.

- IDENTIFY THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE HYDRATION ASSESSMENT. This could be a school administrator, or another person designated by the school administrator (school nurse, science teacher, PE teacher, etc.), or the assessor conducting the body composition tests. It is NOT required that registered body composition assessors perform the hydration assessments. (WRESTLING COACHES MAY NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE HYDRATION, OR BODY COMPOSITION, ASSESSMENT PROCESS.)
- Use only CLEAR, PLASTIC CUPS when collecting urine samples.
- Have each wrestler give an adequate urine sample so there is approximately 1-2 inches of urine in the cup.
- Always wear protective gloves when touching cups containing another person's urine.
- WHILE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO OBSERVE THE WRESTLER ACTUALLY GIVING THE URINE SAMPLE, IT IS NECESSARY TO VERIFY THAT EACH WRESTLER IS PROVIDING HIS OWN URINE SAMPLE FOR TESTING. These suggestions may be helpful:
 - < Closely monitor the area where wrestlers are providing the urine sample
 - < Allow only one wrestler to give a sample at a time

- < Place blue sanitizer tablets in all stools and urinals
- < Turn off water to sinks near collection area
- ☐ Have only the athlete giving the sample handle the cup containing their urine sample, if possible. The person responsible for hydration assessment should always wear protective gloves in the rare event he or she will be touching cups containing another person's urine.
- ☐ Have the person conducting the hydration assessments perform them according the instructions received with the refractometer.
- ☐ If the wrestler fails the hydration assessment using a refractometer, or it is not available AFTER failing the assessment using a litmus strip, he has failed the hydration assessment and must wait a minimum of 24 hours before he can be reassessed.
- ☐ Have the wrestler discard his urine sample in a urinal, or toilet, NOT in the same location where other wrestlers are giving urine samples.
- ☐ Have the wrestler discard his collection cup in a trash bag that can be disposed of immediately after all assessments are concluded.
- ☐ Wrestlers who fail the hydration assessment should not be allowed into the area where body composition assessment is taking place. It may be a good idea to place a check mark on the back of the right hand of those passing the hydration assessment.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE HYDRATION ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- ☐ Plastic urine collection cups
- ☐ IHSAA Urine Color Chart - IHSAA provides this chart to each school and body composition assessor
- ☐ White paper to set urine collection cups on while verifying hydration status
- ☐ Personnel for assessing each wrestler's hydration status
- ☐ Personnel to verify each wrestler is providing a valid urine sample (Wrestling coaches may not be involved in any part of the hydration, or body composition assessment, process.)

The body composition assessor may be the person designated as responsible for determining hydration status, and providing the supplies needed for assessing, but it should NOT automatically be assumed they will do so. It is reasonable for the body composition assessor to charge a fee for providing the supplies needed for hydration assessment.)

The following information is provided for those schools, or assessors, wishing to use the litmus test as a secondary hydration assessment method.

- ☐ Reagent strips for urinalysis (litmus strips to assess urine specific gravity / hydration status) - (i.e. Multistix 10SG, Reagent Strips for Urinalysis (or similar litmus strips for assessing urine specific gravity / hydration status) or UriDynamics, Inc. Hydra Trend Test Strips for Specific Gravity and pH in Urine or equivalent)

TIPS FOR PASSING THE WRESTLING HYDRATION ASSESSMENT

Following these tips will help wrestlers pass the hydration assessment and give the most favorable body composition assessment results.

Two days before hydration and body composition assessment:

- Drink at least 8-10, 8-ounce glasses of fluids during the day.
- Drink an additional 16 ounces of water for each pound you may have lost that day during practice.
- Avoid drinks containing caffeine.
- Increase the intake of high fiber foods to help eliminate excess waste from the body.
- Eat smaller, more frequent meals.
- Avoid foods high in fat and salty foods.
- Discontinue the use of vitamins, and other supplements, unless prescribed by your doctor, as they may cause the urine to be darker than normal.

One day before hydration and body composition assessment:

- CONTINUE DRINKING PLENTY OF WATER. You should be urinating several times during the day and your urine should be clear if you are fully hydrated.
- Drink an additional 16 ounces of water for each pound you may have lost that day during practice.
- Avoid drinks containing caffeine.
- Continue to eat foods high in fiber.
- Continue eating smaller meals, more frequently meals.
- Continue to avoid foods high in fat and salty foods.
- Continue to avoid vitamins, and other supplements, unless prescribed by your doctor.

The day of hydration and body composition assessment:

Early morning assessment:

- Do not exercise before the assessment.
- Do not drink large amounts of water in order to become hydrated as it may adversely affect your hydration assessment and will most certainly cause unwanted weight gain.
- Drink a glass of water when you first get out of bed.
- Do not urinate until you get the test site so you can provide a urine sample.
- Do not eat until after the assessment.
- Continue to avoid vitamins, and other supplements, unless prescribed by your doctor.

Late morning, or afternoon, assessment:

- Do not exercise before the assessment.
- Do not drink large amounts of water in order to become hydrated as it may adversely affect your hydration assessment and will most certainly cause unwanted weight gain.
- Urinate several times during the day until 1-2 hours before the assessment.
- Eat small portions and eat lighter foods. (Fruits, cereals, juices)
- Continue to avoid foods high in fat and salty foods.
- Avoid drinks containing caffeine or sugar.
- Do not eat within several hours of the assessment.

EMERGENCY IHSAA WRESTLING WEIGHT EXCHANGE FORM **TO BE USED ONLY IN THE EVENT THE COMPUTER-GENERATED WEIGH-IN FORM IS NOT AVAILABLE**

This form is ONLY to be used in an EMERGENCY when a coach CANNOT provide the completed On-Line Weigh-in Form.

If this form is used, the coach using it MUST enter the information into TrackWrestling the day after the meet and this form MUST be emailed to the IHSAA at aumthun@iahsaa.org the day after the meet.

Complete School Name _____

WEIGHT CLASS	NAME OF CONTESTANT	ACTUAL SCALE WEIGHT	GRADE
106			
113			
120			
126			
132			
138			
144			
150			
157			
165			
175			
190			
215			
285			

Signature of the Coach Using This Form: _____

Signature of Administrator Conducting Weigh Ins or Opposing Coach: _____

Date of the Meet: _____

REQUEST FOR APPEAL OF ORIGINAL IHSAA WRESTLING BODY COMPOSITION ASSESSMENT

This form must be emailed to the IHSAA (email aumthun@iahsaa.org) after the school administrator has signed the form. The IHSAA must approve the request for appeal and return this form to the school before any appeal is valid. Once completed and approved by the IHSAA, this form must be given to the assessor as permission to perform the appeal.

_____ High School is requesting an appeal of the original body
composition assessment for _____
Name of Wrestler _____

Weight at the Time of the Original Assessment _____ %Fat at Original Assessment _____

Date of the Original Assessment _____ Date School Received Assessment Results _____

ALL APPEALS MUST BE CONDUCTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE SCHOOL RECEIVING THE ASSESSMENT RESULTS FROM THE ASSESSOR AND BEFORE A WRESTLER COMPETES AT ANY LEVEL.

We understand the following rules apply to all appeals.

1. Appeals may only be performed with prior approval from the Iowa High School Athletic Association. Appeals performed without prior approval from the Iowa High School Athletic Association are invalid.
2. The wrestler's school administration must request and acknowledge the appeal.
3. All appeals must be conducted within 14 days of the school receiving the assessment results from the assessor and before a wrestler competes at any level.
4. The same body composition assessment agency must perform the appeal that performed the original assessment, and the same assessment method must be used.
5. The wrestler must pass the hydration assessment at the time the appeal is performed.
6. Wrestlers will use their weight at the time of the original body composition assessment unless they have gained more than 1.5% of their body weight (rounded up to the nearest pound) between the time of the original assessment and the appeal. If they have gained more than 1.5% of their original weight, they must use their actual weight at the time of the appeal. If a wrestler has lost weight between the time of the original assessment and the appeal, the weight at the time of the original assessment must be used for the appeal because the wrestler is only appealing if their fat percentage was accurately determined.
7. The wrestler, and/or school, is responsible for any & all costs related to the appeal.

NOTE: Before a wrestler decides to appeal, he/she may, but is not required to, ask their body composition assessor to review the data related to the original assessment. If an error is detected, the assessor should contact the Iowa High School Athletic Association with the correction. Correcting an error does not constitute an appeal.

Signature and Title of School Administrator Requesting Appeal

Date

Email address of School Administrator Requesting Appeal: _____

IHSAA USE ONLY

Appeal must be conducted by this date: _____

Maximum weight at appeal in order to use weight at original assessment for appeal: _____

If a wrestler has lost weight between the time of the original assessment and the appeal, the weight at the time of the original assessment must be used for the appeal because the wrestler is only appealing if their fat percentage was accurately determined.

IHSAA Administrator's Signature Approving the Appeal

Date