



Memorandum

To: State Association Wrestling Liaisons and NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee

From: B. Elliot Hopkins, MLD, CAA, NFHS Director of Sports, Sanctioning and Student Services

Subject: Weekly Wrestling Interpretations #3

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We are getting closer to the start of the high school wrestling season. This week's interpretation provides another detailed and robust illustration package with six submissions. The illustrations depict criteria of Near-Fall from various perspectives. It is important that as referees, we know every criteria option so we can score it accurately and reward the aggressive wrestler. The feedback that we are receiving is positive and encouraging. Thank you for your support this season.

We hope that the illustrations are helpful and timely for your wrestling referees to discuss and use as talking points during their officials' chapter/board meetings this season and post-season. We are attaching the illustrations as separate documents for your use and for ease of distribution. These resources are excellent conversation starters for first year and seasoned referees! Have a wonderful start of the wrestling season.

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