

The Catch 22 Ruling

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Recently the National High School Wrestling Association came up with a rule, whereby, if there is a physician present at a wrestling tournament, he has the right to disallow a wrestler from wrestling who has had a contagious rash, even if he has the standard clearance form from another

physician.

About fifty years (50) ago, I met Billy Martin at Granby High School. Since, I was fairly experienced at wrestling from my involvement in the Navy, I was glad to get back into wrestling as a hobby. During these years, besides active wrestling, coaching and being a father of two sons,

one 4-timer and one 3-timer and a 4-timer grandson, my prime function was my medical involvement. Years ago, there were no trainers, so it was up to the attending physician to do all the work. This was at district, regional and state levels. Included were three NCAA Tournaments and an invitation to help with the wrestling team