

**Section 9: CIPPE MINIMUM WRESTLING WEIGHT**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Pursuant to the Weight Control Program adopted by PIAA, prior to the participation by any student in interscholastic wrestling, the Minimum Wrestling Weight (MWW) at which the student may wrestle during the season must be (1) certified to by an Authorized Medical Examiner (AME) and (2) established NO EARLIER THAN six weeks prior to the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season and NO LATER THAN the Monday preceding the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season (See NOTE 1). This certification shall be provided to and maintained by the student's Principal, or the Principal's designee.

In certifying to the MWW, the AME shall first make a determination of the student's Urine Specific Gravity/Body Weight and Percentage of Body Fat, or shall be given that information from a person authorized to make such an assessment ("the Assessor"). This determination shall be made consistent with National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rule 1, Competition, Section 3, Weight-Control Program, which requires, in relevant part, hydration testing with a specific gravity not greater than 1.025, and an immediately following body fat assessment, as determined by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) (together, the "Initial Assessment").

Where the Initial Assessment establishes a percentage of body fat below 7% for a male or 12% for a female, the student must obtain an AME's consent to participate.

For all wrestlers, the MWW must be certified to by an AME.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

**INITIAL ASSESSMENT**

I hereby certify that I have conducted an Initial Assessment of the herein named student consistent with the NWCA OPC, and have determined as follows:

Urine Specific Gravity/Body Weight \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Body Fat \_\_\_\_\_ MWW \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Name (print/type) \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor's I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

Consistent with the instructions set forth above and the Initial Assessment, I have determined that the herein named student is certified to wrestle at the MWW of \_\_\_\_\_ during the 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_ wrestling season.

AME's Name (print/type) \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

AME's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ MD, DO, PAC, CRNP, or SNP Date of Certification \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

For an appeal of the Initial Assessment, see NOTE 2.

**NOTES:**

1. For senior high school wrestlers coming out for the Team AFTER the Monday preceding the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season the OPC will remain open until January 15<sup>th</sup> and for junior high/middle school wrestlers coming out for the Team AFTER the Monday preceding the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season the OPC will remain open all season.
2. Any athlete who disagrees with the Initial Assessment may appeal the assessment results one time by having a second assessment, which shall be performed prior to the athlete's first Regular Season wrestling Contest and shall be consistent with the athlete's weight loss (descent) plan. Pursuant to the foregoing, results obtained at the second assessment shall supersede the Initial Assessment; therefore, no further appeal by any party shall be permitted. The second assessment shall utilize either Air Displacement Plethysmography (Bod Pod) or Hydrostatic Weighing testing to determine body fat percentage. The urine specific gravity testing shall be conducted and the athlete must obtain a result of less than or equal to 1.025 in order for the second assessment to proceed. All costs incurred in the second assessment shall be the responsibility of those appealing the Initial Assessment.