

# Referee work profitable, fun for high school wrestling fan

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"Come on, ref, he's stuck!"  
"No he's not, you elbow," I think, "his shoulder is still an inch off the mat."

I'm refereeing a high school reserve match, and I'm not having a good night. I'm finding out just how hard it is to referee at the high school level. I try to relax, but I'm worried about making a mistake. Before the night is over, I know that I have made several mistakes — none of them too serious.

Why did I want to be a referee? Probably for the same reasons most referees get certified — money and a desire to stay close to a sport I loved in high school. Mostly the money. After being talked into refereeing a little-league wrestling meet last spring, I found out there was good money to be made as an

official.

According to Rex Jones, associate director of the Nebraska School Activities Association, most wrestling referees are former wrestlers who became refs to make some money.

"It's a good source of supplemental income," he said.

But the money isn't everything, Jones said. While many younger referees are in it for the money, Jones said, many older referees stay with it because they enjoy working with young athletes. That's why 20-year veteran Jim Holuchek, a teacher at Lincoln East, still refs.

"I like it," he said. "I quit coaching five years ago, but I wanted to stay near the sport."

Whatever the reason for becoming a ref, Jones said, the referee has responsibility during the match. The referee must know all of the rules and how to

apply them in an actual wrestling situation, which can be difficult.

The referee also has the responsibility for the wrestlers' safety. Because wrestling is such a contact sport, many injuries can occur. One of the referee's biggest responsibilities is to watch for and prevent situations where an injury may occur. Jones compared wrestling officials to their boxing counterparts. In both cases, Jones said, the official's job is to insure the participant's safety.

To become eligible to referee varsity high school matches, Jones said, a referee must be registered by the NSAA. To register, a person must submit an application and a \$10 fee to the NSAA, take an open-book test and attend a rules meeting.

Once this is done, Jones said, officials are free to work any high school varsity match for which they can get a contract. Registration isn't required to work any wrestling match below high school varsity level, he said.

Refereeing is a fun and exciting way to make some extra spending money. Officials are needed for many sports, and the NSAA certifies officials in several sports, including football, basketball, volleyball and gymnastics. For information about becoming a referee, contact the NSAA at 489-0386. Its offices are at 8230 Beechwood Drive.

## Intramural results

### Basketball results:

Phi Kappa Psi 55, Delta Upsilon 39  
Delta Tau Delta 55, Boat People 40  
Phi Kappa Psi 48, Alpha Gamma Rho 31  
B. C. Boys 49, Acacia 26  
Alpha Tau Omega 38, Sigma Chi A 27  
Alpha Tau Omega 73, Phi Kappa Psi 6  
Triangle 56, Chi Phi 20  
Alpha Tau Omega 36, 3825468 35  
Sigma Chi 65, Kappa Sigma 44  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 49, Bloo Ballers 33  
Beta Theta Pi A 64, Alpha Gamma Rho A 47  
Alpha Gamma Rho B 29, Sigma Nu B 12  
Sigma Phi Epsilon 50, Acacia 29  
Dribbles 48, Lonely Guys 30  
Silver Bullets 81, Selleck 8200 32  
Beta Theta Pi 63, Harper 9 47  
Phi Kappa Psi A 60, Sigma Nu A 43  
Delta Upsilon B 53, Beta Theta Pi B-1 48  
Late Night 34, Flying Circus 20  
Computing Services win, Clowns forfeit  
Delta Tau Delta 62, Theta Xi 43  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon 56, Tau Kappa Epsilon A 36  
Chi Phi A 41, Acacia A 30  
Court Gnomes 57, Win/Lose Webooze 47  
Ani Sci 43, Err Management 32  
Sigma Phi Epsilon 34, Sigma Nu 25  
Reds 30, Oddballs 18  
Delta Tau Delta A 56, Kappa Sigma A 44  
Sigma Phi Epsilon A 60, Triangle A 40  
Alpha Tau Omega C-2 47, FarmHouse C-2 29  
Alpha Tau Omega C-1 36, FarmHouse C-1 32  
Sigma Phi Epsilon C 64, Sigma Alpha Mu C 16  
Delta Upsilon C 73, Theta Chi C 16  
UNL-1 74, Pearle 28  
Psychology 44, Conservation & Survey 20  
Alpha Gamma Sigma 36, Chi Phi 21  
Burr East 19, Love Memorial Hall 17  
FarmHouse A 47, Theta Xi A 37  
Phi Gamma Delta A 57, Ag Men A 37  
Abel 12 B 63, Harper 5 B 31  
Schramm 2 B 60, Abel 6 B 23  
Cather 2 B 42, Cather 6 B 40  
Big Shooters 45, Cather Twofers Lites 30  
Molly's Mob 51, Sandoz 6 9  
Cather 13 B 47, Schramm 6 B 30  
Cather 3 B 25, Schramm 4 B 24  
Cather 9 B 55, Cather 12 B 49  
Abel 2 B 26, Burr 1 East B 12  
The Plague 74, Air Jordan 35  
Small Town Girls 35, Just for Fun 3  
Abel 7 B 43, Cather 11 B 42  
Abel 10 B 37, Burr 2 West B 36  
Harper 9 B 51, Abel 3 B 47  
Harper 4 B 39, Cather 5 B 30  
Pork Chops 62, Abel 10 16  
The Limit 70, Raymond 3 16

76'ers 42, Phi Delta Theta A 30  
High Five 52, Thunderbirds 51  
Skidmores 58, Dave's Late Night Crew 45  
CAVS 46, Rock's Runnin Rebels 42  
Skabinslay's 49, Milwaukee's Best 26  
Barbarians 59, Silver Bullets 44  
Al's Chicken 64, Woody's Fat Boys 45  
HBM 56, Old Style Lights 43  
Pappa Bear/4 More 48, Jim Beam's Team 22  
What It Is 49, Gooch's Bombers 40

### Intramural Volleyball Results

Czech Express over Borderline Psychodics  
Spiking Express over Acacia Little Sisters  
Better Late Than Never over Love Memorial Hall  
St. Rec. Association over The Phone Taggers  
America's New Team over Super 16  
Acacia/AOPi over The Whammies  
Burr II East/West over FS&T  
Abel 12 over Burr East  
Sandoz 8 over Phi Delta Phi  
Sibblings over Kappa Alpha Theta/Sigma Chi  
Phi Gamma Delta/Chi Omega over Theta Xi  
Delta Upsilon over Triangle  
Raymond 2 over Sigma Alpha Epsilon & Co.  
The Staff over Roscoe's Pounders  
Chi Phi over B-town Bombers  
Triangle over Delta Upsilon/Little Sisters  
Alpha Phi/Alpha Tau Omega over Lambda Chi Omega  
Quad over Gamma Phi Beta/Sigma Nu  
The Slakers over Sigma Alpha Mu/Alpha Xi Delta  
Selleck 8300/6300 over We're Trying  
Sigma Phi Epsilon over Netbusters-McGinty  
Netbusters-Campbell over Law School Frosh  
The Connection over Abel 12  
Quotation Marks over The Rays  
Roscoe's Pounders over Kappa Alpha Theta/Sigma Chi  
Sibblings over Lambda Chi Alpha  
The Staff over Alpha Phi/Alpha Tau Omega  
Kappa Sigma/Delta Gamma over Triangle  
Delta Upsilon over Sigma Alpha Mu/Alpha Xi Delta  
Alpha Gamma Rho over The Slakers  
SS's over Beta Theta Pi  
Selleck 8300/6300 over Cather 6/Pound 6  
We're Trying over Sandoz 7

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