

2022-2023 Wrestling Meeting Folder Additional Clarification, Beads and Facial Hair

1. Some questions have come up regarding hair beads. Who determines if the beads are “secure or safe”?

NYSPPHSAA official response: If an official or opposing coach feels that a student’s beads look unsafe, they should report that to the coach and their league but continue the contest.

The official and the opposing coach always have the right to refuse to officiate the contest or to pull their team if the situation is that “unsafe” at **no time** should an official address the student with hair beads directly.

2. NFHS rule clarification: If the facial hair is such that a visual skin check can’t be done, that wrestler must trim the facial hair to meet this requirement.

Wrestlers that do not meet the requirement shall be required to wear a face mask. Rule 4-2-1, Rules Book 2022-23 Page 17.