



To: CIF Wrestling Officials and Coaches

From: Duane Morgan, CIF Wrestling Rules Interpreter

Subject: Deaf Wrestler Accommodations

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In accordance with practices from other states as well as guidance from the CIF State office, the following will be in place moving forward for students with hearing disability.

A single sign language interpreter would be permitted to be present at all matches involving a deaf or hearing-impaired wrestler. Furthermore, the single interpreter would be allowed 360-degree access around the 28-foot active wrestling circle on the mat, which demarcates the in-bounds area within which wrestlers must stay during their matches.

It would be incumbent upon the single sign language interpreter to stay outside the active wrestling circle, to avoid contact with the wrestlers or referees, and to make all reasonable efforts to avoid blocking the views of the referee, scorers and coaches.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:

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