ASAA MEDICAL FORFEIT RECORDING PROCEDURES

The following is an attempt to consistently interpret medical forfeits in terms of an individual's win/loss record, as those records count toward seeding and at-large considerations.

1. **Default:** If a match has started, and ends due to injury, it is a DEFAULT.
2. **Forfeit:** It shall be considered a forfeit when the opponent, for any reason, fails to appear for a match. In order to receive a forfeit the wrester shall be dressed in a legal wrestling uniform and appear on the mat. It shall be considered a **medical forfeit** when the opponent fails to appear for a match due to injury or illness that occurred during the tournament. This determination will be made by the tournament director. (Rule 5-13).
3. **Medical Forfeits:** All of the following are acceptable reasons why a wrestler may be designated as a medical forfeit:
    - On-site meet appropriate health-care professional(s) does not let wrestler continue.
    - When no on-site meet appropriate health-care professional(s) is available, the coach and tournament director/board of controls may determine to grant the wrestler a medical forfeit. When a concussion is suspected, the wrestler may not participated in further competitions until evaluated by the ASAA return to play protocol.
    - In case of injury or illness after verification of entries, the tournament director, in consultation with the designated, on-site meet, appropriate health-care professional(s) and the coach of the injured or ill contestant, shall determine the contestant's ability to continue. Extenuating circumstances concerning the injury or illness as it relates to default, forfeit or medical forfeit for scoring purposes, shall be considered by the tournament director (Rule 10-2-4).
    - If the wrestler who is forfeiting became injured in his immediately preceding match and was declared the winner by disqualification (i.e. illegal move resulting in injury), and the coach, on-site meet appropriate health-care professional(s) and tournament director, immediately withdraws the injured winner from the tournament at the head table, the winner of the forfeited match shall take a medical forfeit win for record purposes; the wrestler medical forfeiting shall not take a loss on record and shall not count as a head to head win for seeding purposes. If the wrestler who won his prior match by DQ waits until the wrestlers next match to determine ability to continue, and then forfeits, a loss shall be taken on record.
    - A forfeit shall eliminate a contestant from further competition in a tournament, except when the forfeit is deemed a medical forfeit because of an injury or illness which occurred during the tournament. (Rule 10-2-5).

In the consolation bracket, if a wrestler does not take the mat and forfeits to their opponent, the winner shall take a win and the wrestler forfeiting shall take a loss. However, there are three exceptions to this rule;

- If the wrestler who is forfeiting the match was injured in their immediately preceding match and lost by injury default and did not complete the match (counting as a loss), and the wrestler was then immediately withdrawn from the tournament by the on-site meet appropriate health-care professional(s), the coach and tournament director, the subsequent medical forfeit (or forfeits, in the case of a tournament scoring to more than 4 places) shall NOT be counted as losses. However, the winner by medical forfeit shall claim a win on their record (the match will NOT count toward head-to-head criteria).
- If the wrestler who is forfeiting became injured in his immediately prior match and was declared the winner by disqualification (i.e. illegal move resulting in injury), and the on-site meet appropriate health-care professional(s) coach and tournament director, immediately

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withdraws the injured wrestler from the tournament at the head table, the winner of the forfeited match shall still take a medical forfeit win for record purposes, but the wrestler medically forfeiting shall not take a loss on record and shall not count as a head to head win for seeding purposes.

- In a tournament, an injured wrestler shall not be required to take a loss on their record by forfeit if they have a prior counted loss by injury default. For example, if a semi- finalist is injured by a legal move, resulting in a loss by injury default, and they are then withdrawn from the tournament and unable to continue, they would NOT take another loss in the consolation semi-finals (and not counted as head to head), and would NOT take another loss for 6th place. However, if a wrestler has not previously forfeited or lost by injury default, that forfeit loss would count on the record.