

ON SKIN STUFF

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A doctor serving as medical officer at a recent regional tournament preformed skin checks at weigh-ins and eliminated several wrestlers from the competition due to raised radial reddened areas that appeared on the wrestler's skin. When

presented with notes that claimed that the suspected areas had been treated and were not contagious, he still refused to allow some wrestlers to participate. He insisted that calls be made to the doctors who had signed the notes and that they confirm the treatment and the non-contagious condi-

tion of the wrestler.

In enforcing the rules he again stated that liability was the key factor and that since he was the responsible party for enforcing the rules as they were written he would err on the side of safety and caution. Many wrestlers had traveled several hun-