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# Guest Editorial

By Cal Johnson

In this issue you will find the annual featuring of the National Scholastic Wrestling Records. We hope that the records provide our readers with information that results in a sense of wrestling history. We also hope that the pages, when hanging on a wrestling room wall, provides an incentive for today's wrestlers to set goals and work toward them.

We receive numerous questions about the records, and so would like to share the answers to the most common of those questions. Most inquiries involve the following questions:

## Where can I get information about the current status of a specific record?

The National Scholastic Wrestling Records are updated monthly and can be viewed for current status on the *Wrestling USA Magazine* website at [www.wrestlingusa.com](http://www.wrestlingusa.com).

## Can I submit record proposals by e-mail?

The answer is no. In order to ensure the integrity of the records we need to maintain hard copy documentation for each new record or record update. For that reason we require a proposal to be submitted on school letterhead and accompanied by any backup documentation available. The proposal letter must be signed by the coach, administrator, and any other official (e.g., referee, timer, etc.) that can verify the record. We will, however, be happy to answer questions about records by e-mail.

## Why are some performances that surpass the national record not listed?

We can only list the records of which we are aware. We often receive e-mails asking why the performance of a specific wrestler or team is not listed. Usually it is because no one has submitted the information. A coach or school administrator must submit the proposal and applicable documentation if we are to consider the proposal.

## Can I propose a new record category if such a category is not currently listed?

New categories can be proposed, but most often will not be created. It is amazing how often we receive proposals for categories that are not significant, only because the person who submitted the proposal wants their name listed. We also review each proposed new category for its potential to embarrass a wrestler. For example, a few years ago we dropped the "Most Takedowns in a Single Match" category because in attempting to set new records the opponent wrestlers were being embarrassed. The rules of wrestling establish as the ultimate goal the fall.....not the most takedowns.

We will be happy to answer questions about specific records by e-mail. If, however, the desire is to propose a new record or update an existing one, please submit the appropriate documentation to: Cal Johnson, 4708 E. Jaremko Dr., Mead, WA 99021.



Beast of the East - Josh Haines, Northampton, defeated Luke Lofthouse, Mountain Crest, 6-4. Photo by Robert Preston.



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