

I will reply to this:

On Jan 7, 2008 a Holley wrestler gave a note from his doctor to Holley's Nurse excusing him from gym and sports until further notice, because of a sore knee. The nurse signed the note and sent it to the new athletic director who is also the student's gym teacher. The athletic director failed to send the note on to Holley's Head coach. The athlete didn't say anything to the coaches and continued to come to practice.

On Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Holley wrestled Kendall at home and on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Holley wrestled Williamsville East at Home. The wrestler was in the line up at that time because the coaching staff was not made aware of the doctor's recommendations.

On Monday after the Williamsville East meet, Holley's AD informed the coaching staff that the wrestler in question was ineligible and that he had be out of his Gym class since Monday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

I would also like everyone to know that the coaches had no idea the wrestler was ineligible. **I would also like to state for the record the AD was at both home matches and spoke to me personally, yet still said nothing when the wrestler in question was sent on the mat.**

On Monday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> the coaches were made aware of the situation and the school contacted the state to report the incident. The state ruled that all individual results will stand (except of the wresler in question) and Holley will forfeit the team's wins to both Williamsville East and Kendall.

This has greatly upset me and all parents of the Holley wrestlers. Although we understand the ruling by the state, we are VERY upset that because the AD failed to pass on this info, the entire team has to be punished when in my opinion the team is not to blame. Many say it is the wrestler's fault, and I agree there is some responsibility there too, but kids are kids. The athletic director should be the person responsible – he took on that responsibility when he took the job.

I hope this clears this up, I regret this happened. I would not have come on here and aired our laundry, but as I said this incident has angered many of the parents of the community and myself. I feel the truth must be told on this issue and so there it is.

Sincerely,  
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