

5 Key Responsibilities of the 2nd Official

Officials, during the upcoming Regional, Conference and National Championships, we'll be working as 2 man officiating teams. Please review these 5 key responsibilities of the 2nd official, along with POE's for Neutral Danger Zone situations and Post-Match Unsportsmanlike penalties.

1. 2nd Officials: When a challenge brick is tossed, immediately check the clock to see the time remaining in the period.

Rationale: If the call on the mat is overturned, you're able to resume wrestling, with the correct time re-set on the clock, without taking additional video-review time.

2. 2nd Official is responsible for verifying that riding time is correct at ALL times throughout the regulation match, and during overtime tie-breakers.
3. If the Lead official goes to the Head Table for any reason, remain in the center of the mat with both wrestlers. If the Lead official's conference at the Head Table is prolonged, wrestlers may go to their respective corners, but must stay on the mat.
4. Hands to the Face: The 2nd official when seeing a deliberate or intentional strike, forceful or non-forceful by a wrestler to the triangular portion of his opponent's face (eyes, nose, mouth region) shall immediately indicate the Unnecessary Roughness signal to the Lead official. The Lead official will verbally announce and visually signal Unnecessary Roughness and award 1 point to the offended wrestler. Incidental contact by wrestlers will not be penalized.
5. If you disagree with the Lead official, discuss the situation in a calm, rational manner. If both officials agree to go to video-review, do so "open minded". Remember, it's ALWAYS about making the right call!

Officials, please review the complete list of Responsibilities of the 2nd Official on Arbiter.

Neutral Danger Zone Situations

Officials, you must verbally announce Danger-Red or Green, and then start a verbal count when a wrestler is in the Neutral Danger Zone at any angle less than 90 degrees beyond reaction time. In this situation, it is highly recommended that with the verbal count, a vertical visual count is used. If a count of 3 is reached a 2 point Takedown will be awarded.

Officials please note: Coaches may challenge Neutral Danger Zone scoring situations. It's imperative that strong verbal instructions and a vertical visual count be implemented in Neutral Danger Zone situations.

Post-Match Unsportsmanlike Penalties

Post-Match Unsportsmanlike penalties must be announced to the offending wrestler's coach(es) immediately. If a second act of Unsportsmanlike Conduct occurs without notification to the coach, the violations are considered simultaneous and are only penalized 1 time in the post-match period. A second Unsportsmanlike penalty pre or post-match by a wrestler, coach or school representative during a tournament session results in disqualification and removal from the site.