



**Case Book Update  
12-5-2018**

I am providing these official interpretations and corrections for your immediate use. These approved rulings are effective immediately but will not be placed in the Case Book until after December 17, 2018.

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## **New Interpretations**

### **Hair Rule**

#### **Rule 1**

**Question:** if a wrestler has cornrows that fall within the legal hair guidelines do they require a hair covering?

**Ruling:** cornrows are considered a natural state so if it is within the guidelines outlined in Rule 1.8.3 then it would not require a hair covering. Hair coverings are only required when the hair, in the natural state, exceeds the specifications outlined in Rule 1.8.3.  
(Rule 1.8.3)

### **Concussion Evaluation**

#### **Rule 6**

**Question:** if during a match a wrestler requires a concussion evaluation, can the medical personnel provided by the event host execute that evaluation and remove a wrestler from competition?

**Ruling:** if the wrestler's institutional medical personnel is available then that individual is the primary authority for executing the concussion evaluation. If the institutions medical personnel is not immediately at mat-side when the concussion evaluation is requested then reasonable efforts need to be made to secure that individual for the evaluation. If however, the institutional medical personnel is not available, then yes, the medical personnel provided by the event host does have the authority to execute the evaluation and may remove the wrestler from competition if they deem it medically appropriate.

### **Weigh-ins and Actual Weight**

#### **Rule 9**

**Question:** if a wrestler weighs in but does not compete are you required to input the actual weight into the optimal performance calculator?

**Response:** yes, all wrestlers who weigh in must record their actual weight into the OPC per rule 9.4.3.  
(Rule 9.4.3 and 9.2.10)

## **Corrections and Updates**

### **Technical Violations**

Correction to Existing A-R 5-40, new language is in red.



**A.R. 5-40** Wrestler A is injured by a technical violation (for example, locked hands or figure-four body scissors) and cannot continue the match. Does Wrestler A win the match because of the illegal action of Wrestler B?

**Ruling:** with one exception the answer to this question is no, when a technical violation occurs the individual does not receive recovery time and the offending wrestler is not disqualified if the individual cannot continue. However, there is one important correction that needs to be made in the rules book. Unnecessary roughness violations, which adhere to the technical violation penalty sequence, are a disqualifying violation if the offended wrestler is unable to continue. Please review Rule 6.3.5, injury from illegal action for the proper way to handle unnecessary roughness violations. (Penalty table and Rule 6.3.5)

### **Stalling by Dropping Down to the Lower Leg**

Update to Existing A-R 5-27, new language is in red

**A.R. 5-27.** Can the offensive wrestler **drop down to a lower leg repeatedly** or grasp and release the waist and ankle ride repeatedly to avoid receiving a stalling warning?

**Ruling:** No, gaming the rule by **dropping down and coming back up or** releasing and immediately re-grasping the ankle after the count is stopped can result in an immediate stall call by the referee. (Rule 5.7.12 & 13)