



Early Season Rules Reminders from SRE Chuck Barbee

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The 2017 – 18 wrestling season is off to a great start. Thank you referees for working diligently to assimilate the new rules and interpretations into your new match officiating routines. I do have a few rules reminders I would like to reinforce as we move forward.

- In order to utilize video review the hosting institution must have a red and green brick as outlined in rule 3.13.5. If the hosting institution does not have the required bricks then video review is not allowed.
- Coaches who are requesting video review must throw the brick onto the mat. Picking up the brick and walking over to the head table is not an acceptable indication that a video review is requested. Rule 3.13.9d
- The following reminders are very important in calling neutral out of bounds stalling correctly.
 - A wrestler who backs out of bounds and displays little to no effort to circle back in bounds shall be called for neutral out of bounds stalling.
 - A wrestler who mirrors an opponent, who is actively trying to circle in bounds, and pushes that wrestler out of bounds, shall be called for stalling by pushing.
 - Wrestlers who aggressively pursue their opponent, do not have to let their opponent back in bounds but they shall not push them out of bounds causing an unnecessary restart.
 - Wrestlers who aggressively pursue their opponents on the out of bounds line and attack them using a legitimate leg attack or upper body technique shall not be called for stalling by pushing.
 - Wrestlers who are attacked out of bounds, can be called for traditional stalling, but attacking someone out of bounds is not, in and of itself, a neutral out of bounds stalling call.
 - Use of the action call should be limited to only those instances when the wrestlers are engaged in active wrestling with little or no regard to the out of bounds line.
- Wrestlers who forcefully put their hand in the face of their opponent or who repeatedly put their hands in the face of their opponent shall be called for unnecessary roughness per rule.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Chuck Barbee