

Responsibilities of the 2nd Official

1. In pre-match and post-match periods, until the lead official confirms the match score with the Head Table, the 2nd official should position himself on the opposite side of the Head Table, observing the wrestlers, coaches and table activity. Remember: **FIRST ON THE MAT – LAST OFF THE MAT.**
2. Verbal and non-verbal communication with the lead official is essential. You're working together as 2 man officiating team.
3. When the 2nd official disagrees with the lead official, he should bring it to his attention as soon as it is practical and should not interrupt the match while significant action is in progress. Be careful what you say, and with your body language so that coaches do NOT know that you disagree with a call. Comments like "what did you see:", or "are you good with the call" are proper ways to get the lead official's attention. **NEVER shake you head in disagreement.**
4. If you disagree with the lead official, discuss the situation in a calm, rationale manner. **Remember, the important thing is that the correct call is made!!!!!!** Check your egos in the locker room.
5. Do not allow yourself to be addressed by coaches. Keep walking, be professional, and remind coaches to stay back in their corners.
6. Help with dangerous situations during out of bounds call, otherwise straddle the out of bounds line on the opposite side of the lead official.
7. Always let the lead official have the best position. Work 180 degrees as much as possible.
8. During pinning situations, position yourself to observe illegal acts, and try to keep the wrestlers between you and the clock.
9. If action permits, try to position yourself so that you are able to observe the clock as the period comes to a close. Remember, your first duty is to help the lead official make the correct call!!

10. Be sure to know the correct score during scrambles so you can assist the lead official. It is the responsibility of the 2nd official to know the correct score, time and riding time!
11. DO NOT jump in to indicate an illegal starting positions – Let the lead official know to watch this on the next start.
12. Except for showing the locking hands signal do not show the illegal or potentially dangerous signals. Communicate with the lead official.
13. If the lead official goes to the table for any reason, remain in the center of the mat with both wrestlers.
14. When the lead official makes a tough call, and you're in agreement, show support with a simple "yes" or "good call". This helps diffuse possible problems before they occur.
15. In tie-breaker periods, it is the responsibility of the 2nd official to confirm that riding time clocks start and stop correctly.
16. At the conclusion of the sudden victory, if the match is still tied, it is the responsibility of the 2nd official to indicate to the lead official which wrestler has choice in the first tie-breaker, for scoring the first offensive points. If no offensive points have been scored the lead official will flip the disc.
17. If the 2nd official feels a wrestler is stalling, circle behind the lead official and let him know, without bringing undue attention to the situation. Do not use hand signals to indicate to the lead official that you feel one of the wrestlers is stalling.
18. Never tell a coach that you disagree with the lead official's call.
19. If video review is being used, you are to watch the video with the lead official, being sure to cover your mouth, so no one can see or hear your discussions.
- *20. REMEMBER: YOU'RE AN OFFICIATING TEAM WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT A FAIR MATCH IS CALLED FOR BOTH CONTESTANTS. THE WRESTLER'S, COACHES, AND SPECTATORS DESERVE YOUR BEST EFFORT. BE SURE TO STAY ENGAGED AND FOCUSED ON THE MATCH IN FRONT OF YOU.**