

2021-22 Season
SRE Article #2
Frequently Missed Exam Questions






Congratulations to everyone that passed the 2021-22 NCAA wrestling referee's examination. This year's exam saw 95 individuals get a perfect score!

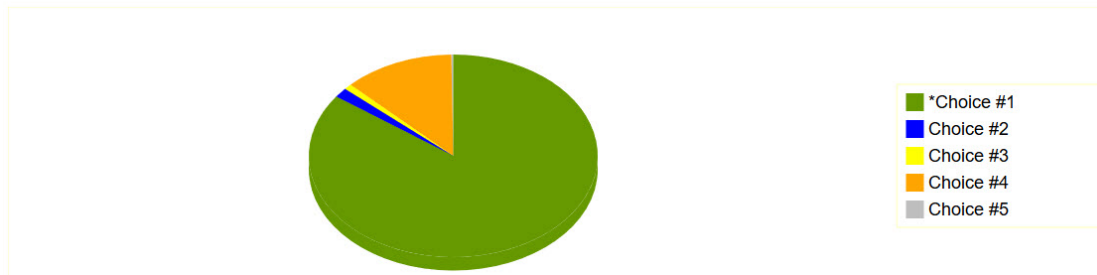
This article is to highlight five questions that were frequently missed by individuals taking the examination. If you have any questions, please contact me at NCAAruleseditor@gmail.com

Question

Percentage of individuals who selected the incorrect answer: 15.04%

Which of the following is considered a Control of Mat Area violation?

1.  (384, 84.96%) All of the above.
2.  (7, 1.55%) A coach going inside the competition circle during the postmatch period.
3.  (4, 0.88%) A coach that is badgering the referee.
4.  (56, 12.39%) Two of the above.
5.  (1, 0.22%) A coach that requests an untimely video review.



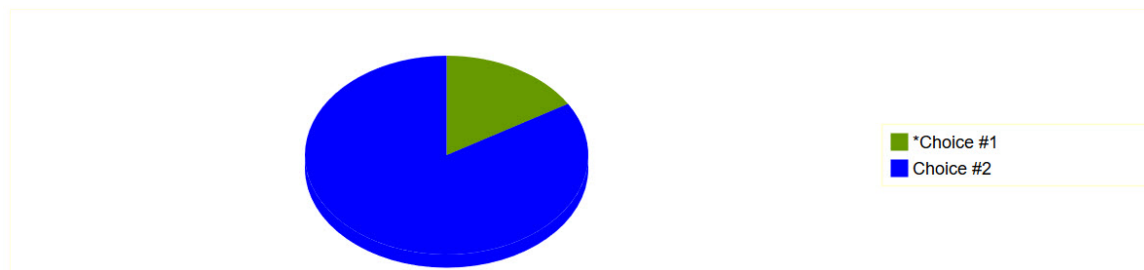
Commentary: This question was a little tricky since two of the above is correct, but the best answer is all the above. Note: answer #2 is an important end of match rule that allows the coaching staff to leave the reserved zone, without penalty, as long as they do not enter the competition circle (see Rule 3.20.4.e).

Question 2

Percentage of individuals who selected the incorrect answer: 16.37%

Referee-only video review (no coach challenges) are allowed at dual meets, individual-advancement tournaments and team-advancement tournaments.

1.  (74, 16.37%) True
2.  (378, 83.63%) False



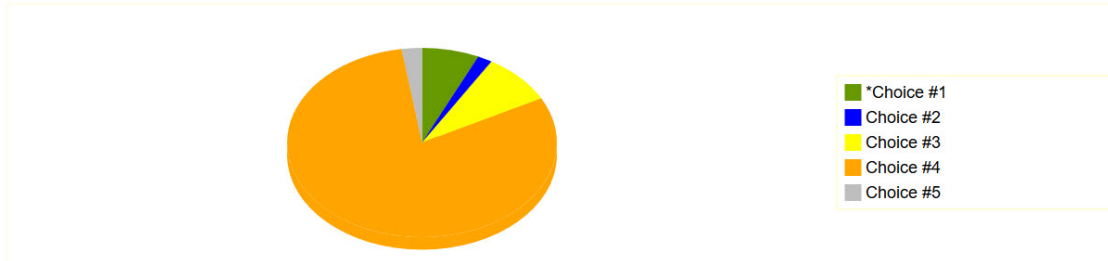
Commentary: this is a new rule and the correct answer is false. When video review is offered at dual meets, individual-advancement tournament and team advancement tournaments they must utilize both referee-reviews and coach challenges. Referee-only video reviews are only allowed at open events and for extra matches held alongside dual meet competitions (see Rule 3.13.1).

Question 3

Percentage of referees who selected the incorrect answer: 19.69%

In this sequence, Wrestler B gets called for interlocking hands, then grasping the singlet violation, then a neutral backing out of bounds call. Which of the following is the proper penalty for the backing out of bounds?

1. ❌ (31, 6.86%) B and D
2. ❌ (8, 1.77%) Stalling and 1 match point for the opponent.
3. ❌ (39, 8.63%) Verbal warning by the referee.
4. ✅ (363, 80.31%) **Stalling on wrestler B**
5. ❌ (11, 2.43%) Stalling and 1 match point for the opponent.



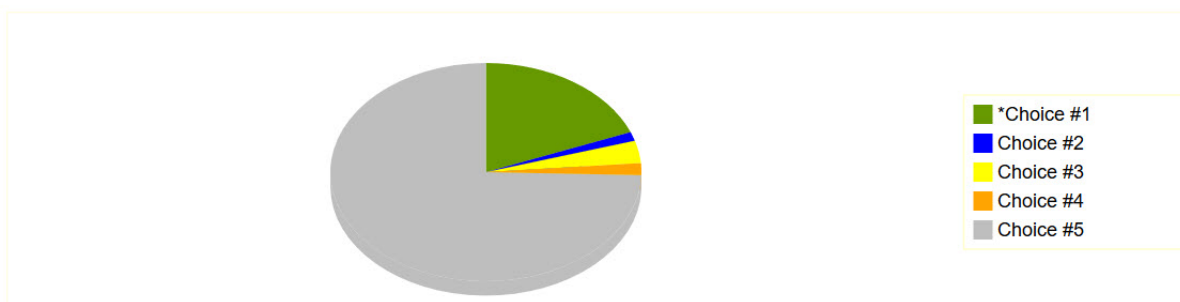
Commentary: The interlocking hands and grasping the singlet violations are penalized using the technical violation sequence. Stalling calls are not issued using the technical violation sequence and have their own cumulative sequence to follow. Since the neutral out of bounds call is the first stalling call in this scenario the answer is, stalling on wrestler B.

Question 4

Number of referees who selected the incorrect answer: 25.44%.

Which of the following is a true statement regarding the riding time advantage point.

1. ❌ (86, 19.03%) All of the above.
2. ❌ (6, 1.33%) May be awarded in a match that is stopped because of a technical fall in the second period.
3. ❌ (15, 3.32%) May be awarded at the conclusion of both 30 second tiebreaker periods in overtime.
4. ❌ (8, 1.77%) May be awarded at the conclusion of a sudden victory period.
5. ✅ (337, 74.56%) **Two of the above**



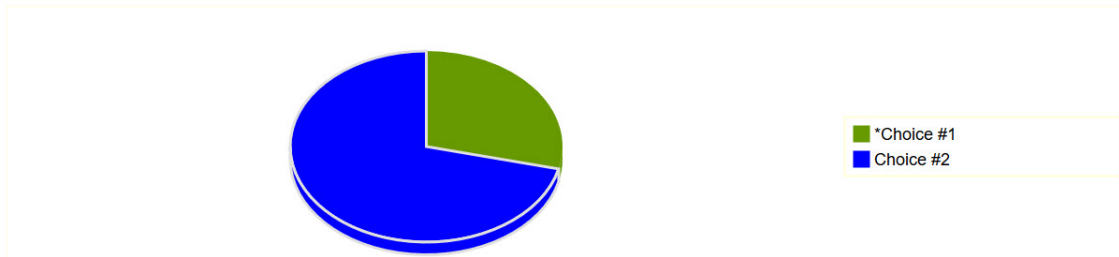
Commentary: Some test takers slipped up and maybe read through this question a bit fast. The correct answer is two of the above since answer #2 indicates the riding time point could be awarded at the end of the second period. We know from Rule 4.5.11 that a riding time point may be earned no sooner than at the end of the third period. Note: make sure to read the new interpretations on riding time point in overtime, in the Case Book.

Question 5

Percentage of referees who selected the incorrect answer 28.76

In a dual meet, the referee calls wrestler A in the 125lb weight class for unsportsmanlike conduct. The match concludes and the referee is just beginning to whistle the start of the 133lb match when they stop and go and consult with the second referee. After consulting, the head referee decides to retract the unsportsmanlike conduct call on the 125lb wrestler. Is this allowed?

1. ❌ (130, 28.76%) NO
2. ✅ (322, 71.24%) YES



Commentary: The correct answer to this is yes. We know this since Rule 3.18.2 provides details for deadlines to correct in-match errors. For dual meets all in-match errors must be corrected before the start of the next match. In this scenario, the 133lb match had not started yet so the 125lb match results were not final and issues occurring in that match were still eligible for possible review by the referee. Note: correction of in-match error deadlines are different for the last match of a dual meet, tournaments and extra countable matches so make sure to review Rule 3.18.2 closely.