

2017-2018 Season

Top Five Most Frequently Missed Exam Questions

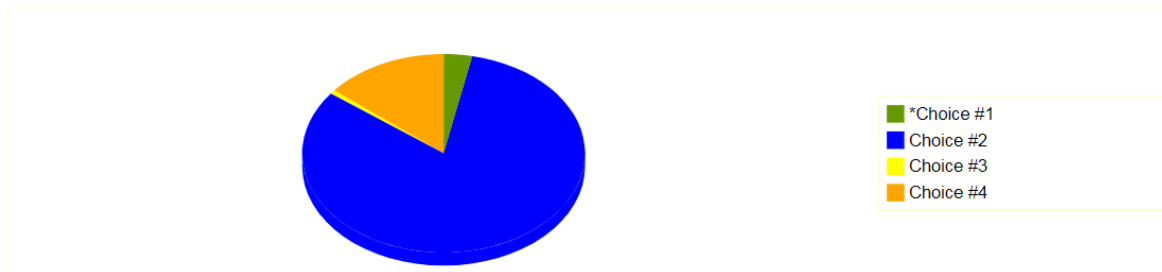
Congratulations for passing the 2017-18 referee rules examination. I will present the top five most frequently missed questions in this article. All referees are encouraged to review their exam and all the questions missed by clicking on the test tab at the Center Mat website.

Fifth most frequently missed exam question

Percentage of referees who selected the wrong answer: 18%

Wrestler A taunts wrestler B in the first period of their dual meet match and is penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct. At the conclusion of the third period, wrestler B wins the match and wrestler A spikes his headgear in frustration and receives another unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. What are the correct calls to make in this scenario?

1. ❌ (15, 3.25%) None of the above
2. ✅ (379, 82.03%) Wrestler A would be penalized one match point for the first unsportsmanlike conduct, and one team point for a postmatch unsportsmanlike conduct violation.
3. ❌ (3, 0.65%) Wrestler A would be penalized two match points for two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties, but would not be disqualified.
4. ❌ (65, 14.07%) Wrestler A having been penalized twice for unsportsmanlike conduct is disqualified and his opponent would receive six team points.



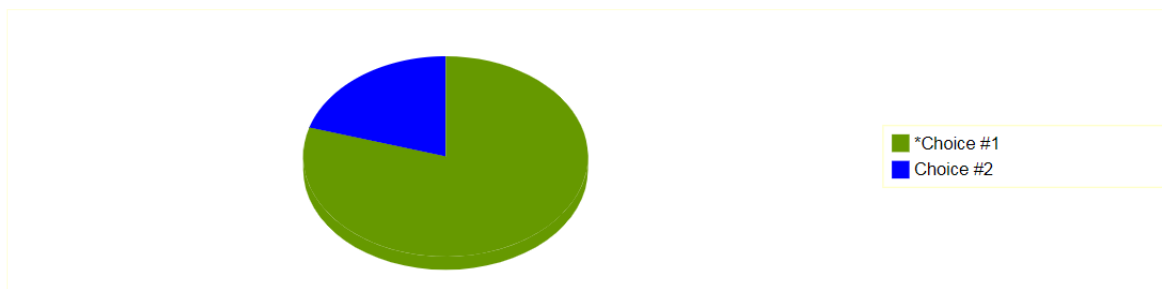
Rationale: Rule 2.2.7 indicates the match parameters are: *“A match begins with the start of the first period and ends with the conclusion of wrestling. The conclusion of wrestling occurs when time expires at the end of the third period, when overtime ends, or when a fall, technical fall, disqualification or default occurs.”* Because the first unsportsmanlike conduct call occurred in the match it resulted in the opponent receiving one match point. Since the second unsportsmanlike conduct call occurred during the postmatch period, it is assessed as a non-match violation and results in the deduction of one team point.

Fourth most frequently missed exam question

Percentage of referees who selected the wrong answer: 20%

When wrestlers are interlocked in a position other than a pinning situation in which neither wrestler is improving position, the referee _____ call a stalemate.

1. ✅ (368, 79.65%) May
2. ❌ (94, 20.35%) Shall



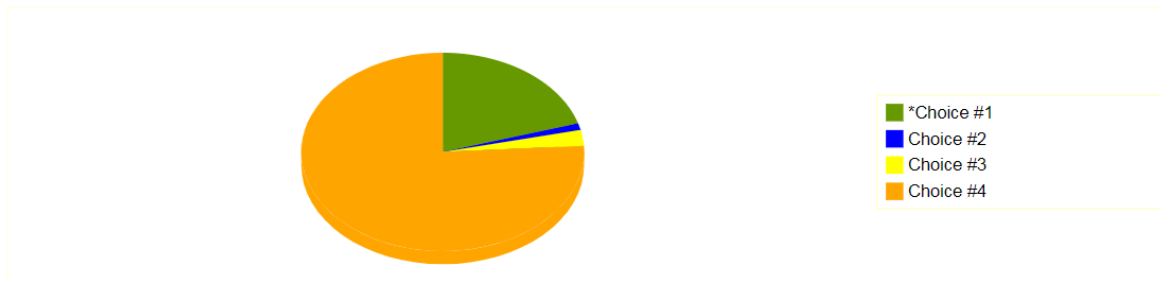
Rationale: This is a rule change for the 2017-18 season. Rule 2.2.14 states the referee may stop the match in these situations. The referee is also able, per rule, to use verbal announcements or call stalling in these situations. Referees are not required to stop wrestling in these types of situations.

Third most frequently missed exam question

Percentage of referees who selected the wrong answer: 24%

Wrestler A executes a takedown on wrestler B. Immediately after the takedown wrestler A switches to a bottom leg turk on wrestler B. What should the referee do in this situation?

1. (94, 20.35%) Begin a verbal and visual count on wrestler A.
2. (5, 1.08%) Verbally alert wrestler A to work up.
3. (12, 2.60%) None of the above.
4. (351, 75.97%) Allow wrestler A to use the hold to work a turn on wrestler B.



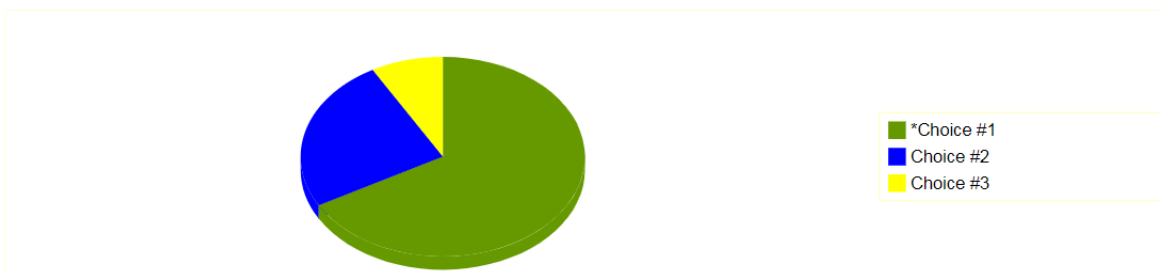
Rationale: Wrestlers who are using this lower leg hold immediately after a takedown are allowed to use it without receiving a verbal and visual drop-down count. The Case Book describes this situation in section A.R 5-23

Second most frequently missed exam question

Percentage of referees who selected the wrong answer: 33%

If two wrestlers are in overtime and one of them takes a second non-bleeding injury timeout during the tiebreaker portion of the overtime, what should occur?

1. (309, 66.88%) The non-injured wrestler receives a point, and the tiebreaker is resumed once the injury time is over.
2. (115, 24.89%) The non-injured wrestler is awarded a point and the match is concluded.
3. (38, 8.23%) The non-injured wrestler receives a point, has choice of position and the tiebreaker is resumed once the injury time is over.



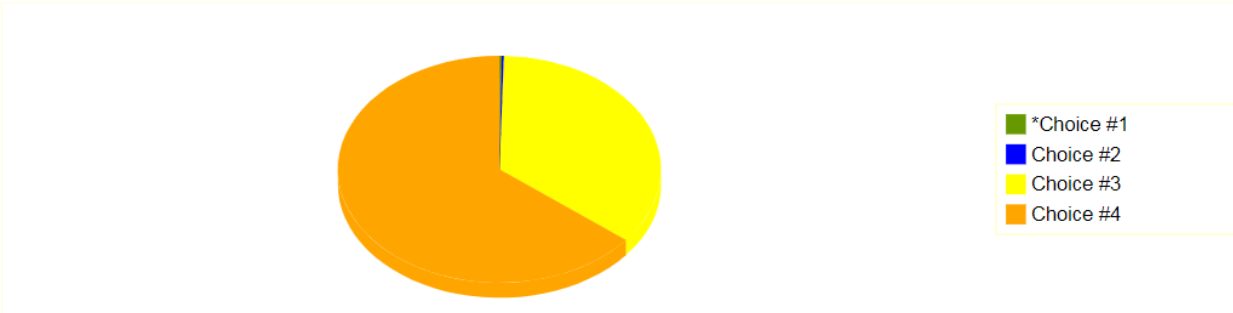
Rationale: Per Rule 3.17.3 tiebreakers shall be wrestled in their entirety. In this instance, referees award the non-bleeding injury timeout point, like any other point, and resume the tiebreaker.

Number one most frequently missed exam question

Percentage of referees who selected the wrong answer: 35%

Which of the following regarding mat-side video review is true?

1. ❌ (1, 0.22%) The referee may use a cell phone video or a stopwatch to supplement the official video review equipment.
2. ❌ (1, 0.22%) Referees are limited to only two referee reviews per match.
3. ❌ (163, 35.28%) Except for reviewing timing and/or scoring, referee reviews occur after coach's reviews.
4. ✅ (297, 64.29%) **Except for reviewing timing and/or scoring, referee reviews occur before coach's reviews.**



Rationale: The call on the mat must be final before a coach review is executed. If a coach requests a video review and there was doubt by the referee as to whether their call was correct, the referee must finalize their call and then proceed with the coach video review challenge. Case Book A.R. 3-6 describes this scenario.