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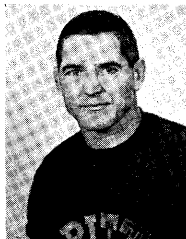
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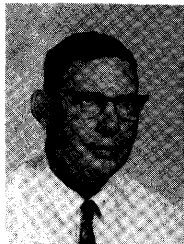
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# Rule 1

## A MATCH, WRESTLERS, UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

### A Match

SECTION 1. A match shall be conducted in each of the ten weight classifications [12 for High Schools] between wrestlers of the same weight class. Matches shall be eight minutes [six for High Schools] in length divided into three periods.

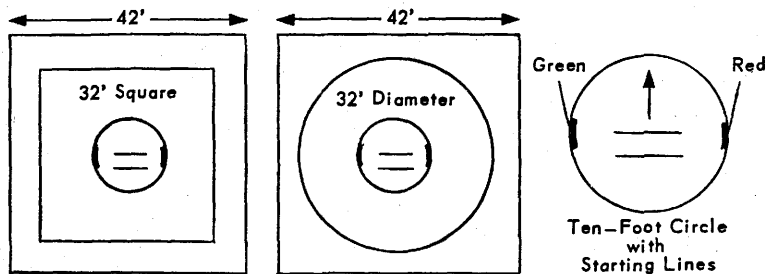
**Representation** SECTION 2. An institution shall be represented by only one wrestler in each weight class and no substitution is allowed for injured wrestlers in dual meets or tournaments.

**Team Captains** SECTION 3. Each team shall designate to the Referee one contestant as its Captain, who shall call the coin toss for choice of position for each weight class at start of second period.

**Persons Subject To the Rules** SECTION 4. All wrestlers, coaches, trainers, and other persons affiliated with the teams are subject to the rules and shall be governed by the decisions of the officials.

### Mats

**Dimensions** SECTION 5. The wrestling area of the mat shall not be less than a square 24 feet by 24 feet *or a circular area 28 feet in diameter*. A larger wrestling area is recommended. There shall be a mat area of at least five feet in



RECOMMENDED MAT SIZES

*Minimum mat size provides for a circle with a diameter of 28 feet as a legal wrestling area or a 24-foot square wrestling area with a mat area of at least five feet in width which extends around the wrestling area proper.*

width which extends entirely around the wrestling area. The entire mat area shall be the same thickness which shall not be more than four inches nor less than the thickness of a mat which has shock absorbing qualities of a two-inch thick hair felt mat.

When a plastic mat cover is used, it is recommended that it be sufficiently large to cover the mat proper and all supplementary mats, or laced underneath the mats. The wrestling area should be marked on the mat cover or mat by painted lines two inches in width. At the center of the mat proper there shall be similarly painted a circle 10 feet in diameter, and it is recommended a different color be used than the one on the boundary line. An area on opposite sides of the 10-foot circle shall be designated by means of a 12-inch portion of the circle's arc on one side in green and directly opposite a similar portion of the arc in red. Contestants in starting the match and resuming the match in a neutral position will return to their respective designated areas. (Home—green, Visitor—red.)

**Starting Lines**

SECTION 6. There shall be placed at the center of the cover or mat two one-inch *starting lines*, one of which lies in the diameter of the 10-foot circle, three feet in length and with outside measurements of 12 inches. (See diagram above.)

## Wrestlers

**Limitations** SECTION 7. No contestant shall be allowed to represent his institution in more than one class in any meet.

**Forfeits** SECTION 8. A contestant may not accept a forfeit in one weight class and compete in another class.

**Shift Weight Class** SECTION 9. A contestant who weighs in for one weight may be shifted to a higher weight class. (See High School Modification, Rule 3, Sec. 3, Note 3.)

## Uniforms and Equipment

**Uniforms** SECTION 10. The uniform shall consist of:  
a. Full length tights, close fitting outside short trunks, and sleeveless shirt without fasteners at the shoulder and fastened down at the crotch. Shirts shall not be cut away in excess of the shirt illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 (picture of legal shirt, back and front view). The front and back of the shirt shall not be cut lower than the level of the armpit and under the arms the shirt shall not be cut lower than one-half the distance between the armpit and the belt line.

Properly cut one-piece uniform is legal when worn with full length tights. No wrestler shall lower his shoulder straps in the presence of spectators. Failure to comply shall be enforced under unsportsmanlike conduct.

- b. Light heelless gymnasium shoes reaching above the ankle and laced by means of eyelets.
- c. A protective headgear will be a required part of the wrestling contestant's uniform.
- d. In all tournaments, the home management shall have immedi-

ately available some provisions for clearly identifying the contestants. Such provisions may be by means of red and green anklets approximately three inches wide.

**Appearance** SECTION 11. Contestants shall be clean-shaven, free of mustaches, sideburns trimmed no lower than ear lobe level and hair trimmed and well groomed. Because of the body contact involved, this rule has been approved in the interests of health, sanitary and safety measures. The hair in the back shall not extend below the top of an ordinary shirt collar and on the sides the hair shall not extend over the ears.

**Special Equipment** SECTION 12. Any mechanical device which does not allow normal movement of the joints and prevents one's opponent from applying normal holds, shall be barred. Any legal device which is hard and abrasive, must be covered and padded. Artificial limbs and loose pads are prohibited.

NOTE—Special medication during a match because of a pre-existent condition such as asthma, diabetes, etc., shall not be permitted.

**Enforcement** SECTION 13. a. The legality of all equipment (mat markings, uniforms, headgear, devices, pads, etc.) and contestant's appearance shall be decided by the Referee.

b. The Referee shall also determine whether each contestant has complied with specified health, sanitary and safety measures as to appearance. These shall constitute the sole reasons for disqualification, and application of this rule shall not be arbitrary or capricious.

# Rule 2

## DEFINITIONS

### **Decisions**

SECTION 1. If no fall has resulted after expiration of the three regular periods of any match as provided in Rule 4, Sec. 3, the Referee shall award the match to the contestant who has scored the greater number of points as provided by the point system in Rule 5, Sec. 2. If there is a tie in the number of points scored, the Referee shall declare the match a draw in dual meets. (See Rule 4, Sec. 5b for tournaments.)

### **Default**

SECTION 2. A default is awarded in a match when one of the wrestlers is unable to continue wrestling for any reason. (See Rule 4, Sec. 9c.)

### **Disqualification**

SECTION 3. Disqualification is a situation in which a contestant is banned from participation in accordance with the Penalty Chart.

### **Escape**

SECTION 4. An escape occurs when the defensive wrestler gains a neutral position while the supporting points of either wrestler are within the wrestling area.

### **Fall**

SECTION 5. Any part of both shoulders or area of both scapulas held in contact with the mat for one second constitutes a fall. The one-second count (one-thousand-and-one) shall be a silent count by the Referee and shall start only after the Referee is in such position that he knows positively that a fall is imminent, after which the shoulders or scapula area must be held in continuous contact with the mat for one second before a fall shall be awarded. (See Fig. 12.)

- a. A fall shall not be awarded when one or both shoulders of the defensive wrestler are out-of-bounds. (See Sec. 8 this rule.)
- b. If either wrestler is handicapped by having any portion of his body out-of-bounds, no fall shall be awarded and out-of-bounds shall be declared.
- c. When the match is stopped for out-of-bounds in a fall situation, the match shall be resumed in the starting position on the mat. (See Secs. 11 and 14 this rule.)

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Two seconds constitutes a fall. The two-second count (one-thousand-and-one, one-thousand-and-two) shall be a silent count by the Referee.

**Forfeit** SECTION 6. A forfeit is received by a wrestler when his opponent for any reason fails to appear for the match. In order to receive a forfeit, a wrestler must be dressed in wrestling uniform and appear on the mat. (See Rule 3, Sec. 7 and Rule 4, Sec. 9c.)

**Neutral Position** SECTION 7. A neutral position is one in which neither wrestler has control.

**Out-of-Bounds** SECTION 8. Contestants are considered in-bounds if the supporting parts of either wrestler are inside the boundary lines.

When a near-fall or predicament has been earned inbounds, wrestling shall be stopped when the vertical plane of the boundary line is intercepted by the shoulder or shoulders of the defensive wrestler. However, if no predicament or near-fall has been earned in-bounds, wrestling shall continue as long as the supporting points of either wrestler are inbounds.

**Position of Advantage** SECTION 9. A position in which a contestant is in control of his opponent. Control is the determining factor. The failure of the offensive wrestler to get his head out from the defensive wrestler's arm does not necessarily prevent the offensive wrestler from having

control. The offensive wrestler is entitled to this advantage until such time as his opponent gains a neutral position or a reversal. (See Secs. 4, 7, 8 and 12 this rule.)

**Predicament & Near-Fall** SECTION 10. a. A predicament is a position in which the offensive wrestler has control of his opponent in a pinning situation.

- (1) When both shoulders of the defensive wrestler are held within four inches of the mat or less for one full second, a predicament shall be scored. Two points shall be awarded for a predicament. A continuous roll-through is not to be considered a predicament.
  - (2) When one shoulder of the defensive wrestler is touching the mat, and the other shoulder is held at an angle of 45 degrees or less with the mat, for one second or more, two points shall be awarded for a predicament.
- b. When the criteria for a predicament has been met uninterrupted for five seconds, a near-fall shall be scored and three points are awarded. A visual hand count is to be used in determining a near-fall.

#### NOTES

1. A near-fall or predicament is ended when the defensive wrestler gets out of the pinning situation. The Referee must not signal the score for a near-fall or a predicament until the situation is ended. Only one near-fall or one predicament shall be scored in each pinning situation regardless of the number of times the offensive wrestler places the defensive wrestler in a near-fall or predicament position during the situation.
2. Only a wrestler with the advantage who has his opponent in a pinning situation may score a near-fall or predicament. Bridgebacks in body scissors or bridgeovers with a wristlock are not considered near-fall or predicament situations although a fall may be scored.
3. When the defensive wrestler places himself in a precarious situation during an attempted escape or reversal, a near-fall or predicament shall not be scored unless the offensive wrestler has control of his opponent in a pinning situation beyond normal reaction time.

**Resumption of Wrestling After Out-of-Bounds** SECTION 11. The position to be assumed by the contestants at the resumption of a match shall be neutral or in the starting position on the mat as determined by the position held upon going out-of-bounds. If neither wrestler has control, the match shall be resumed with both wrestlers opposite each other and on the designated red and green areas on the 10-foot circle. If one wrestler has the advantage, he will take the offensive position in the starting position at the center of the mat.

**Reversal** SECTION 12. A reversal occurs when the defensive wrestler comes from underneath and gains control of his opponent either on the mat or in a rear standing position while the supporting points of either wrestler are within the wrestling area.

**Stalemate** SECTION 13. When the contestants are interlocked in a position other than a pinning situation in which neither wrestler can improve his position, the Referee shall, as soon as possible, stop the match and wrestling will be resumed as for out-of-bounds.

**Starting Position** SECTION 14. a. *Defensive Wrestler*. A stationary position in which the defensive wrestler is on his knees facing *away from the timers' table* with his hands in the center of the mat. He must keep both knees on the mat. The heels of both hands must be on the mat not less than 12 inches in front of the knees; and the elbows shall not touch the mat. The hands and knees must be placed in front and back of the starting lines. (See Illustrations Nos. 4 and 5, Starting Position.)

b. *Offensive Wrestler*. The offensive wrestler shall be on the right or left side of his opponent with one or both knees on the mat and his head along the mid line of his opponent's back. The near arm (right or left) is placed loosely around the defensive wrestler's body perpendicular to the long axis of the body with the palm of the hand placed loosely against the de-

defensive wrestler's naval and the palm of his other hand (left or right) shall be placed on the back of the opponent's near elbow. At least one knee shall be on the mat and to the outside with legs not touching the defensive wrestler. (See Illustrations Nos. 4 and 5, Starting Position.)

**Takedown** SECTION 15. When from a neutral position a contestant gains control over his opponent down on the mat while the supporting points of either wrestler are within the wrestling area, he has gained a takedown. Down on the mat the usual points of support are: knee(s), the side of the thigh and the buttocks. (Knee or knees touching mat beyond reaction time constitutes a takedown.)

**Time-Advantage** SECTION 16. The offensive wrestler who has control in an advantage position over his opponent is gaining time-advantage. A timekeeper assigned to each wrestler records his accumulated time-advantage throughout the match or a multiple timer may be used to record the time-advantage. At the end of the match the Referee subtracts the lesser time-advantage from the greater. If the contestant with the greater time-advantage has less than one minute of net time-advantage, no point is awarded. If he has one full minute of net time-advantage, he is awarded a maximum of one point.

NOTE—Control is a situation in which a contestant exercises and maintains restraining power over his opponent.

**HIGH SCHOOL MODIFICATION**

Time-advantage will be optional by State Association adoption.

# Rule 3

## WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION AND WEIGHING-IN

### Weight Classification

#### 10 Weight Classes

SECTION 1. Competition shall be divided into ten weight classes as follows:

118 lbs.	134 lbs.	150 lbs.	167 lbs.	190 lbs.
126 lbs.	142 lbs.	158 lbs.	177 lbs.	Unlimited

#### National Championships

SECTION 2. The National Collegiate and College Division Championships shall be conducted in the above listed ten weights and unless otherwise announced all conference meets will be contested in such weight classes.

#### Dual Meets

SECTION 3. Competition in dual meets shall be conducted in the weight order listed, unless changes have been mutually agreed upon at the time of weigh-in.

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Competition shall be divided into the following 12 classes:

98 lbs.	119 lbs.	138 lbs.	167 lbs.
105 lbs.	126 lbs.	145 lbs.	185 lbs.
112 lbs.	132 lbs.	155 lbs.	Unlimited

Unlimited class contestants must weight a minimum of 175 pounds.

All interscholastic competition, including interstate competition, shall be conducted in the above 12 weight classes and all such competition shall be governed by the rules as set forth in the *NCAA Wrestling Guide—High School Modification*.

1. Beginning January 1st and continuing until February 1st, two additional pounds will be allowed in each weight class. Beginning February 1st and continuing for the remainder of the

- season, one additional pound shall be allowed in each weight class. This will make a net increase of three pounds beginning the 1st of February.
2. The Rules Committee recommends that individual State Associations utilize an effective weight control program which will involve the competitor, the parents, a physician and the coach.
  3. A contestant may not wrestle more than one weight class above his actual weight at the time of weigh-in.
  4. The use of a sweat box or similar artificial heat device for weight reduction purposes is prohibited.

## Weighing-In

**Time** SECTION 4. a. *Dual Meets.* Contestants may weigh-in a maximum of five hours and a minimum of one-half hour before the meet is scheduled to begin on scales provided by the host school. The exact maximum time shall be decided by mutual agreement of the competing teams. The home team's contestant shall be sent onto the mat first, and he cannot be withdrawn or replaced.

Teams may weigh-in on home scales by mutual agreement of coaches and shall furnish the weight list with actual weights listed. It is recommended that the accuracy of all scales be certified by a qualified scale authority prior to the first official weigh-in each year.

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Contestants shall weigh-in a maximum of one hour and a minimum of one-half hour before the time the meet is scheduled to begin. When a preliminary meet is followed immediately by a varsity meet, the one-half hour weigh-in period for the second meet may, by mutual consent, precede the preliminary meet. The weigh-in period shall extend for 30 minutes.

- b. *Tournaments.* Each day of the tournament, contestants will weigh-in a maximum of five hours and a minimum of four hours before the meet is scheduled.

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Each day of the tournament, contestants shall weigh-in a maxi-

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imum of three hours and a minimum of one-half hour before the meet is to begin, with one-pound allowance to be given each day over the weight limit of the previous day. A contestant who is to represent his school must be named at time of weigh-in. (Changes in time may be made by individual State Associations.)

**Supervision** SECTION 5. The Referee or other authorized person shall supervise the weighing-in of contestants.

**Weight Allowance** SECTION 6. a. *Dual Meets.* In all dual meets, net weights shall be required. No overweight is permitted nor should it be requested. For colleges only—members of both teams will be allowed one additional pound per day when one team is wrestling on two or three successive days. (Maximum of two pounds.)

b. *Tournaments.* In tournaments, a one-pound allowance shall be given each day over the weight limit of the previous day. Contestants, including heavyweights, shall weigh-in without clothing for dual meets and tournaments.

**Failure to Make Weight** SECTION 7. Any contestant failing to make weight at the minimum time shall be ineligible for that weight class. If a contestant fails to weigh-in on the first, second or subsequent day of a tournament after having qualified for such tournament, a forfeit shall be awarded his opponent and points for the forfeit and advancement shall be scored. (See Rule 4, Sec. 9e.)

**Medical Examinations** SECTION 8. At the time of the weighing-in on the opening day of the annual National Collegiate Championships, a physician or physicians shall be present to examine all contestants for communicable diseases. In other tournaments and meets, it is recommended that a similar examination of all contestants be made at the time of the weighing-in and the presence of communicable diseases or any other condition which in the opinion of the examining physician makes the participation of that individual inadvisable, shall be full and sufficient reason for disqualification.

# Rule 4

## CONDUCT OF MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS

### The Matches

**Notification And Agreement** SECTION 1. All modifications of rules of competition, "ground rules," etc., proposed by the home manager, must be submitted to the manager of the visiting team, or teams, a sufficient length of time before the date of the meet for agreement to be reached on same, and no such action is binding unless approved by the visiting team or teams.

In dual meets, the selection of a Referee and the maximum weigh-in time shall be mutually agreed upon at least 10 days prior to the date of the meet.

NOTE—In case the coaches concerned are unable to agree on a shorter maximum weighing-in time than the five hours specified as the maximum in these rules, it is understood that the maximum amount of time as specified in the rules shall hold.

The home management shall notify visiting teams at least 10 days prior to the date of the meet the exact time and place of the meet and the name of the Referee.

**Intentional Delay** SECTION 2. A team intentionally delaying its appearance on the mat beyond five (5) minutes of established meet starting time shall be penalized one team point.

**Length of Matches** SECTION 3. All regular matches shall be eight minutes in length divided into three periods with the first period two minutes and the second and

## Section 3

third periods three minutes each. The first period will start with both contestants standing opposite each other on the green or red area of the 10-foot circle. The wrestlers will come forward, shake hands and step back to their designated areas and when the Referee sounds his whistle, begin wrestling. A fall during this or either subsequent period terminates the match. If neither contestant secures a fall in the first period, the Referee shall recess the match and place the wrestlers in the starting position on the mat (Rule 2, Sec. 14) with the appropriate contestant in the position of advantage (Sec. 5 this rule). The second period shall be started immediately by the Referee's whistle. If no fall occurs during this second period, upon its expiration, the Referee shall again recess the match, place the contestant who started the second period in the position of advantage underneath and start the third period as before.

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The matches shall be six minutes in length, divided into three periods of two minutes. No rest is allowed. The matches shall be conducted in the same manner as set forth above.

**End of Match**

SECTION 4. If no fall occurs during the final period and after the match is concluded, wrestlers will return to and remain on their respective (green or red) areas while the Referee checks with the scorers and timers table. Upon the Referee's return to the mat, the contestants will shake hands and the Referee will declare the winner in accordance with Figs. 18 and 19. The time of the match is continuous except when the Referee stops and starts a match.

Failure to comply with end-of-match procedure after being directed to do so shall result in penalty points being assessed in dual meets and tournaments. The match is not ended until the Referee declares the outcome of the match with both contestants remaining on the mat. Failure to comply shall constitute unsportsmanlike conduct.

NOTE—In matches involving sight handicapped wrestlers, it is recommended that a finger-touch method be used in the neutral position and initial contact be made from the front. (Illustration No. 3.)

**Choice of Position**

SECTION 5. a. *Dual Meets.* Immediately before the contest starts, the Referee shall call the captains to the center of the mat and decide by the toss of a coin which team has the choice of position at the start of the second period in each weight class. The winner of the toss may choose the odd or even number of the weight classes listed consecutively. A choice of odd or even matches in dual meets is not altered in case of a fall, default, forfeit or disqualification.

- b. *Tournaments.* Immediately following the end of the first period, the Referee shall determine which wrestler has the choice of position at the start of the second period, by toss of a coin or disc.

**Overtimes**

SECTION 6. In tournament competition when there is a tie in points, the contestants shall wrestle three extra periods of one minute each (consolation matches included) starting the first of these periods on the feet and conducting the entire overtime as in the regular match.

The choice of position shall be determined by the toss of a coin. There shall be a one-minute rest between the regular match and the first overtime period and no rest between the first, second and third overtime periods. The points and time-advantage are not cumulative throughout the match and overtime periods, and only the points and time-advantage scored in the overtime period shall be counted in determining a winner. A jury of two judges and the Referee shall observe the overtime periods. When there is a tie in points at the end of the overtime periods, the jury shall select the winner by ballot without any consultation and the match shall be awarded to the contestant who has shown superior wrestling ability in the overtime periods. The signed ballots of the jury shall be recorded on the score sheet. The criteria for determining superior wrestling ability are attempts to secure falls, takedowns, reversals and escapes along with the maintenance of control.

**Consolation  
Matches**

SECTION 7. Consolation matches shall consist of three two-minute periods conducted in the same manner as regular matches in championships. Overtime periods in consolation matches shall consist of three one-minute periods.

**HIGH SCHOOL MODIFICATION**

Consolation matches shall consist of three periods; the first of which will be one minute in length and the second and third two minutes each in length.

**Control of  
Mat Area**

SECTION 8. a. All personnel other than actual participating contestants shall be restricted to an area reserved for such use. This area shall be at least 10 feet from the mat and scoring table.

- b. When an error has been made in positioning a wrestler in the top or bottom position at the start of the third period, all points and time-advantage gained during the third period is cancelled. Following a rest period of one minute, the period shall be re-wrestled. (Errors occurring during first or second periods shall be corrected with wrestling resumed immediately.)
- c. If in the opinion of the Referee, there is an error in the recordings of the timekeepers and/or scorers, the Referee shall correct the error and render his decision accordingly. This correction must take place prior to the contestants having left the mat area or prior to the start of the subsequent match.
- d. When a coach believes the official has misapplied a rule (other than questioning judgement), he may approach the officials table, request that the match be stopped and discuss the matter with the Referee directly in front of the officials table. Both wrestlers shall remain on the mat. At the time the match is stopped, the timer will note and record the amount of time consumed for the conference. If there was

an error, the Referee will make the necessary adjustments, explain to the opposing coach and wrestling will be immediately resumed. If there was no error, the amount of time consumed for the conference will be deducted from the wrestler's injury time and wrestling will be resumed.

## Tournaments

**Administration** SECTION 9. a. Failure to verify entries at stipulated deadline will result in disqualification from a tournament. Contestants thereafter failing to make verified weight will not be allowed to participate in another weight classification.

NOTE—Submitting names on entry form does not constitute verification.

- b. Contestants will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to appear ready to compete at the specified mat. Failure to appear will result in forfeit to opponent.
- c. Defeat due to injury in a tournament does not eliminate a contestant from further competition.
- d. In case of injury or illness, the host school's physician in consultation with the chairman of the Rules Committee will rule on contestant's ability to continue. Extenuating circumstances concerning any injury or illness will be considered by the Rules Committee or Tournament Committee.
- e. A forfeit will eliminate a contestant from further competition in tournaments.
- f. A disqualification may eliminate a contestant from further competition in tournaments. (See Note under Penalty Chart.)

- g. Any contestant who fails to check in or to make weight each day of a tournament is ineligible for further competition and cannot place in the tournament.
- h. No contestant shall wrestle two matches in any tournament with less than one (1) hour rest between such matches.

**NOTES**

- 1. In case of unavoidable circumstances affecting weigh-in or schedule of matches. (See Rule 8, Sec. 3i.)
- 2. Contestants in the unlimited class must check in at each weigh-in session of tournaments.
- i. The Rules Committee recommends that medals and team trophies be formally presented in a ceremony made as impressive as possible.
- j. Any conference or other tournament may be conducted under any bracketing agreed upon by participating schools.

**Mat Judges,  
Number**

SECTION 10. In all tournament semifinal championship and championship consolation matches, two mat judges shall be assigned to assist the Referee. Majority vote of the Referee and two judges will prevail.

**Mat Judges  
Procedure**

SECTION 11. The use of two mat judges is designed to minimize human error inasmuch as three qualified officials will be involved in matters of rule application and judgment. The match Referee will be in complete control of the bout and when questions arise, he will take action as outlined below. Judges will be seated near mat opposite green and red areas, and are authorized to move along mat edge to observe significant action.

- a. Disagreement by either mat judge will be indicated utilizing the appropriate signal and color and gaining the attention of the Referee.
- b. When only one mat judge stands, the Referee will not recognize him if not in agreement.
- c. When two judges stand, the Referee will stop the match as soon as it is practical and indicate Referee's time out. Referee will avoid interrupting the match while significant action is in progress.
- d. When necessary, judges and Referee will meet quickly in front of scorers table discussing reasons for disagreement.
- e. Agreement will be reached by majority vote of the Referee and two judges.
- f. A judge may support, disagree or have no opinion relative to a decision. However, the Referee's vote shall prevail in the event of a tie.
- g. When a decision is reached, the Referee will inform the scorers table of any change in the match scoring.
- h. The Referee and two contestants are the only individuals permitted to step onto the wrestling mat. Coaches are not permitted to address the judges.

**Places Scored** SECTION 12. In tournaments awarding four places, the loser in the final first-place match shall automatically take second place. The winner in the final consolation match shall be awarded third place and the loser fourth place. In tournaments where six places are scored, the defeated wrestlers in the consolation semifinals shall wrestle for fifth and sixth place.

**Drawings**

SECTION 13. Immediately after the verification of entries, drawings shall be made. Drawings will be made in accordance with the graphic illustrations as provided in Secs. 14, 15 and 16 of this rule.

**Seeding**

SECTION 14. Whenever there are two outstanding contestants in any class, the name of one of these contestants shall be placed in the upper half of the drawing bracket and the name of the other in the lower half. In case several seeded men are of equal ability, their seeded positions shall be determined by drawing.

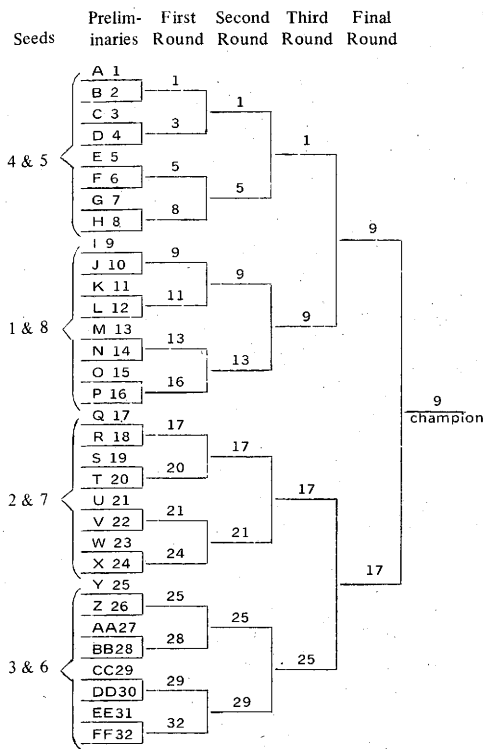
If there is one outstanding wrestler in any class and also two others who are distinctly superior to the remainder in that class, those wrestlers should be seeded in different quarter brackets of the opposite half bracket from the outstanding wrestler. A seeded contestant shall have the same opportunity to draw for the byes as other contestants in his bracket.

Usually, consideration for determining seeded wrestlers is given to: (1) a returning champion or runnerup, (2) a contestant with an undefeated season record, and (3) a contestant with an exceptional record against acknowledged strong opposition.

**Byes**

SECTION 15. When the number of competitors is not a power of two (that is, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) there shall be "byes" in the first round. The number of byes will be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next higher power of two. The number of pairs which meet in the first round shall be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next lower power of two. There will be no byes after the first round and no further drawing is necessary for the first place or consolation rounds. The byes, if even in number, shall be equally divided between top and bottom. If the number of byes be uneven, there shall be one more bye at the bottom than at the top, as shown in Sec. 16 of this rule.

**SECTION 16. Graphic Illustration of Drawings and Seeding**



When using a 32-man bracket, if byes are drawn, they will take their places as shown in the first round column as follows:

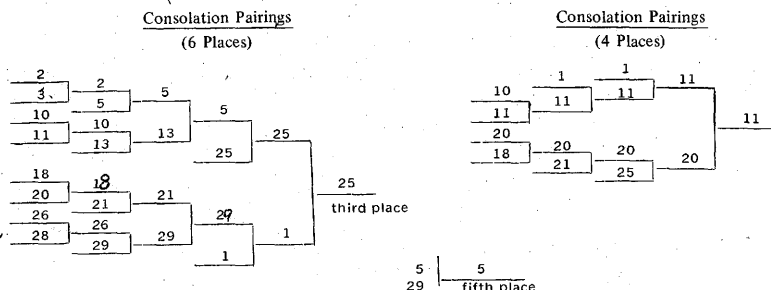
First bye - Line 32  
 Second bye - Line 1  
 Others, in order - Lines 17, 16, 24, 5, 21, 12, 29, 3, 25, 8, 24, 9, 20, 13.

When using a 16-man bracket, byes will take their places in the same order as shown in the second round column.

- No. 1 seeded man draws for possible positions 9 through 16 in 2nd quarter.
- No. 2 seeded man draws for possible positions 17 through 24 in 3rd quarter.
- No. 3 seeded man draws for possible positions 25 through 32 in 4th quarter.
- No. 4 seeded man draws for possible positions 1 through 8 in 1st quarter.
- No. 5 seeded man draws for position in opposite half of 1st quarter.
- No. 6 seeded man draws for position in opposite half of 4th quarter.
- No. 7 seeded man draws for position in opposite half of 3rd quarter.
- No. 8 seeded man draws for position in opposite half of 2nd quarter.

If seedings hold true, quarterfinals should pit No. 4 against No. 5, No. 1 against No. 8, No. 2 against No. 7, and No. 3 against No. 6.

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2 represents first man defeated by quarter-final winner 1  
 3 represents second man defeated by quarter-final winner 1  
 5 represents third man defeated by quarter-final winner 1 } first quarter

10 represents first man defeated by quarter-final winner 9  
 11 represents second man defeated by quarter-final winner 9  
 13 represents third man defeated by quarter-final winner 9 } second quarter

25 represents loser of championship semi-final in lower half of bracket.

Loser of consolation final (1) places fourth.

Loser of consolation semi-finals (5 and 29) compete for fifth place;  
 Loser of this bout places sixth.

**Contestants Eligible for Third Place Matches** SECTION 17. a. Immediately after completion of the first quarterfinal match in each weight, consolation rounds shall start among all contestants defeated by the winner of this quarterfinal match. At the conclusion of the championship semifinals, the losers of those semifinals shall be cross-bracketed into the consolation semifinals (See b. following.)

After completion of the second, third and fourth quarterfinal matches in this same weight, the same plan shall be followed as indicated in the preceding paragraph.

b. Consolation matches to determine third place and subsequent places shall be conducted in accordance with the original first round drawings. Therefore, those eligible for the third place consolations should be matched in the order in which they were defeated by the semifinalists in this quarter-bracket.

The winner of the consolation matches involving eligible wrestlers from the first quarter-bracket should be matched with the winner of the consolation matches involving eligible wrestlers from the second quarter-bracket. The winner of this bout should be matched with the loser of the championship semifinal bout in the *lower half* of the bracket (cross-bracketing) in the consolation semifinals. The same procedure should be followed with the consolation winners from the third and fourth quarters, the winner being matched against the semifinal loser from the *upper half*.

The eligible contestants are designated in a. of this section.

- c. In the event two wrestlers who have competed against each other previously in the tournament are paired again for either third place or for fifth place, the bouts shall be wrestled and scored as if they had not met previously.

**Example**

SECTION 18. Referring to the Graphic Illustration under Sec. 16, those eligible for the third-place rounds are B, C and E from the first quarter; J, K and M from the second quarter and Y as the loser of the championship semifinal in the lower half; plus R, T and U from the third quarter; Z, BB and CC from the fourth quarter and A as the loser of the championship semifinal in the upper half. Only the semifinal losers are cross-bracketed.

We will assume that B wins from C and E wins from B; that J wins from K and M wins from J; that R wins from T and U wins from R; that Z wins from BB and CC wins from Z.

E then wins from M and is matched in the consolation semifinals against Y. CC wins from U and is matched in the consolation semifinals against A. The winners of the consolation semifinals compete for third and fourth places and the losers compete for fifth and sixth places.

All third-place and fifth-place matches shall be run off prior to the first-place championship matches.

## National Collegiate Championships

### Eligibility

SECTION 19. Each participant in the National Collegiate or National College Division wrestling competition must be eligible under the rules of (1) his own institution; (2) the intercollegiate athletic conference of which his institution is a member, if such affiliation is held, and (3) the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The eligibility rules of the Association are set forth in NCAA Bylaw 4.

### University and College Division

SECTION 20. Only active member institutions, paid up and in good standing, may enter student-athletes in the National Collegiate or National College Division Wrestling Championships. Institutions which have declared University Division under the provisions of Art. 4, Sec. 6a of the NCAA Bylaws may not enter athletes in National College Division competition. Institutions which have declared College Division under Bylaw 4-6a, may not enter athletes in the National Collegiate Championships unless they first qualify by finishing in the first four in any weight division in the National College Division Championships. Any institution which has not signified in writing to the NCAA executive director its compliance with Art. 4, Sec. 6b of the NCAA Bylaws (the 1.600 rule), may not enter its student-athletes in any NCAA post-season event.

### Qualifying Procedures For 1972 follows:

SECTION 21. In 1972, the total number of qualifiers for the National Collegiate Championships will be 36 per weight classification as follows:

Big Eight Conference .....	4	Western Athletic Conference .....	2
Big Ten Conference .....	4	West Regional Championships .....	2
Eastern Intercollegiate WA .....	4	Atlantic Coast Conference .....	1
Pacific-8 Conference .....	4	Big Sky Conference .....	1
College Division Championships .....	3	Middle Atlantic Conference .....	1
East Regional Championships .....	3	Pacific Coast Athletic Assn. ....	1
Mid-American Conference .....	2	Southeastern Conference .....	1
Midwestern Conference .....	2	Southern Conference .....	1

*(This plan is subject to review and change each year.)*

All NCAA University Division schools that are not members of the conferences listed above will qualify through either the East (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4) or West (Districts 5, 6, 7, 8) Regional Championships. College Division schools qualify through the NCAA College Division Championships as listed above.

The 36-man bracket provides for one extra match in each quarter bracket. The seeded wrestler will draw position only in the round of 32.

A wrestler may compete in the National Championship finals only in the weight classification in which he qualified.

**Entries** SECTION 22. All entries will be submitted to the National Collegiate Championships Tournament Director immediately following the determination of the qualified contestants.

**Entry Fee** SECTION 23. The entry fee for the National Collegiate Championships will be four dollars (\$4.00) per contestant.

**Verification Of Entries** SECTION 24. Verification of entries shall be completed by 2:00 p.m. on the day prior to initial weigh-in and participation by the designated institutional representative. Verification of entries will be accepted starting on the Tuesday before the championships begin.

**Eligibility Certificates** SECTION 25. Eligibility certificates shall be required for the Regional Championships and the National Collegiate Championships. The certificates for the Regionals will be valid for the National Collegiate Championships.

**Alternates**

SECTION 26. In case of injury or other extenuating circumstances, it is the responsibility of the coach of the contestant unable to compete to notify the National Collegiate Championships Tournament Director and the coach of the first alternate eligible. This alternate will be the next highest place winner at that weight from the conference or regional championships. Alternates are encouraged to stay in condition and be ready to compete.

**Seeding**

SECTION 27. Qualifiers to the National Collegiate Championships will be seeded and drawn in each bracket. (See Rule 4, Sec. 17.)

In order to be considered for seeding, a complete record of each individual qualified for the National Collegiate Championships must be submitted by his coach to the Tournament Director. This data should include results in all matches and championships during the season.

**Regional  
Qualifying**

SECTION 28. The sites of the two regional championships will be selected by the district representatives on the Rules Committee.

It will be the responsibility of each Regional Championships Director to send all qualifying material to the National Collegiate Championships Tournament Director.

# Rule 5

## SCORING

SECTION 1. Match scoring must be kept in plain view of spectators, contestants and coaches. It is strongly recommended that a timing device be available and visible for the purpose of recording time-advantage. If a visible timing device is not available, information on time-advantage shall be made available to coaches during the progress of the match.

### Individual

SECTION 2. In all matches the contestants are awarded points by the Referee in accordance with the following system:

Takedown (by each wrestler) (Rule 2, Sec. 15)	.....2 points
Escape (Rule 2, Sec. 4)	.....1 point
Reversal (Rule 2, Sec. 12)	.....2 points
Near-Fall (Rule 2, Sec. 10)	.....3 points
Predicament (Rule 2, Sec. 10)	.....2 points
Time-Advantage (Rule 2, Sec. 16)	.....1 point for one full minute of net accumulated time in the advantage position. One point is the maximum to be awarded for the match and this point shall be recorded on the final score.

Penalties (See Rule 7 and the Penalty Chart).

NOTE—Method of recording score for an overtime match.

Example: 3-3, 1-0 (OT)\*

3-3, 1-1, (UD,SD)\*\*

\* OT—Overtime

\*\*UD—Unanimous Decision

SD—Split Decision

## SCORING

## TOURNAMENT SCORING CHART

	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>	<i>Fourth</i>	<i>Fifth</i>	<i>Sixth</i>
Three Places	9	6	3			
Four Places	10	7	4	2		
Five Places	11	8	6	4	2	
Six Places	12	9	7	5	3	1

## Team

**Dual Meets** SECTION 3. a. *Fall*. Six points shall be scored toward the team total for each contestant who wins by a fall, default, forfeit or disqualification.

NOTE—A team forfeit shall be scored six points for each weight class.

- b. *Decision*. A decision by a margin of less than 10 points shall score three team points. When the margin is 10 or more, four team points will be scored.
- c. *Draw*. In case of a tie, two points shall be scored for each team.

**Tournaments** SECTION 4. a. *Places*. In tournaments, individual placement points shall be awarded as soon as earned. An additional point shall be scored for each match won by a fall, default or forfeit throughout the tournament. Placement points already earned will be deducted in case of forfeit or disqualification.

In tournaments scoring six places, the winner of each championship quarterfinal shall be awarded one (1) place point, the winner of each championship semifinal shall be awarded eight (8) additional place points and the winner of each championship final shall be awarded three (3) additional place points. The winner of the quarterfinal consolation match shall receive one (1) place point. The winner of the consolation semifinals shall receive four (4) additional place points.

The winner of third place and the winner of fifth place shall receive two (2) additional place points.

- b. *Advancement Points.* One point shall be scored for each match won in both the championship and consolation eliminations except for the final first, third and fifth place matches. No points are awarded for a bye in any round.

## SUMMARY OF SCORING

<i>Individual Match</i>		<i>Tournament</i>	
Takedown .....	2 pts.	Fall .....	1 pt.
Escape .....	1 pt.	Default .....	1 pt.
Reversal .....	2 pts.	Forfeit .....	1 pt.
Predicament .....	2 pts.	Disqualification .....	1 pt.
Near Fall .....	3 pts.	Advancement .....	1 pt.
Time-Advantage .....	1 pt.	Decision .....	½ pt.
(Maximum for 1 full minute)		(by 10 or more pts.)	
<i>Dual Meet</i>			
Fall .....	6 pts.	Decision .....	4 pts.
Forfeit .....	6 pts.	(by 10 or more pts.)	
Default .....	6 pts.	Decision .....	3 pts.
Disqualification .....	6 pts.	Draw .....	2 pts.

# Rule 6

## INFRACTIONS

**Abusive or Unsportsmanlike Conduct** SECTION 1. Conduct of coaches, contestants or team personnel (manager, trainer, physician, etc.) which becomes abusive, unsportsmanlike or interferes with the orderly progress of the match is subject to penalty without warning. The home management shall be responsible for the removal of violators at the request of the Referee. (See Penalty Chart).

### NOTES

1. This includes abusive language used during and following a match.
2. Spectators may be removed from premises without penalty.

**Flagrant Misconduct** SECTION 2. If in the opinion of the Referee the unnecessary roughness or abusive conduct is of a flagrant nature before, during or after the match, the contestant is disqualified on first offense. Disqualification point or points are awarded, and one team point is deducted from the offending wrestler's team score. The penalty for flagrant misconduct by coaches or contestants is removal from the premises and one team point deducted. A contestant so disqualified in tournament competition is not entitled to placement points but will be credited with advancement and fall points earned prior to the incident with other contestants remaining in their respective positions.

**Foreign Substance On Skin** SECTION 3. The use of oil or greasy substances which cannot be completely removed shall be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the Referee. Time out for the removal of such foreign substances shall be cumulative with the time out for injuries

throughout the match. The total time out shall not exceed three minutes. (See Rule 7, Sec. 4.)

NOTE—This provision is applicable when contact lens are dislodged or lost during a match.

### **Unnecessary Roughness**

SECTION 4. Either before, during or following a match, intentional striking, gouging, kicking, hair pulling, butting, elbowing or an intentional act which endangers life or limb shall be penalized. (See Penalty Chart, Note 2.)

## **Holds**

### **Illegal**

SECTION 5. Any hold shall be allowed except the hammerlock above the right angle; the twisting hammerlock; front headlock; headlock without the arm; the straight head scissors (even though the arm is included); over-scissors; full (double) nelson; strangle holds; all body slams; toe holds; twisting knee lock; key lock; overhead double arm bar; the bending, twisting or forcing of the head or any limb beyond its normal limits of movement; locking the hands behind the back in a double arm bar from the neutral position; full back suplay from a rear standing position and any hold used for punishment alone. (See Illustrations Nos. 8 through 35.)

### **NOTES**

1. Contestants may grasp all four fingers in an effort to break a hold, but pulling back the thumb, or one, two or three fingers is illegal.
2. The term "slam" is interpreted as lifting and bringing an opponent to the mat with unnecessary roughness. This infraction may be committed by a contestant in either the top or bottom position on the mat as well as during a takedown. When a contestant lifts his opponent off the mat and brings him forcibly to the mat with the upper half of the body coming in contact with the mat first, a slam will be called. A forceful trip may be considered as unnecessary roughness. Slams shall be called without hesitation following situation occurring.
3. An intentional drill or forceful fall-back is illegal when the defensive wrestler is in a standing position and the offensive wrestler has a scissor hold or a cross body ride.

4. A leg hooked over the top toe of an opponent's straight body scissors is interpreted as an over-scissor and therefore illegal.
5. A wrestler applying a legal hold should not be penalized when his opponent turns the legal hold into an illegal hold. The Referee shall cause the hold to be released if there is a danger of injury. However, the match need not be stopped unless the Referee finds it necessary to do so in order to correct the situation.
6. Whenever possible an illegal hold should be prevented rather than called.
7. The three-quarter nelson is not to be interpreted as a headlock.
8. Pulling the head over the shoulder with hands locked or overlapped is not to be interpreted as a headlock.
9. The double arm bar is legal while in a neutral position if hands are locked at the side. (See Illustration 19.)

**Potentially  
Dangerous**

SECTION 6. The double wristlock, chicken wing, split scissor, guillotine when being applied with arm forced beyond normal range of movement and other holds which may cause injury when used legally are considered potentially dangerous holds. (See Illustrations Nos. 9, 10, 28, 29 and 30.)

Contestants should know the dangers of these holds and the blocks for them. The Referee should anticipate danger of injury from these holds and be in position to block them before they reach the danger point. Furthermore, all Referees, coaches and contestants should understand that any and all holds used in such a way as to endanger life or limb are illegal and all Referees should verbally caution contestants against forcing a potentially dangerous hold into an illegal position. The double wristlock and chicken wing become illegal when forced into a twisting hammerlock position as in the case of applying the force parallel instead of perpendicular to the long axis of the body.

No contestant should ever be put in a position where he must forfeit a neutral position, a position of advantage or a fall because of an injury or danger to life or limb. And the Referee should promptly stop any and all holds which in his opinion may so result. If a legitimate hold is forced to such an extent as to endanger a contestant, or if it becomes a punishing hold, the Referee shall stop the match and require the hold to be broken. No penalty points should be awarded. The match shall be re-

sumed in the neutral or starting position on the mat as determined by the position held at the time the match was stopped.

NOTE—The chicken wing is a legal but potentially dangerous hold. When the hand of the defensive wrestler goes behind the back with parallel pressure to the long axis of the body, it becomes a twisting hammerlock and is illegal. (See Illustrations Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31.)

Any holds over the mouth, nose, eyes or front of the throat shall not be permitted. Pressure from the side of the hand, forearm or wrist is considered a hold and therefore barred when used on the mouth, nose, eyes or front of the throat. Forcing such a hold may be considered unnecessary roughness depending on the intent of the act as determined by the Referee and shall be penalized accordingly. (See Illustrations Nos. 32 through 35.)

## Technical Violations

### Stalling

SECTION 7. It is the responsibility of contestants, officials and coaches to avoid the use of stalling tactics or allowing the use thereof and action is to be maintained throughout the match by the contestants making an honest attempt to stay in the circle and to wrestle aggressively whether on the top, bottom or neutral positions. This concept shall be demonstrated by those responsible with strict enforcement by officials. A stalling penalty is preceded by a warning and there shall be only one warning per match, including overtime, per contestant.

When an official recognizes stalling occurring at any time and in any position, he will warn the offender and thereafter violations will be penalized when stalling recurs. These provisions require the Referee to penalize stalling without hesitation.

### Neutral Position

SECTION 8. Each wrestler must make an honest attempt to stay within the 10-foot circle and maintain an attack to secure a takedown regardless of the time or score of the match. A contestant who continually avoids contact with his opponent is stalling. A contestant may leave the circle to maneuver for position provided

he continues his attempt to gain an advantage and make an effort to work back into the circle. Taking a position near the edge or allowing his opponent to push him off the mat when the opponent makes an effort to go behind, is stalling.

**Advantage  
Position**

SECTION 9. The contestant in the advantage position on the mat shall make an honest attempt to wrestle aggressively and attempt to secure a fall. Intentionally releasing an opponent is not considered stalling unless the contestant in position of advantage is not wrestling aggressively. The released wrestler is to be allowed reaction time before a takedown can be attempted.

**Holding  
Legs**

SECTION 10. It is stalling when the wrestler in the advantage position on the mat grasps the defensive wrestler's leg or legs with both hands or arms unless such action is designed to break his adversary down for the purpose of securing a fall or to prevent an escape or reversal. Repeatedly grasping and holding the leg or legs with both hands or arms merely to break the defensive wrestler down or to keep him under control is a violation under this rule. When the defensive wrestler has gained his feet, the wrestler in the advantage position is allowed reaction time to begin his breakdown when he is holding a leg or legs with both hands or arms. Continually grasping or interlocking hands around a leg resulting in a stalemate situation is to be considered stalling.

**Defensive  
Position**

SECTION 11. Refusing to wrestle aggressively in the defensive position is stalling and shall be penalized as a technical violation. Referee will give both visual and verbal warning without stopping the match. (See Penalty Chart.)

NOTE—When there is no action in the mat position, the responsibility for initiating action rests with both wrestlers.

**Interlocking  
Hands**

SECTION 12. The wrestler in the position of advantage may not interlock or overlap his hands, fingers or arms around his opponent's body or both legs unless his opponent has all of his weight sup-

ported entirely on his feet or he has him in a pinning situation. The mere touching of the defensive wrestler's hands to the mat is not considered a change in this position unless the hands are used as support parts, in which case, the offensive wrestler is allowed reaction time to release the lock. It is unsportsmanlike for the defensive wrestler to touch his hands to the mat in order to release the offensive wrestler's lock and the Referee shall not call a violation if the lock is held in such cases. (See Illustrations Nos. 36 through 39 and Fig. 13.)

NOTE—The Referee shall not stop action when signaling the violation when the defensive man is in the process of a reversal or escape. The defensive man is allowed to complete the reversal or escape provided he does so in a continuous maneuver. If the defensive man fails to complete the reversal or escape after an opportunity to do so, the Referee shall stop the match and award the penalty. (See Penalty Chart and Fig. 13.)

**Leaving Mat Without Permission** SECTION 13. It is a technical violation to leave the mat without first receiving permission to do so from the Referee.

**Delaying Match** SECTION 14. Delaying the match such as straggling back from out-of-bounds, unnecessary changing and adjusting equipment, repeatedly assuming incorrect starting position and repeatedly making false starts from the starting position are technical violations.

**Going Off The Mat** SECTION 15. Going off the mat or forcing his opponent off the mat any time by either wrestler as a means of avoiding wrestling is a technical violation. Penalty points will not be awarded in situations where predicaments or near-fall points are earned.

**Grasping Clothing** SECTION 16. Grasping of clothing, mat or mat cover or headgear by a contestant is prohibited, and any advantage gained thereby shall be nullified. Grasping clothing to prevent or gain an escape, reversal, takedown or fall is a technical violation.

NOTE—(Treat same as Note under Sec. 12.)

# Rule 7

## PENALTIES AND WARNINGS INJURIES AND DEFAULTS

### Penalties and Warnings

#### Penalty Chart

SECTION 1. The infractions of the rules are penalized in accordance with the penalties as listed on the Penalty Chart.

#### Calling Infractions

SECTION 2. In calling each infraction, the Referee shall stop the match, except when warning and penalizing the defensive wrestler for stalling, give the hand signal for the points or warnings (Figs. 9 and 10) and announce the penalty so the contestants, scorers, coaches and spectators are aware of the infraction.

#### Warnings and Sequence of Penalties overtime.

SECTION 3. The Penalty Chart indicates the sequence of warnings and penalties and they are accumulative throughout the match including

### Injuries and Defaults

#### Time Out

SECTION 4. An injured contestant has a maximum time-out of three minutes which is cumulative throughout the match including the overtime. There shall be no limit to the number of time-out periods which may be taken in any match, but the total time-out shall not exceed three minutes. If, at the expiration of the time-out, he is able to continue

wrestling, the match shall be resumed as if the contestants had gone out-of-bounds. Nose bleed or any other excessive bleeding shall not be interpreted as an injury and the number and length of time-out periods for such bleeding is left to the discretion of the Referee.

**Unconscious** SECTION 5. If a contestant is rendered unconscious, he shall not be permitted to continue the match without the approval of a physician. If the injured contestant is unable to continue wrestling, the match shall be awarded in accordance with Secs. 2 and 3 of this rule.

**Accidental Injury** SECTION 6. If a contestant is accidentally injured and is unable to continue the match, his opponent shall be awarded the match by default due to injury.

**Injury from Illegal Action** SECTION 7. If a contestant is so injured by any illegal action that he is unable to continue following a maximum of three minutes rest, the match shall be defaulted to the injured contestant. In case of an intentional attempt to injure an opponent, the offender shall be disqualified. (See Rule 6, Sec. 4, and Penalty Chart for Flagrant Misconduct.)

**Attendants During Time-Out** SECTION 8. No more than two attendants and a physician shall be permitted on the mat with the wrestler during time-out.

# Rule 8

## OFFICIALS

### Referee

**Attire** SECTION 1. Referee's attire for all dual meets and tournaments:

- a. Black and white Referee's short sleeve knit shirt.
- b. Black full length trousers.
- c. White socks and black gym shoes.
- d. Black belt.
- e. Referee shall be neatly attired.  
Other accessories—silver coin or colored disc and whistle.

**Responsibility** SECTION 2. On matters of judgment, the Referee shall have full control of the meet and his decisions shall be final. On matters of a technical nature, the current NCAA Rules shall be the final authority.

**Duties** SECTION 3. a. Before the contestants come to the mat, the Referee shall:

- (1) Inspect contestants for presence of oils or greasy substances, rosin, objectionable pads, improper clothing, finger rings, long fingernails, and advise against the chewing of gum during the match as a health hazard.
- (2) Inspect mat for official markings. (See Rule 1).

- (3) Clarify the rules with coaches and contestants.
  - (4) Advise contestants to report to their designated areas (red and green) on the circle at the center of the mat opposite each other ready to wrestle.
- b. Before the dual meet starts, the Referee will call the team captains to the center of the mat for the toss of the coin to determine the choice of position at the start of the second period. (Rule 4, Sec. 5a).
  - c. The Referee will use the Wrestling Officials' Signals.
  - d. The Referee shall notify the timekeepers as follows:
    - (1) When the match is started or stopped for any reason.
    - (2) When time-advantage begins or ends for a contestant.
    - (3) Whenever time is involved in any situation occurring in the match.
  - e. The Referee will signal and verbally notify the scorer and contestants when warnings or points are awarded to either contestant. (See Signals for Referees, page 59.)
  - f. The Referee shall be firm in enforcing the letter and spirit of the rules and penalize consistently any repeated infractions. He must enforce vigorously and promptly the penalties for the infractions as provided in Rules 6 and 7. On each warning and penalty, except the warning and penalty for defensive stalling, the Referee shall stop the match and announce the penalty in the prescribed manner so that the contestants, scorers, coaches and spectators are aware of it. (See Signals for Referees.)
  - g. The Referee shall caution the user of a potentially dangerous or illegal hold in order to prevent possible injury. Such holds should be stopped by the Referee, if possible, before reaching the dangerous stage.

- h. The Referee should not place his hands under the shoulders of a contestant unless absolutely necessary to determine a fall.
- i. The Referee should meet promptly, in a spirit of good sportsmanship, any situation developing unexpectedly.
- j. If at the end of a match, there is a doubt as to the winner, the Referee shall order the contestants to stay at their designated areas on the 10-foot circle while he checks the time-advantage and the scorer's records to decide the winner. The time-advantage, if any, shall be recorded on the scoreboard and the Referee shall declare the winner. In dual meets, if the match is a draw, the Referee will raise the hands of both wrestlers. (See Rule 4, Sec. 4). (See Referees' Signals).

NOTE—In overtime periods if the points are even, the Referee and two judges shall determine the winner by ballot. (See Rule 4, Sec. 6.)

- k. The Referee is responsible for the seating arrangements at the officials table in accordance with one of the diagrams below:

**WHEN INDIVIDUAL CLOCKS OR STOP WATCHES ARE USED**

Home Team Assistant Timekeeper	Visiting Team Assistant Timekeeper	Match Timekeeper	Visiting Team Scorer	Home Team Scorer
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**WHEN MULTIPLE TIMER IS USED**

Timekeeper	Visiting Scorer	Announcer or Home Scorer
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**Other Officials**

**Match  
Timekeeper**

SECTION 4. The Match Timekeeper is responsible for:

- a. Assistant timekeepers and scorers, and should be constantly checking their activities at all times.

- b. Keeping the overall time of the match.
- c. Keeping and recording accumulated time-outs for injury.
- d. Notifying the Referee after a significant situation has passed or the match is stopped or a disagreement by the official scorers or timekeepers or when requested by the coach to discuss a possible error.
- e. Assisting the Referee in determining whether a situation occurred before or after the termination of a period.
- f. Calling the minutes to the Referee, contestants and spectators in each match. The last minute of each period shall be reported at 15-second intervals. (45, 30, 15 seconds.)

NOTE—The home institution shall provide each timekeeper with an accumulative time clock for recording the time during the match. The match timekeeper shall be provided with two extra accumulative time clocks for recording time out in case of injury to the contestants. The match timekeeper shall also be provided with a gong, horn or bell.

A multiple timer may be used in place of time clocks.

**Assistant Timekeepers** SECTION 5. The Assistant Timekeepers are responsible for:

- a. Recording the accumulative time-advantage of the contestants to whom they have been assigned when indicated by the Referee.
- b. Constantly checking each other's time-advantage recording.
- c. Constantly checking the match timekeeper's time recording.
- d. Showing the Referee the actual recording of the time-advantage each contestant has accumulated at the end of the match.
- e. Stopping time-advantage when the Referee signals illegal interlocking of hands.

**Scorers**

SECTION 6. The Scorers are responsible for:

- a. Recording which contestant has the down position at the start of the second and third periods.
- b. Recording points scored by both contestants when signaled by the Referee.
- c. Constantly checking each other's score reading.
- d. Immediately advising the match timekeeper when they are in disagreement regarding the score.
- e. Keeping the scoreboard operator continually advised of the official score during each match.
- f. Showing the Referee the scorecard at the end of each match.
- g. Recording time-advantage points in the final match score.

## Penalty Chart

Infractions	Warning	First Penalty	Second Penalty	Third Penalty	Fourth Penalty	Rule 6 Sections
*Illegal Holds	No	1 Pt.	1 Pt.	2 Pts.	Disqualify	5
*Technical Violations	No	1 Pt.	1 Pt.	2 Pts.	Disqualify	7-16
Stalling	Yes	1 Pt.	1 Pt.	2 Pts.	Disqualify	7
**Unnecessary Roughness	No	1 Pt.	1 Pt.	2 Pts.	Disqualify	4
Abusive and/or Unsportsmanlike Conduct	No	Deduct 1 Team Point	Remove From Premises	(Removal is for duration of dual meet or tournament session only)		1
Flagrant Misconduct	No	Disqualify on first offense and deduct 1 team point				2
Greasy Substance on Skin, Objectionable Pads and Braces, Illegal Equipment or Illegal Costume	Disqualify if not removed or corrected in allotted time					3 (Also, Rule 1)

### SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS (Rule 6, Sec. 7-16)

Interlocking Hands (Sec. 12)  
 Holding Legs (Sec. 10)  
 Leaving Mat Without Permission (Sec. 13)  
 Delaying Match (Sec. 14)  
 Intentional Forcing Opponent Off Mat (Sec. 15)  
 Intentional Going Off Mat (Sec. 15)  
 Stalling (Sec. 7)  
 Grasping Clothing, etc. (Sec. 16)

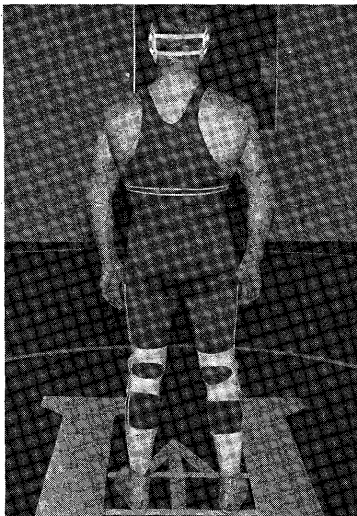
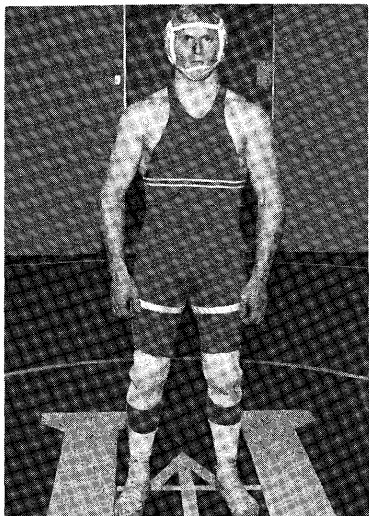
#### REMINDER:

Penalties for all infractions are accumulative throughout the match including overtime.

\*Note 1—Disqualification due to technical violation, illegal holds, or less flagrant unnecessary roughness does not eliminate a contestant from further competition in tournaments. Disqualification for any other reason eliminates a contestant from further competition in tournaments.

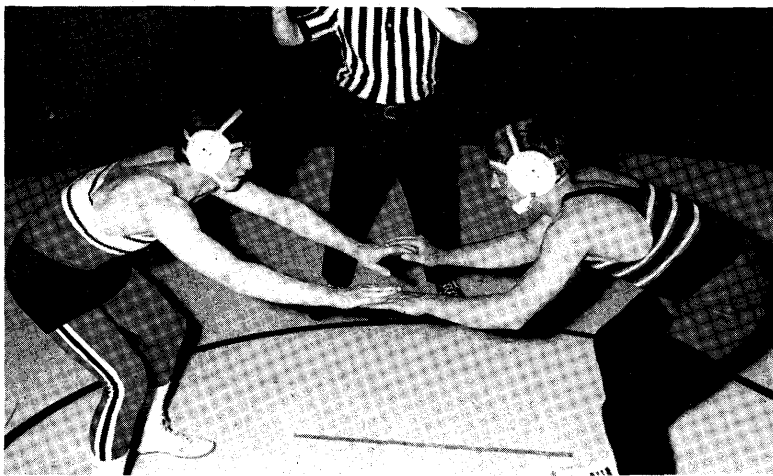
\*\*Note 2—Points for unnecessary roughness may be awarded in addition to points earned.

EXAMPLE—Wrestler "A" in first period locks hands — penalty, 1 pt. Second period, he uses illegal hold — penalty, 1 pt. Later in second period he is called for stalling — penalty, warning. In third period, he is called for stalling again — penalty, 2 pts. Later in third period he locks his hands — penalty, disqualification.



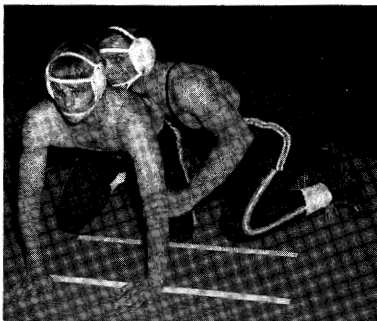
**Nos. 1 and 2—FRONT AND REAR VIEW OF SHIRT AND UNIFORM**

*This shows front and rear view of official shirt. Any shirt with more exposure is illegal.*



**No. 3—TOUCH START (Sight Handicapped)**

*Each contestant shall have fingers of one hand over and the fingers of the other hand under his opponent's fingers. Fingers shall not extend beyond the knuckles.*



Nos. 4 and 5—STARTING POSITION

As required in Rule 2, Sec. 14, a and b. (Note starting lines, Rule 1, Sec. 6.)

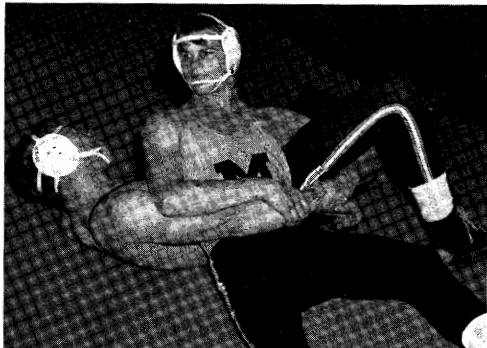


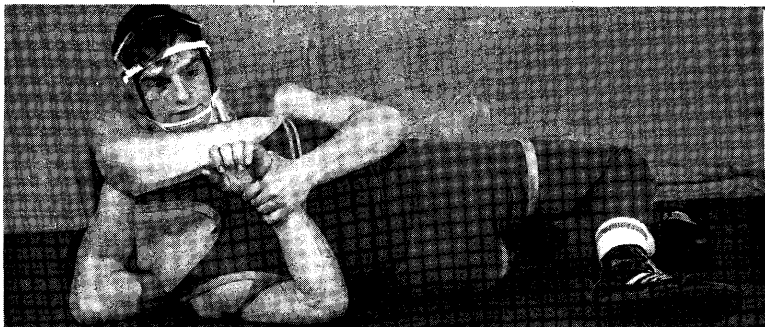
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No. 6—CONTROL

Illustration demonstrates control following allowance for reaction time.

Note—Control is gained when the hold is applied to the lower leg.

No. 7—CONTROL →  
Illustration demonstrates control following allowance for reaction time.

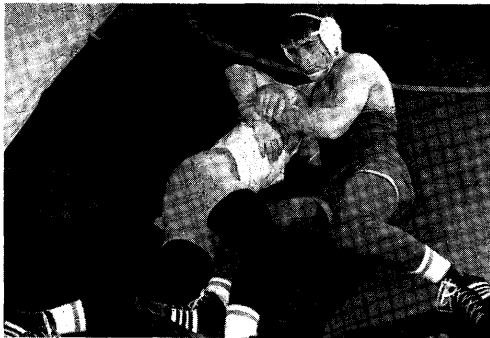
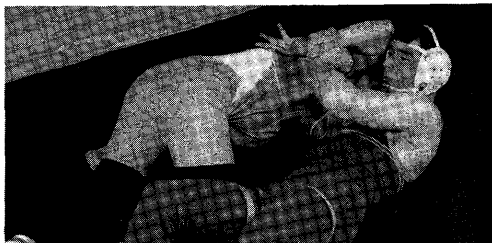




**No. 8—ILLEGAL HAMMERLOCK (ABOVE RIGHT ANGLE)**

*The hammerlock is a legal hold, provided the arm is not bent above the right angle (i.e., provided that the arm is not carried above the small of the back); and provided, further, that the hand is not forced out away from the body, making it a twisting hammerlock. In this illustration the arm is carried distinctly above the right angle and is illegal.*

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**No. 9—ILLEGAL DOUBLE WRISTLOCK ON THE MAT**  
*This cut shows double wristlock turned into a typical twisting hammerlock that will injure opponent's shoulder if the arm is forced upward, unless opponent turns with the pressure, which often he is unable to do promptly enough to prevent injury to the shoulder.*



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**No. 10—LEGAL DOUBLE WRISTLOCK ON THE MAT**  
*The double wristlock on the mat is legal if the direction of the force is perpendicular to the long axis of the body.*

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**No. 11—ILLEGAL FRONT  
 HEAD LOCK**

*Illustration shows how the front head lock is used to counter a leg pickup. This hold is dangerous and is illegal.*

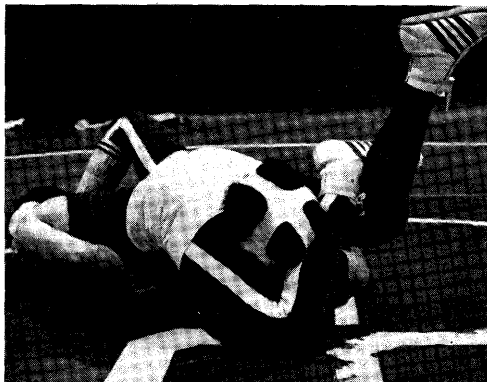


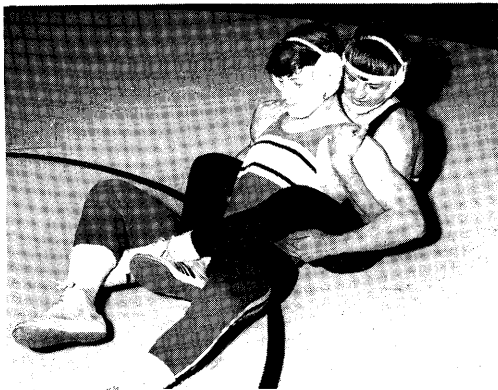
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**No. 12—ILLEGAL HEAD-  
 SCISSORS**

*This hold is illegal. All straight scissors on the head are illegal.*

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**No. 13—LEGAL HEAD-  
 SCISSORS (FIGURE 4  
 HEAD-SCISSORS)**

*The figure 4 Head-Scissor is considered legal when taken as shown, with the hold on either side of the face.*





**No. 14—OVER-SCISSORS  
(AN ILLEGAL HOLD)**

*The over-scissors is barred entirely under these rules because it is only a punishing hold and is of no value unless defensive contestant who uses it is allowed to force the hold, which thereby endangers the ankle and knee of his opponent.*

**No. 15—STRAIGHT  
BODY SCISSORS—  
LEGAL HOLD**

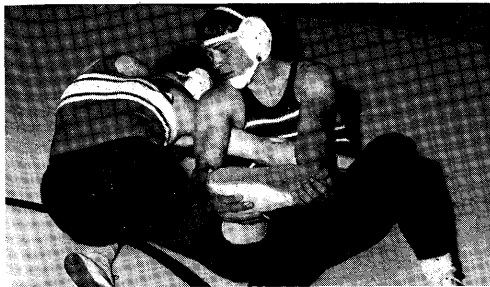
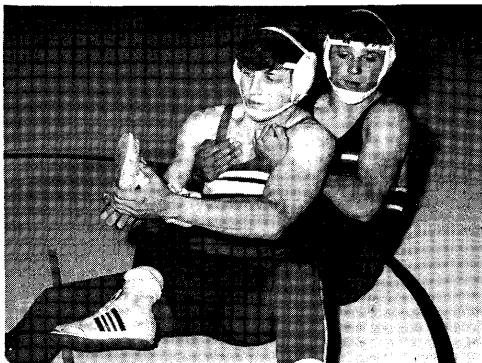


**No. 16—ILLEGAL TWISTING  
KNEE LOCK**

*This shows the start of a twisting knee lock. If the leg is forced further this will become an illegal hold (Rule 6, Section 5). The Referee should anticipate the danger of injury from this hold and be in a position to block it before it reaches the danger point. (See Rule 6, Sec. 5, Note 6.)*

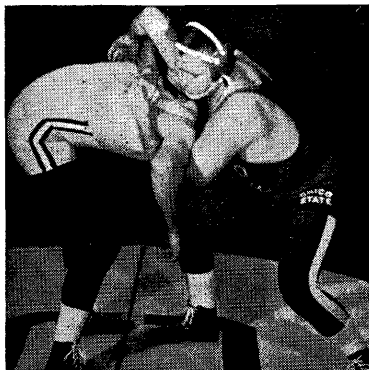
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**No. 17—LEGAL FOOT  
 (IN-STEP) HOLD**

*The defensive wrestler may grasp the instep, heel or ankle in his effort to escape, providing the pressure is not such as to endanger the ankle, knee or hip joint.*



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**No. 18—ILLEGAL TOE-  
 HOLD (ALSO TWISTING  
 KNEELOCK WHICH IS  
 MORE DANGEROUS  
 THAN TOEHOLDS)**

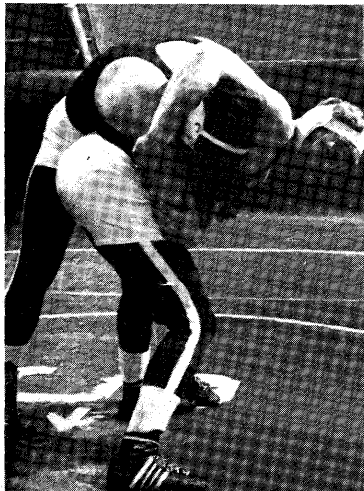
*All toeholds, regardless of the degree to which the leg is twisted are illegal under these rules. Any pressure against the knee joint as shown by the above illustration constitutes an illegal hold.*



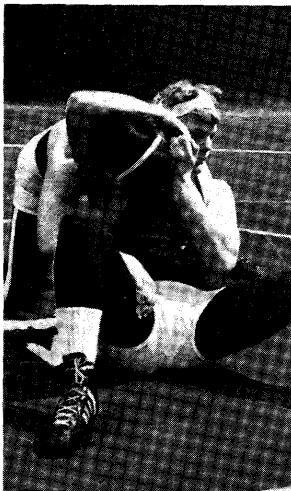
**No. 19—LEGAL (left) and ILLEGAL (right) DOUBLE ARM BAR**  
*Locking hands behind the back in a double arm bar from neutral position. Note that the double arm bar is legal when hands are locked at side (under armpit).*



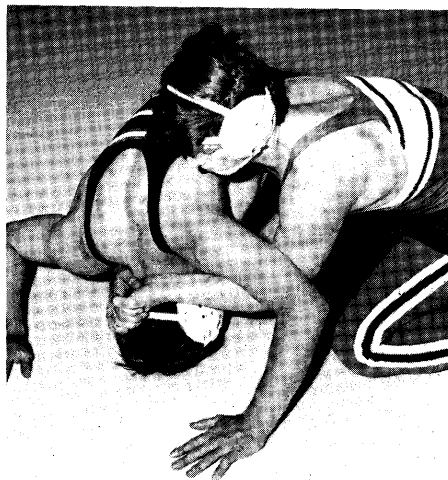
**No. 20—ILLEGAL HEAD LOCK**  
*Locking the arm around the head.*



**No. 21—LEGAL HEAD LOCK**  
*Opponent's arm is included in the lock.*

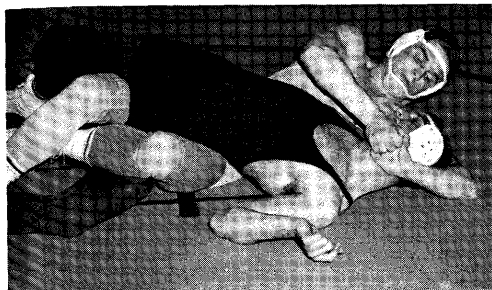
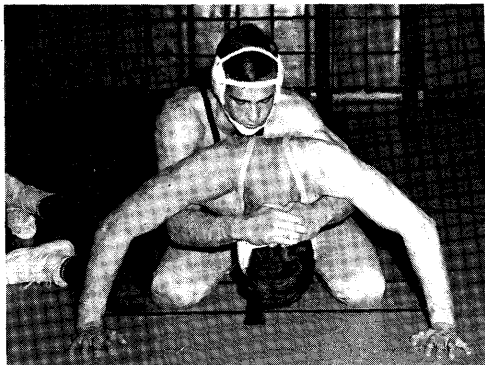


**No. 22—A LEGAL HOLD**  
*Pulling the head over the shoulder with hands locked or overlapped.*



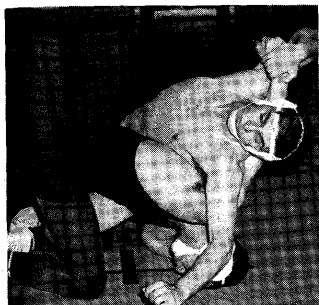
**No. 23—THREE-QUARTER NELSON,**  
**A LEGAL HOLD**

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**No. 24—FULL NELSON—  
 AN ILLEGAL HOLD**  
*The top wrestler places both  
 arms under his opponent's  
 arms and places both hands  
 behind neck and/or head.*

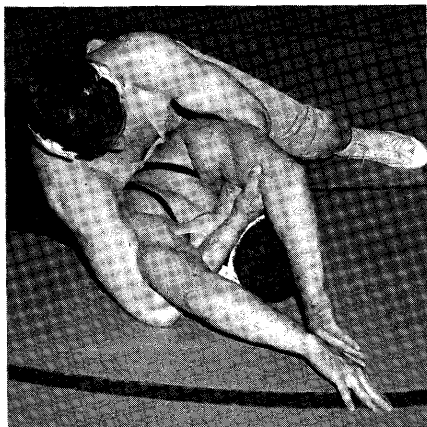


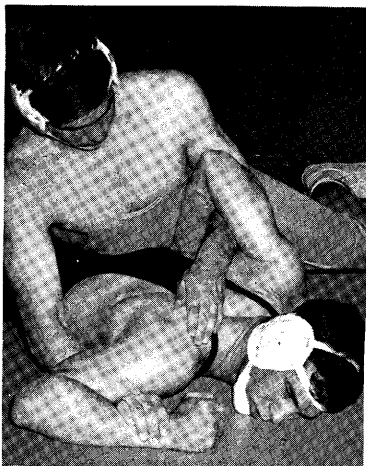
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**No. 25—LEGAL GUILLO-  
 TINE**  
*Arm is locked around oppo-  
 nent's head or neck.*

**No. 27—ILLEGAL OVER-  
 HEAD DOUBLE ARM BAR**  
*This hold is illegal when used  
 as shown above either with or  
 without the scissors and ap-  
 plied with either one or both  
 arms.*

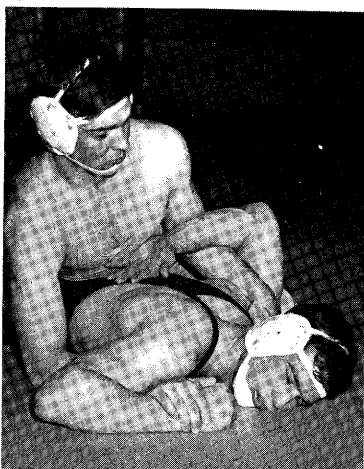


**No. 26—POTENTIALLY DAN-  
 GEROUS GUILLOTINE**  
*When applying the guillotine, forc-  
 ing the arm beyond normal range  
 of movement is to be interpreted as  
 potentially dangerous.*

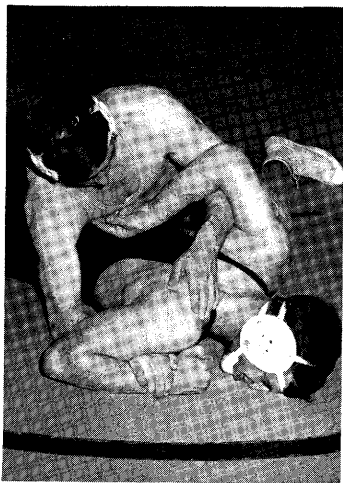




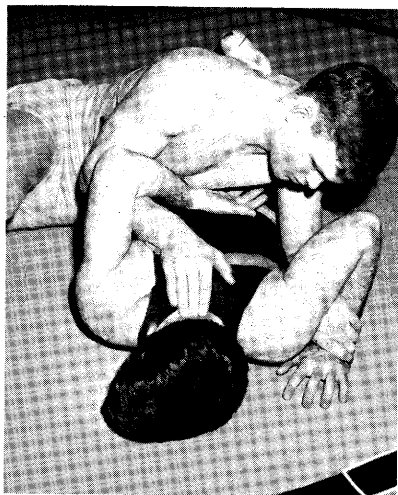
**No. 28—LEGAL CHICKEN WING**  
*No evidence of illegal pressure or twisting hammerlock.*



**No. 29—ILLEGAL CHICKEN WING**  
*Pressure (force) parallel to the long axis, regardless of whether defensive wrestler's hand is in front or back, makes this an illegal hold.*

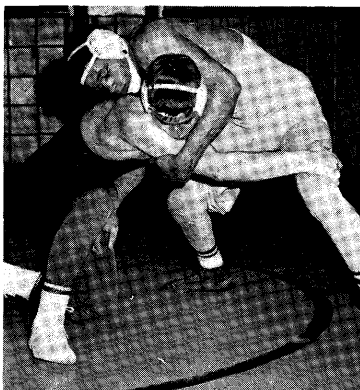
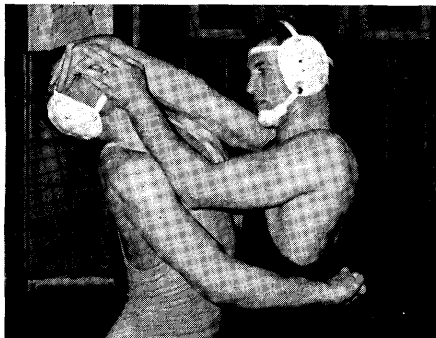
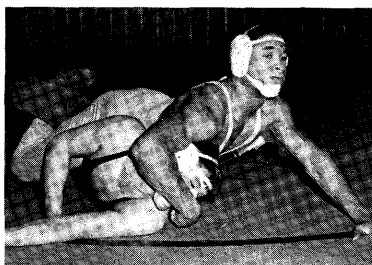


**Nos. 30 and 31—POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CHICKEN WING**  
*While pressure (force) is neither parallel nor perpendicular to defensive wrestler's long axis, possible twisting hammerlock causes hold to become potentially dangerous.*





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**No. 32—LEGAL BLOCKING ON FACE (ON CHIN)***Blocking on chin or forehead is legal.***No. 33—ILLEGAL BLOCKING ON FACE (ON FACE PROPER)***This form of blocking is illegal because it is over mouth, nose and eyes, in contrast to position in No. 32.***No. 34—A LEGAL CROSS FACE***It is an effective and legal block for the double leg pick-up.***No. 35—ILLEGAL FACE HOLD***Shows a hold commonly used but which is contrary to both the letter and spirit of amateur wrestling rules. It is frequently used momentarily in order to prevent defensive wrestler from coming out from underneath or to bring defensive wrestler back into position for a fall. Referee should see that offensive wrestler does not secure unfair advantage by means of this illegal action.*



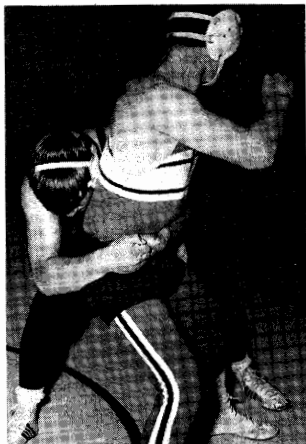
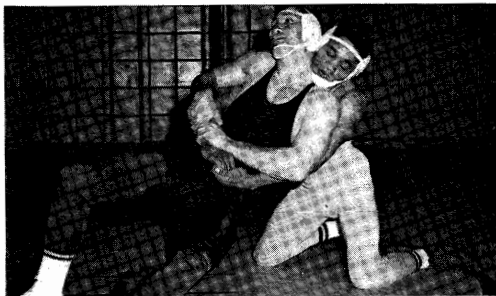
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**No. 36—INTERLOCKING OF HANDS AROUND THE BODY**

*A Technical Violation. Offensive wrestler is not allowed to lock hands, fingers, wrists or arms around body while defensive wrestler is supported by parts other than his feet.*

→ **No. 37—LEGAL USE OF THE HANDS IN WAIST-LOCK**

*This shows the legal use of the hands of the top man. The defensive contestant's supporting parts except feet are clearly off the mat.*



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**No. 38—LEGAL USE OF HANDS IN BODYLOCK**

*This complete bodylock is legal because defensive wrestler is in a standing position. This hold would be a technical violation if defensive wrestler had one or both knees on the mat.*



**No. 39—INTERLOCKING OF HANDS AROUND LEGS**

*This position is a technical violation.*

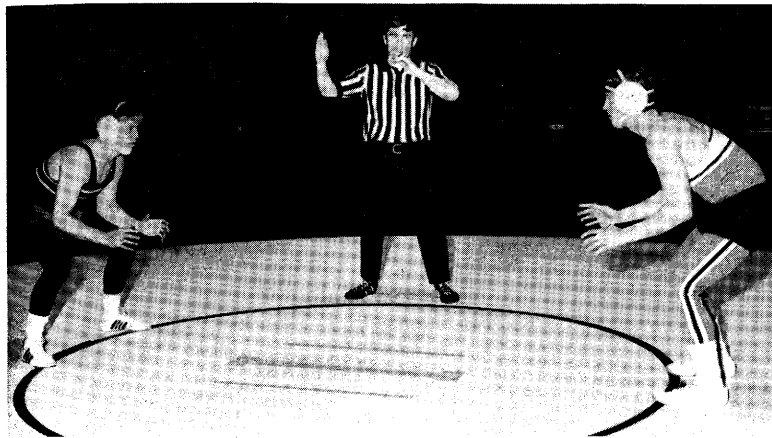
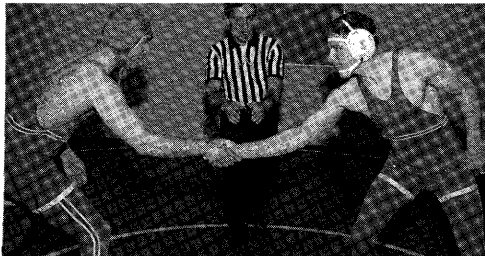
# Referees' Signals

The signals illustrated on the following pages are standard for wrestling Referees throughout the nation. It is the duty of every Referee to know these signals in order to give them instantly and clearly so that the wrestlers, timers, scorers and spectators are aware of what is taking place during the progress of the match.

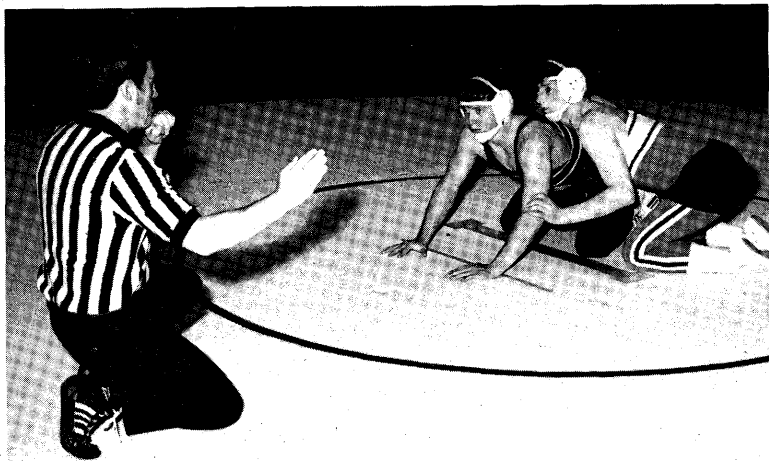
## The Use of the Whistle

SECTION I. The whistle should be held ready for immediate use at all times during the match.

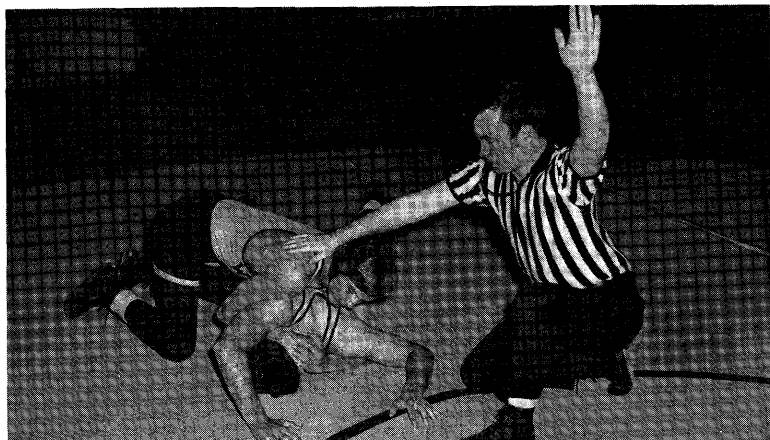
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**Fig. 1—Shaking Hands and Stepping Back.** After the officials indicate they are ready at the table, the Referee directs the wrestlers to shake hands, step back to their designated areas, and be ready to wrestle when the whistle sounds.



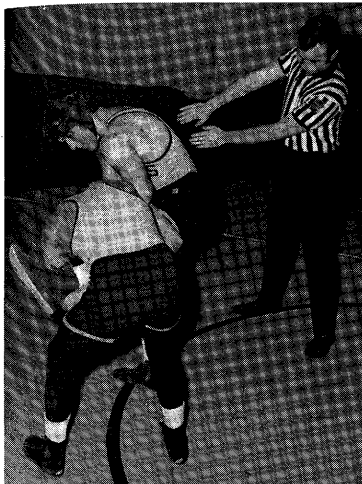
**Fig. 2—Designating The Position Of The Wrestlers Before The Start Of The Match.** As the wrestlers come onto the mat the Referee points to the areas they are to take on the circle (green for the home team, red for the visiting team). He next points one hand toward the timers and scorers to verify their readiness. Note—After an out-of-bounds, wrestlers return to designated areas. The Referee raises his hand forward between two wrestlers. After a momentary pause to make certain the wrestlers are ready, he sounds his whistle and simultaneously moves his hand as a signal for the wrestlers to go into action.



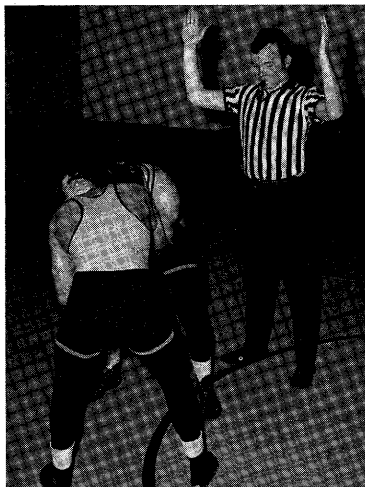
**Fig. 3—Resuming The Match in The Starting Position On The Mat.** The Referee should face the officials table and kneel on one knee or stand at a distance of 8 to 10 ft. in front of the wrestlers and a little to the side on which the top wrestler stations himself. The Referee may give a preparatory command such as "Get Set" or "ready." When the wrestlers are in proper positions (Rule 2, Sec. 14) and after a momentary pause the Referee sounds his whistle and moves his hand to start the action. Note—Some wrestlers watch the Referee's hand to get a fast start. It is usually better in such cases to blow the whistle a moment before moving the hand. The whistle starts the action. The hand signal is for the timer; in case they do not hear the whistle.



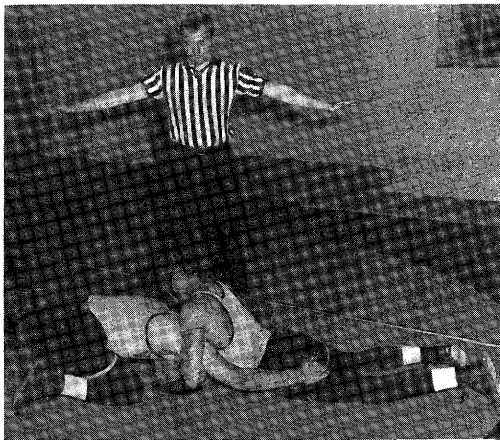
**Fig. 4—Stopping The Match.** The Referee blows his whistle and extends his hand to stop the watch.



**Fig. 5—Stopping The Match For Out-Of-Bounds.** When the contestants are out-of-bounds (Rule 2, Sec. 8) the Referee stops the match and extends both arms horizontally to the same side toward the out-of-bounds. The Referee places himself in the most advantageous position to determine the out-of-bounds and stops the match immediately when the out-of-bounds occurs.



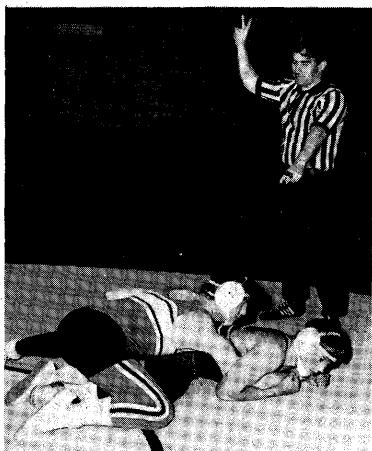
**Fig. 6—Declaring A Neutral Position Standing After Out-Of-Bounds.** When the contestants are out-of-bounds (Rule 2, Sec. 8) and neither is in an advantage position, the Referee stops the match as in Fig. 5 and signals a Neutral position. The upper arms are front horizontal, both forearms are vertical and the hands are extended upward.



**Fig. 7—Indicating A Neutral Position During A Scrimmage For A Take-Down.** Both arms are extended sideward slightly below the horizontal with the palms of the hands down. The Referee moves his hands back and forth bringing them together and moving them away while verbally announcing "no advantage."



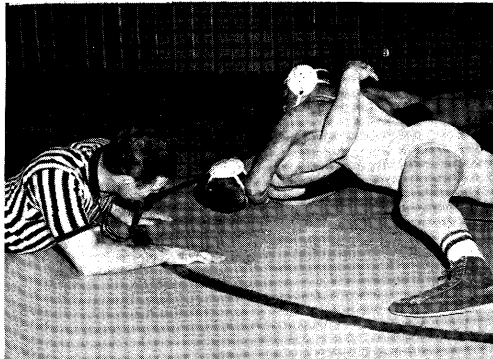
**Fig. 8—**Indicating Retention Of Advantage. Whenever there is any doubt as to the contestant in the advantage position the Referee should indicate the contestant in the advantage position by pointing to him with the index finger of one hand. The Referee will keep his other hand down and along his leg so that there will be no confusion as to whether any points are awarded.



**Fig. 9—**Awarding Points. One arm and index finger are pointed at the wrestler receiving the points. At the same time the Referee verbally announces the award and the name of the team receiving it as he raises his opposite arm to a near vertical position, indicating with extended fingers the number of points awarded.



**Fig. 10—**Warning A Contestant For A Violation. The match is stopped. The index finger of one hand is pointed to the violator. At the same time the Referee verbally announces the penalty and raises the opposite arm with his fist doubled to indicate the "warning" or penalty. Note—For "warning" and penalizing defensive stalling the match is not stopped

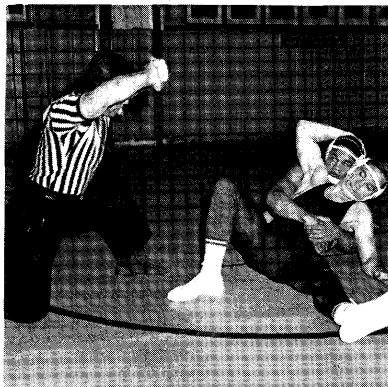


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**Fig. 11—Scoring A Pinning Situation.** The Referee gets down on the mat in a prone position in the best view of the defensive contestant's back while at the same time trying to keep out of the way of the contestants. The Referee does not signal a score for a "near-fall" or "predicament" until the pinning situation is ended. (Rule 2, Sec. 10, Note 1) After the situation is finished the Referee extends one arm upward indicating with the fingers the number of points awarded as he directs the index finger of his other hand toward the contestant receiving the points.

**Fig. 12—Calling A Fall.** When the fall (Rule 2, Sec. 5) is imminent the Referee raises one hand about 10 inches. As soon as the fall is completed he quickly strikes the mat with the palm and verbally announces "Fall." The Referee is not to put his hands under the back of the defensive wrestler unless his view of the shoulders is blocked by one or both contestants and it is absolutely necessary for him to feel the back on the mat in order to call the fall (Rule 8, Sec. 3h.)

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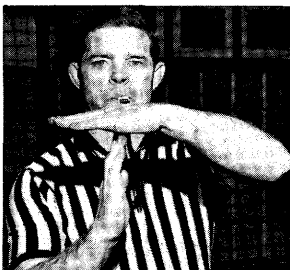
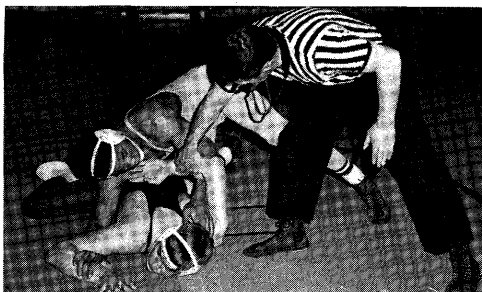


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**Fig. 13—Interlocking Hands, Or Grasping Clothing, During An Escape Maneuver** (Rule 10, Sec. 7 a. When the bottom contestant is in the process of an escape or reversal and the contestant on top locks his hands or grasps the clothing to prevent the maneuver, the Referee indicates the violation by clasping his hands over his head. This signal stops the advantage time for the top contestant, and indicates the violation has occurred but the Referee is allowing the bottom contestant an opportunity to complete the action providing he does so in one continuous maneuver. If the maneuver is successful, bottom contestant gains neutral or top position, the Referee signals the points and the match continues with no interruption. If the bottom contestant fails to complete the maneuver the Referee stops the match and awards the penalty. (See Penalty Chart.)

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**Fig. 14—Preventing An Illegal Hold.** (Rule 6, Sec. 5 & Rule 8, Sec. 3g.) The Referee anticipates a potentially dangerous hold and gets in position to block it before it becomes dangerous. He may also verbally caution the contestant against forcing a potentially dangerous hold into an illegal hold.

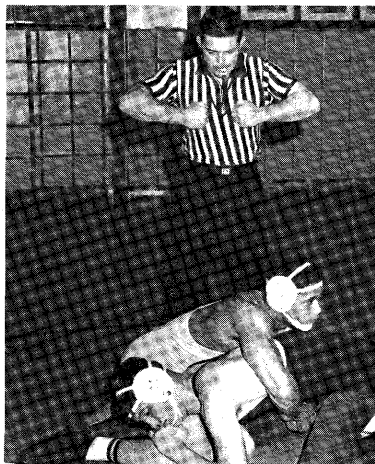


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**Fig. 15—Calling Time Out.** The match is stopped as in Fig. 4. If there is to be a delay in resuming the match, the Referee will indicate "time-out" by extending one hand in a vertical position at right angles to his chest with the ends of the fingers touching the palm of the other hand which is extended in a horizontal position in front of the chest. The Referee announces to the scorers the reason for the time out and to whom it is charged.

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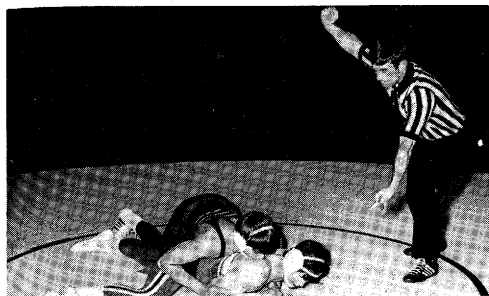
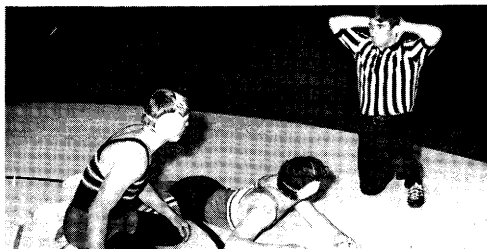
**Fig. 16—Calling A Stalemate Situation.** The match is stopped as in Fig. 4. Then the Referee indicates the reason for stopping the match as a stalemate by placing the arms on the chest in a bent position with the fists closed as indicated at the right.



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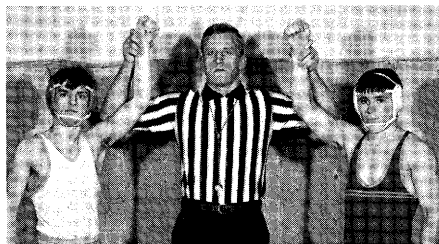
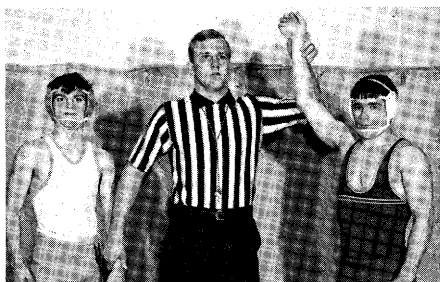
**Fig. 17—Indicating A Potentially Dangerous Hold.**

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Fig. 18—Indicating An Illegal Hold.



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Fig. 19—Indicating Stalling By Defensive Wrestler. Match continues.

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Fig. 20—Declaring The Winner. (Rule 8, Sec. 3i) At the end of the match the Referee orders the wrestlers to shake hands and raises an arm of the winning wrestler.



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Fig. 21—Declaring A Draw. In case of a tie score at the end of the match in dual meets, the contestants will shake hands and the Referee will raise a hand of each of the contestants.

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<b>FOOTBALL</b>			
CD I East	1971	Boardwalk Bowl Atlantic City, N. J.	Dec. 11
CD I Mideast	1971	Grantland Rice Bowl Baton Rouge, La.	Dec. 11
CD I Midwest	1971	Pioneer Bowl Wichita Falls, Tex.	Dec. 11
CD I West	1971	Camellia Bowl Sacramento, Cal.	Dec. 11
CD II East	1971	Knute Rockne Bowl Atlantic City, N. J.	Nov. 26
CD II West	1971	Alonzo Stagg Bowl To be determined	Nov. 25 or 27
<b>GOLF</b>	1972	Williamstown, Mass.	June 13-16
<b>GYMNASTICS</b>	1972	Wheaton, Ill.	Mar. 30-Apr. 1
<b>SWIMMING</b>	1972	To be determined	Mar. 16-18
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Outdoor	1972	To be determined	
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