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# **WRESTLING RULES**

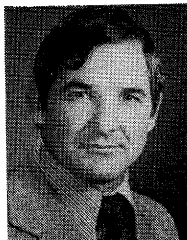
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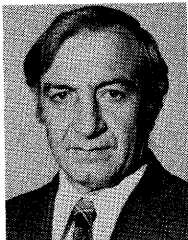
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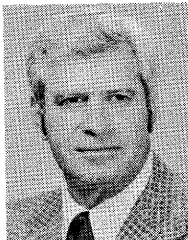
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# Major High School Differences

## High School

**UNIFORMS**—Full length tights must be worn. Specifies what a protective headwear shall provide.

**STARTING POSITION**—Knee on near side must be down on mat.

**RIDING TIME**—No riding time.

**FALL**—Two seconds.

**WEIGHT CLASSES**—98 [44.5kg], 105 [47.6 kg], 112 [50.8kg], 119 [54.0kg], 126 [57.2 kg], 132 [59.9kg], 138 [62.6kg], 145 [65.8kg], 155 [70.3kg], 167 [75.7kg], 185 [83.9kg], unl.

**LENGTH OF MATCH**—Three two-minute periods.

**CONSOLATION MATCHES**—Three periods; first, one minute, second and third, two minutes.

**JUDGMENT DECISIONS**—Judgment decisions by referee. May not be questioned. Warn coach, then penalize for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**SIGNALING FOR STALLING**—Do not stop match for warning offensive or defensive wrestler. Stop to warn in neutral. Stop to penalize in all positions.

**BLEEDING**—Injury time is not counted for nosebleed. Time required to control bleeding from a cut or other injury, however, is counted as injury time.

**NUMBER OF MATCHES**—No wrestler shall compete in more than four full-length matches in any day.

**WEIGHT ALLOWANCE**—Allowance of one pound [0.5kg] added to growth allowance be-

## College

One- or two-piece uniform is optional with at least four-inch [10.2cm] inseam. Team uniformity is required in dual meets.

One knee of offensive wrestler must be on the mat, but not necessarily the "near" knee. In a neutral position, one foot shall be on the red or green arc, the other foot must be inside the 10-foot [3.0m] circle.

One point for one minute or more accumulated time advantage more than opponent.

One second.

118 [53.5kg], 126 [57.2kg], 134 [60.8kg], 142 [64.4kg], 150 [68.0kg], 158 [71.7kg], 167 [75.8 kg], 177 [80.3kg], 190 [86.2kg], unl.

First period, two minutes; second and third periods, three minutes.

Three two-minute periods.

When judgment of official is questioned, the the following penalty sequences follow: First offense, verbal caution; second offense, deduct one team point; third, remove from premises. Applies for total dual meet, each day of a quadrangular, each session of tourney.

Stop match when warning and penalizing in all situations except when warning or penalizing the defensive wrestler.

Nosebleed or any other excessive bleeding shall be interpreted as an injury without recording injury time.

No similar rule.

Three pound [1.4kg] allowance in November and December, two pounds [0.9kg] in Janu-

ginning on March 1. Beginning the first of March, there will be a net allowance of four pounds [1.8kg] per weight class.

**WEIGH-IN**—Shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-in within a maximum of one hour and a minimum of one-half hour before the time a dual meet is scheduled to begin.

**COMPETITION**—A wrestler weighing in for one weight class may be shifted to a higher weight, provided it is not more than one weight class above that for which his actual stripped weight qualifies him.

**SWEAT BOX**—The use of sweat box or similar heat devices for weight reduction purposes is prohibited.

**UNLIMITED WEIGHT CLASS**—Unlimited class contestants must weigh a minimum of 175 lbs. [79.4kg].

**ILLEGAL HOLDS**—Any Salto or suplay in which a contestant goes to the top of his head from the standing position is illegal.

**POSITION AT ADVANTAGE**—Wrestler is in a position of advantage when he is hip-to-hip with his opponent off his base and has control of two of the three supports, even though the defensive wrestler has his hands locked around one leg.

**OVERTIME**—Is a completely new match and warnings and penalties are not accumulative from match to overtime period. Criteria will determine winner if OT ends in a draw. Criteria to determine winner includes first offensive points scored as 8th in order.

**NEUTRAL STALLING**—When a wrestler continuously avoids contact and plays the edge of the mat. When the wrestler stops out-of-bounds, it provides a sequence of: 1. Warning visually, and 2. Penalizing.

**OFFICIAL SIGNALS**—Chart indicates two signals (reversal and near fall points) and discs "out of bounds caution."

ary, one pound [0.5kg] n February, except qualifying tournaments which are scratch weight.

Five hour maximum, one-half hour minimum.

A contestant may wrestle any weight class above the one for which he weighed in.

No similar rule.

No similar rule.

Straight back suplay is illegal.

No similar rule.

Same—Time advantage is listed sixth in order.

Stalling warning will be given one wrestler at end of first period if no points have been scored or no stalling warning has been given.

No similar rule.

# Major Rules Changes for 1977-78

*The figures below refer to rule and section respectively.*

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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 between wrestlers of the same weight class. Matches shall be eight minutes in length divided into three periods.

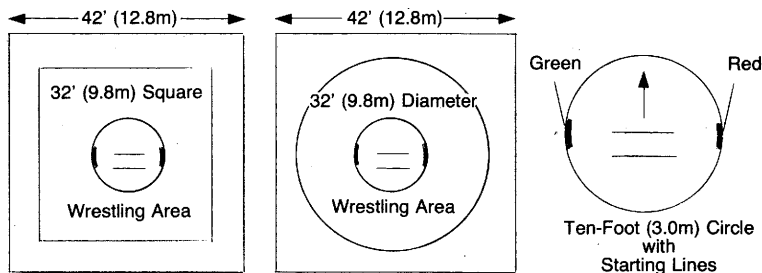
**Representation** SECTION 2. An institution shall be represented by only one wrestler in each weight class and no substitution is allowed for injured wrestlers in dual meets or tournaments.

**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. However, a team may be represented by more than one individual.

**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. Mats shall have a wrestling area not less than a square 32 feet by 32 feet [9.8 by 9.8m] or a circular area 32 feet [9.8m] in diameter, nor more than a square 42 feet by 42 feet [12.8m] or a circular area 42 feet [12.8m] in diameter. There shall be a mat area of approximately five feet [1.5m] in 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 [10.2cm] nor less than the thickness of a mat which has shock-absorbing qualities of a two-inch [5.1cm] thick hair felt mat. All mats that are in sections shall be secured together.

The wrestling area shall be marked on the mat by painted lines two inches [5.1cm] in width. At the center of the mat there shall be similarly painted a circle 10 feet [3.0m] in diameter, and it is recommended a different color be used than that for the boundary line. An area on the opposite sides of the 10-foot [3.0m] circle shall be designated by means of a 12-inch [30.5cm] 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 wrestling in a neutral position will return to their respective designated area. (Home—green, Visitor—red.)

### Starting Lines

SECTION 6. There shall be placed at the center of the cover or mat, two one-inch [2.5cm] *starting lines*, one of which lies in the diameter of the 10-foot [3.0m] circle, three feet [0.9m] in length and 10 inches [25.4cm] apart. (See diagram above.)

## Wrestlers

### Limitations

SECTION 7. No contestant shall be permitted to rep-

resent his institution in more than one weight 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.

## **Uniforms and Equipment**

**Uniforms**

SECTION 10. The uniform shall consist of either a or b, and it must include c, d, e and f:

- 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. It is recommended that all wrestlers wear an undergarment and an athletic supporter when tights are not worn with a singlet for the 1977-78 season and shall be required starting in the 1978-79 season.
- b. Properly cut one-piece or two-piece uniform is optional. This uniform must meet all requirements listed for the shirt and will also have a minimum of *four-inch* [10.2cm] *inseam* at the legs. Team uniformity in clothing is required in dual meets.
- c. It is recommended that the name or initials of the wrestler's institution be on the meet uniforms in 1978 and it will be required in 1979.
- d. Light heelless wrestling shoes reaching above the ankle and laced by means of eyelets.
- e. A protective headgear.
- f. In all tournaments, the home management shall have immediately available some means for clearly identifying the contestants. Such provisions may consist of red and green anklets approximately three

inches [7.6cm] 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 below ear-lobe level.

**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. The use of special medication during a match or time-out because of a pre-existent condition such as asthma, diabetes, etc., shall result in disqualification.

**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 4-3, the referee shall award the match to the contestant who has scored the greater number of points as provided by the point system in 5-2. If there is a tie in the number of points scored, the referee shall declare the match a draw in dual meets. (See 4-6 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 4-11.)

**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 and the offensive wrestler has lost control 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 can observe that a fall is imminent, after which the shoulders or scapula area must be held in continuous contact with the mat in bounds for one second before a fall is awarded. (See figure 16, WR-67.)

- a. A fall shall not be awarded when one or both shoulders of the defensive wrestler are out of bounds. (See 2-8.)

- 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 2-11, 14.)

**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 3-7, 4-11b.)

**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. The line is considered out of bounds. A wrestler's supporting points are the parts of the body within or touching the mat (wrestling area) which bear the wrestler's weight, other than those parts with which he is holding his opponent. When down on the mat, the usual points of support may be hands, the knees, the side of the thigh and the buttocks. Wrestling shall continue as long as the supporting parts of either wrestler remain in bounds; however, near-fall points or a fall may be earned only while the shoulders of the defensive wrestler are in bounds. If there is no action at the edge of the mat and one wrestler is out of bounds, the official may stop the match.

**Position of Advantage** SECTION 9. A position of advantage is a position in which a contestant is in control and maintaining restraining power over 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. 2-4, 7, 8 and 12.)

**Near-Fall** SECTION 10. a. A near-fall is a position in which the offensive wrestler has control of his opponent in a pin-

ning situation with:

- (1) Both shoulders or scapula of the defensive wrestler held momentarily (stopped) within four inches [10.2cm] of the mat or less, or when one shoulder or scapula 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. Two points shall be awarded for such near-fall situations. A continuous roll-through is not to be considered a near-fall.
- b. The criteria for a near-fall having been met uninterrupted for five seconds, three points shall be awarded. Whenever possible, a visual hand count is to be used in determining a three-point near-fall.
- c. A near-fall is ended when the defensive wrestler gets out of a pinning situation. the referee must not signal the score for a near-fall until the situation is ended and only one near-fall shall be scored in each pinning situation, regardless of the number of times the offensive wrestler places the defensive wrestler in a near-fall position during the pinning situation.

Only the wrestler with the advantage, who has his opponent in a pinning situation, may score a near-fall. Bridgebacks in body scissors or bridgeovers with a wristlock are not considered near-fall situations, even though a fall may be scored.

When the defensive wrestler places himself in a precarious situation during an attempted escape or reversal, a near-fall shall not be scored unless the offensive wrestler has control of and has definitely restrained 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 with one foot on the green or red area of the 10-foot [3.0m] circle and other foot inside the 10-foot [3.0m] circle. If one wrestler has the advantage, he will take the offensive 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 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.* The defensive wrestler takes a stationary position at the center of the mat in which he is on his hands and knees facing *away from the timers' table*. He must keep both knees on the mat even and behind the rear starting line. The heels of both hands must be on the mat in front of the forward starting line. The elbows shall not touch the mat. (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 at least one knee on the mat and his head on 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 defensive wrestler's navel and the palm of his other hand (left or right) placed on the back of the near elbow. One knee or foot shall be on the mat to the outside of the near leg, not touching the defensive wrestler, and a knee or foot may be placed in back of the defensive wrestler's feet. However, one knee must be touching the mat. (See illustrations Nos. 4 and 5, Starting Position.)
- c. The referee is authorized to direct the offensive man to take a starting position after the defensive man is stationary in his starting position on the mat.

**Takedown** SECTION 15. When, from a neutral position, a contestant gains control and places his opponent's supporting points down on the mat (held beyond reaction time, 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 may be:

knee(s), the side of the thigh and the buttocks. When the hand(s) bear the majority of the defensive wrestler's weight, the hand(s) are considered supporting points.

**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. 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 minute or more of net time-advantage, he is awarded a maximum of one point.

# 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 .....	53.5kg	158 lbs .....	71.7kg
126 lbs .....	57.2kg	167 lbs .....	75.8kg
134 lbs .....	60.8kg	177 lbs .....	80.3kg
142 lbs .....	64.4kg	190 lbs .....	86.2kg
150 lbs .....	68.0kg	Unl. ....	Unl.

#### National

#### Championships

SECTION 2. The National Collegiate Division I, II & III Championships shall be conducted in the above listed ten weights. Since conference meets are qualifiers for the championships, they will have to use the same ten weights.

#### 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.

### 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.

Teams may weigh in on home scales by mutual agreement of

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

- 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.

**Supervision**

SECTION 5. The referee or other authorized person shall supervise the weigh-in of contestants.

**Weight Allowance**

SECTION 6. a. *Dual meets and tournaments.* For all dual meets and tournaments, three pounds [1.4kg] allowance shall be given over the regular weight during November and December, two pounds [0.9kg] during January and one pound [0.5kg] during February, not including qualifying tournaments. All qualifying tournaments shall be wrestled at scratch weight. No additional weight is permitted nor should it be requested. Members of both teams will be allowed one additional pound [0.5kg] per day when one team is wrestling on two or three successive days, excluding Sundays (maximum of two pounds [0.9kg]). Meets held on Saturday and Monday are considered to be on successive days.

- b. *Tournaments.* In tournaments, a one-pound [0.5kg] allowance shall be given each day over the weight limit of the previous day (maximum of two pounds [0.9kg]). The tournament committee will stipulate the time for the first weigh-in.

All contestants shall weigh in without clothing for dual meets and tournaments.

NOTE—A 118 pounder [53.5kg] may weigh 121 pounds [54.9kg] in November and December, 120 pounds [54.4kg] in January and 119 [54.0kg] pounds in February except for the qualifying 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 second or subsequent days of a tournament after having qualified for the tournament, a forfeit shall be awarded his opponent and points for the forfeit and advancement shall be scored. (See 4-11e.)

**Medical  
Examinations**

SECTION 8. At the time of the initial weigh-in 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 weigh-in and the presence of a communicable disease 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 coach, must be submitted to the coach 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.

NOTE—In case the coaches 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, *who should be mutually agreed upon.*

**Intentional Delay** SECTION 2. The home team's contestant shall be sent onto the mat first and he cannot be withdrawn or replaced. A team intentionally delaying its appearance on the mat beyond five (5) minutes of established meet starting time shall have one team point deducted.

**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 third periods three minutes each. The first period will start with both contestants standing opposite each other with one foot on the green or red area of the 10-foot [3.0m] circle and the other foot inside of the 10-foot [3.0m] 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 (2-14) with the appropriate contestant in the position of advantage (4-5). 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.

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

**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 Fig. 24, WR-69. This action terminates the match. 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.

**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. The 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 the match ends in 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 a 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 overtime match. 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. Warnings, cautions and number of infractions do not carry over into the overtime. When there is a tie in points at the end of the overtime, the following criteria will be applied, in the order listed, to determine the winner.

- a. **Abusive and unsportsmanlike conduct:** If the wrestler has been penalized for abusive and unsportsmanlike conduct, he shall lose.
- b. **Near-falls:** The wrestler that has accumulated the greater number of points for near-falls shall be declared the winner.
- c. **Takedowns:** If none of the above has produced a winner, the wrestler with the greater number of takedowns shall be declared the winner.
- d. **Reversals:** If none of the above has produced a winner, the wrestler with the greater number of reversals shall be declared the winner.
- e. **Escapes:** If none of the above has produced a winner, the wrestler with the greater number of escapes shall be declared the winner.
- f. **Riding time:** If none of the above has produced a winner, the wrestler with 15 seconds or more of riding time advantage shall be declared the winner.
- g. **Stalling:** If the above has produced equal points or no points for either wrestler, any wrestler having been (1) **Penalized** for stalling shall lose, or (2) **Warned** for stalling shall lose.

NOTE—If one man has been warned and penalized for stalling and the other has been warned, the one who has been penalized will lose. The man penalized the greatest number of times for stalling will lose.

- h. **Other:** If none of the above has produced a winner, the referee shall determine the winner, based on his opinion as to which wrestler was the superior wrestler.

**Consolation  
Matches**

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

**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 [3.0m] from the mat and scoring table.

- b. During tournaments a maximum of *two team personnel* will be permitted in the restricted area.

c. Failure to comply will be treated in the following manner: first violation—warning; second and subsequent violations—deduct one team point.

**Correction of  
Error**

SECTION 9. a. 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 are 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.)

- b. If there is an error on the part of the timekeeper, scorers or referee, the error shall be corrected and the referee will then render his decision accordingly. When possible, this correction should be made by the referee and should take place prior to the contestants leaving the mat area. Any error not resolved by the referee shall be arbitrated by the tournament committee. During a dual meet, correction shall be made by the referee prior to the start of a subsequent match. An error during the last match of a dual meet must be corrected prior to the referee having signed the scorebook.

c. A clerical error in recording team scoring in dual meet or tournament which does not necessitate additional wrestling may be corrected when discovered.

- d. When a coach believes the referee has misapplied a rule (other than questioning judgment), he may approach the official's table and request that the match be stopped when there is no significant action.

The referee and coach shall discuss the situation in a rational manner directly in front of the official table. Both wrestlers shall remain on the mat. 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 and the referee determines the coach's action as intentional delay of the match, or questions the referee's judgment, he shall penalize the coach according to the following: (1) first offense—verbal caution; (2) second offense—deduct one team point; (3) third offense—remove from premises. The above offenses are accumulative throughout; (1) for each dual meet; (2) for each day (quadrangular and triangular meets); (3) for each session of a tournament.

## Tournaments

**Tournament Committee** SECTION 10. a. All tournaments shall have a tournament committee designated before the start of competition.

- b. This committee shall consist of at least three members and no more than five members.
- c. Duties:
  - 1. Administration of the tournament.
  - 2. Arbitration of all disputes.

**Administration** SECTION 11. a. Failure to verify entries by the 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—Weigh-in will constitute verification for NCAA Division I Championships.

- 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.

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- c. Defeat due to injury in a tournament does not eliminate a contestant from further competition.
- d. In case of injury or illness, the tournament physician, in consultation with the chairman of the tournament committee, will rule on contestant's ability to continue. Extenuating circumstances concerning any injury or illness as it relates to defaults and forfeits will be considered by the 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 for each day of a tournament is ineligible for further competition and cannot place in the tournament, except as covered in 4-11d.
- h. No contestant shall wrestle two matches in any tournament with less than one (1) hour rest between such matches.
- 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 12. 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 13. 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 judges will be granted the same mobility as the referee, but will remain as inconspicuous as possible. The referee will be in complete control of the match and when questions arise, he will take action as outlined below.

- a. Verbal communication between judge and referee is encouraged.
- b. Disagreement by either mat judge will be indicated utilizing the appropriate signal, color display or raising the hand in gaining the attention of the referee.
- c. When only one mat judge disagrees, the referee will not recognize him if not in agreement.
- d. When both judges disagree with the referee, he will stop the match as soon as it is practical and indicate referee's timeout. The referee will avoid interrupting the match while significant action is in progress.
- e. When necessary, the judges and referee will meet quickly in front of scorers' table to discuss the disagreement.
- f. Agreement will be reached by majority vote of the referee and two judges.
- g. 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.
- h. When a decision is reached, the referee will inform the scorers' table of any change in the match scoring.
- i. The referee, judges and two contestants are the only individuals permitted to step onto the wrestling mat. Coaches are not permitted to address the judges. (See 4-8c.)

**Places Scored** SECTION 14. 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 places. In tournaments where eight places are scored, the defeated wrestlers in consolation quarterfinals shall wrestle for seventh and eighth places.

**Drawings** SECTION 15. Immediately after the verification of entries, drawings will be made in accordance with the graphic illustration as provided on page WR-26.

**Seeding**

SECTION 16. 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.

Consideration for determining seeded wrestlers, but not necessarily in this order, is given to: (a) returning place winner, (b) a contestant with an undefeated season record, (c) head-to-head competition, and (d) common opponents.

**Byes**

SECTION 17. 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 on page WR-26.

**Contestants Eligible for Third Place matches**

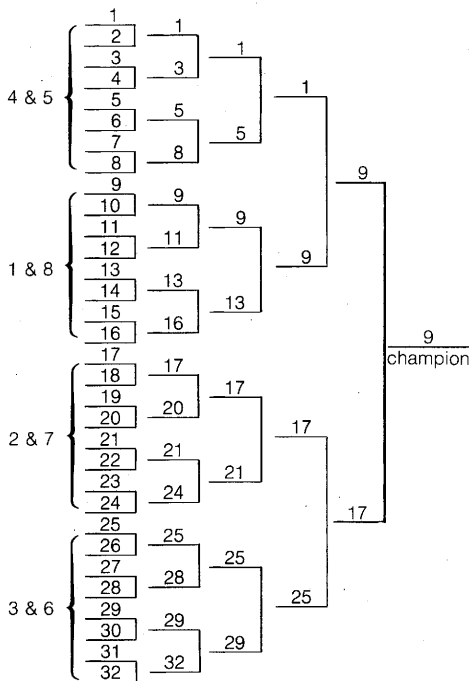
SECTION 18. a. Immediately after completion of the first quarterfinal match in each weight, consolation rounds shall start among all contestants defeated by the winner of this quarterfinal match. At the conclusion of the championship semifinals, the losers of those semifinals shall be cross-bracketed into the consolation semifinals (See b. following.)

After completion of the second, third and fourth quarterfinal matches in the 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

*Graphic Illustration of Drawings and Seedings*

Seeds Prelim- First Second Third Final  
 inaries Round Round Round Round



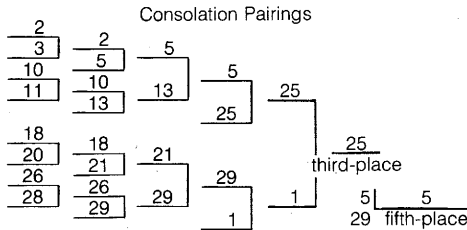
When using a 32-man bracket, if byes are drawn, they will take their places as shown in the first round column as follows:  
 First bye—Line 32  
 Second bye—Line 1  
 Others, in order—Lines 17, 16, 28, 5, 21, 11, 29, 3, 25, 8, 24, 9, 20

When using a 16-man bracket, byes will take their places in the same order as shown in the second round column. In making pairings for the 16-man brackets, or smaller, drawings should be made for the number one seed to draw any place in the bracket. This is followed by drawing for the second seed to any place in the half bracket opposite the number one seed. The third seed then draws to the quarter bracket opposite the second seed and the fourth seed to the quarter bracket opposite the first seed.

- 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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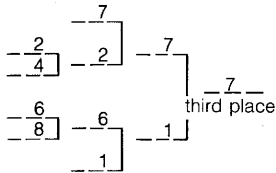
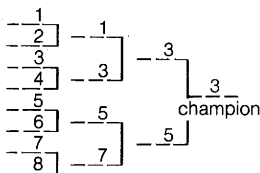


- 2 represents first man defeated by quarterfinal winner 1
- 3 represents second man defeated by quarterfinal winner 1
- 5 represents third man defeated by quarterfinal winner 1
- 10 represents first man defeated by quarterfinal winner 9
- 11 represents second man defeated by quarter final winner 9
- 13 represents third man defeated by quarterfinal winner 9
- 25 represents loser of championship semifinal in lower half of bracket.
- Loser of consolation final (1) places fourth.
- Losers of consolation semifinals (5 and 29) compete for fifth place;
  - Loser of this bout places sixth.
- Losers of consolation quarterfinals (13 and 21) compete for seventh place;
  - Lose of this bout places eighth.

Graphic Illustration of Bracketing for Eight-Man Draw:

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**CONSOLATION**



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 match should be paired 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 matches shall be wrestled and scored as if they had not met previously.
- d. Under the unique situation when both wrestlers are disqualified due to technical violations or illegal holds, the criteria used for overtime matches will be used to determine who advances to the consolation bracket.

**Example**

SECTION 19. Referring to the Graphic Illustration on WR-26, those eligible for the third-place rounds are 2, 3 and 5 from the first quarter; 10, 11 and 13 from the second quarter and 25 as the loser of the championship semifinal in the lower half; plus 18, 20 and 21 from the third quarter; 26, 28 and 29 from the fourth quarter and 1 as the loser of the championship semifinal in the upper half. Only the semifinal losers are cross-bracketed.

Assume that 2 wins from 3 and 5 wins from 2; that 10 wins from 11 and 13 wins from 10, that 18 wins from 20 and 21 wins from 18; that 26 wins from 28 and 29 wins from 26.

5 then wins from 13 and is matched in the consolation semifinals against 25. 29 wins from 21 and is matched in the consolation semifinals against 1. The winners of the consolation semifinals compete for third and fourth places and the losers compete for fifth and sixth places.

All third-place, fifth-place and seventh-place matches shall be conducted prior to the first-place championship matches.

# 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 by the timekeeper.

### Individual

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

Takedown (by each wrestler) (2-15) .....	2 points
Escape (2-4) .....	1 point
Reversal (2-12) .....	2 points
Near-fall (2-10) .....	2 or 3 points
Time-advantage (2-16) .....	1 point for one minute or more 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 (Criteria)

\* OT—Overtime

### TOURNAMENT SCORING CHART

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>8th</i>
Four Places	10	7	4	2				
Six Places	16	12	9	7	5	3		
Eight Places	16	12	9	7	5	3	2	1

## Team

### Dual Meets

SECTION 3. a. *Fall*. Six team 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 eight points shall score three team points. When the margin is eight points or more, four team points will be scored. When the margin is 12 points or more, five 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. Placement points already earned will be deducted in case of forfeit or disqualification.

In tournaments scoring eight places, the winner of each championship quarterfinal shall be awarded three (3) place points, the winner of each championship semifinal shall be awarded nine (9) additional place points and the winner of each championship final shall be awarded four (4) additional place points. The winner of the final preliminary round of consolations shall receive one (1) place point. The winner of the quarterfinal consolation match shall receive two (2) additional place points, 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, while the winner of seventh place shall receive one (1) additional place point.

In tournaments scoring six places, the winner of each championship quarterfinal shall be awarded three (3) place points, the winner of each

championship semifinal shall be awarded nine (9) additional place points and the winner of each championship final shall be awarded four (4) additional place points. The winner of the quarterfinal consolation match shall receive three (3) place points. 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.

In tournaments scoring four places, the winner of each championship semifinal shall be awarded seven (7) place points and the winner of each championship final shall be awarded three (3) additional place points. The winner of each consolation semifinal shall receive two (2) place points and the winner of third place shall receive two (2) additional place points.

- b. *Advancement points.* One team point shall be scored for each match won in the championship bracket and one-half point in the consolation bracket except for the final first, third, fifth and seventh place matches. No points are awarded for a bye in any round.
- c. An additional point shall be scored for each match won by fall, default, forfeit or disqualification throughout the tournament.
- One-half point shall be awarded for each match won by eight or more points. Three-quarter point shall be awarded for each match won by 12 or more points.

### SUMMARY OF SCORING

<i>Dual Meet</i>		<i>Tournament</i>	
Fall .....	6 pts.	Fall .....	1 pt.
Forfeit .....	6 pts.	Default .....	1 pt.
Default .....	6 pts.	Forfeit .....	1 pt.
Disqualification .....	6 pts.	Disqualification .....	1 pt.
Decision		Advancement	
(by 12 or more pts.) .....	5 pts.	Championship Bracket ...	1 pt.
(by 8 thru 11 pts.) .....	4 pts.	Consolation Bracket .....	½ pt.
(by less than 8 pts.) .....	3 pts.	Decision	
Draw .....	2 pts.	(by 12 or more pts.) .....	¾ pt.
		(by 8 or more pts.) .....	½ pt.
		<i>Individual Match</i>	
Takedown .....	2 pts.	Near-Fall .....	2 or 3 pts.
Escape .....	1 pt.	Time-Advantage .....	1 pt.
Reversal .....	2 pts.	(Maximum for 1 full minute)	

# Rule 6

## INFRACTIONS

**Misconduct** SECTION 1. Misconduct by either wrestler includes swearing, throwing the headgear or indicating displeasure with a decision and shall be treated as a technical violation.

**Abusive or Unsportsmanlike Conduct** SECTION 2. Abusive or unsportsmanlike conduct during or immediately following a match includes any conduct which interferes with the orderly progress of the match. This includes coaches, contestants, all team personnel (manager, trainer, physician) or spectators. First penalty—deduct one team point; second penalty—removal from premises, by home management.

**Flagrant Misconduct** SECTION 3. a. Flagrant misconduct, such as striking an opponent or continuing unnecessary roughness, will be penalized by the deduction of one team point and disqualification of the contestant. A contestant so disqualified in tournament competition is not entitled to placement points or individual tournament award, but will be credited with advancement and fall points earned prior to the incident, with other contestants remaining in their respective positions.

b. If the offender is someone other than a contestant (coach, trainer, manager, etc.), the penalty is deduction of one team point and removal from the premises.

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

**Foreign Substance On Skin** SECTION 5. 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 7-5.)

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

## Holds

**Illegal** SECTION 6. Any hold shall be allowed except the hammerlock above the right angle; the twisting hammerlock; full nelson; front headlock without the arm; headlock without the arm; the straight head scissors (even though the arm is included); over-scissors; strangle holds; all body slams; 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. 9 through 41.)

### 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. A slam shall be called without hesitation following the 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 21.)

**Potentially  
Dangerous**

SECTION 7. The double wristlock, toe hold, chicken wing, split scissor, guillotine, when being applied with the limb forced beyond normal range of movement, and other holds which may cause injury when used legally are considered potentially dangerous holds. (See Illustrations Nos. 10, 11, 20, 29, and 33.)

Contestants should know the dangers of these holds and the block 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 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. 30, 31, 32 and 33.) 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.* The referee should promptly stop any and all holds which in his opinion are for punishment alone. 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 resumed in the neutral or starting position on the mat as determined by the position held at the time the match was stopped.

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. 36 through 40.)

## Technical Violations

### Stalling

SECTION 8. a. It is the responsibility of contestants, officials and coaches to avoid the use of stalling tactics or allowing the use thereof. Action is to be maintained throughout the match by the contestants making an honest attempt to stay in the circle and wrestling 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 contestant per match.

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.*

- b. **Holding legs**—Repeatedly grasping or interlocking hands around a leg resulting in a stalemate situation, in any position, is to be considered stalling. 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.
- c. **Neutral position**—Each wrestler must make an honest attempt to stay within the 10-foot [3.0m] 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.

d. The referee is required to warn one of the wrestlers for stalling at the end of the first period if no points or no warning has occurred. This also applies for overtime.

e. *Advantage position*—The contestant in the advantage position on the mat shall make an honest attempt to secure a fall. Intentionally releasing an opponent is not considered stalling. The released wrestler is to be allowed reaction time before a takedown can be attempted. The responsibility to improve the position in the rear standing position lies with the offensive wrestler. Failure to attempt to take your man back to the mat should be treated as stalling.

f. *Defensive position*—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.

g. *Delaying match*—Delaying the match such as straggling back from out of bounds, unnecessarily changing or adjusting equipment, is stalling and shall be penalized as stalling.

### **Interlocking Hands**

SECTION 9. 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 supported 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 unethical for the defensive wrestler to touch his hands or one knee 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. 41 through 44 and Fig. 17.)

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. 16.)

**Leaving Mat  
Without  
Permission**

SECTION 10. It is a technical violation to leave the mat without first receiving permission to do so from the referee.

**False Starts &  
Starting  
Positions**

SECTION 11. Assuming incorrect starting position and making false starts are technical violations. The sequence of penalty will be:

- a. Visual caution, signified by a C, formed by the forefinger and thumb.
- b. A penalty point.

**Going Off  
The Mat**

SECTION 12. Going off the mat or forcing his opponent off the mat at any time by either wrestler, as a means of avoiding wrestling, is a technical violation.

Such points will not be awarded in situations where near-fall points are earned.

**Grasping  
Clothing**

SECTION 13. 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. 9.)

# 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.

### Indicating Infractions

SECTION 2. When indicating an infraction, the referee shall stop the match, except when warning and penalizing the defensive wrestler for stalling, give the hand signal to indicate the points or warnings (Figs. 13 and 14) and announce the penalty so the contestants, scorers, coaches and spectators are aware of the infraction.

### Coaching Injured Contestant

SECTION 3. Any coaching to the injured contestant during injury time out shall be a technical violation. During injury time out, both wrestlers shall remain on the mat. The referee shall position himself near the injured wrestler. The coach of the injured wrestler may approach his wrestler, but any verbal communication (other than that regarding the injury) shall be interpreted by the referee as coaching. The coach of the non-injured wrestler may communicate with his wrestler.

### Warnings and Sequence of Penalties

SECTION 4. The Penalty Chart indicates the sequence of warnings and penalties and they are accumulative throughout the match.

## Injuries and Defaults

### Time-Out

SECTION 5. a. An injured contestant is entitled to 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.

- b. Nosebleed or any other excessive bleeding shall be interpreted as an injury and shall be treated as an injury time-out without the recording of time. The number and length of time-out periods for such bleeding is left to the discretion of the referee.

**Unconscious** SECTION 6. If a contestant is rendered unconscious, he shall not be permitted to continue after regaining consciousness without the approval of a physician. If the injured contestant is unable to continue wrestling, the match shall be awarded in accordance with Secs. 7 and 8 of this rule.

**Accidental Injury** SECTION 7. a. If a contestant is accidentally injured and is unable to continue the match, his opponent shall be awarded the match by default.

- b. Any time a hold is executed legally and criteria for near-fall is met and contestant is injured, action will stop and near-fall points will be awarded.

**Injury from Illegal Action** SECTION 8. If a contestant is injured by any illegal action to the extent 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. Time-out for injury because of an illegal hold *does not count* against an injured wrestler's injury time. (Max. three minutes.) (See 6-3, and Penalty Chart for Flagrant Misconduct.)

**Attendants During Time-Out** SECTION 9. No more than two attendants and a physician shall be permitted on the mat with the wrestler during timeout.

# 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; however, a referee may immediately change a call if he feels his call was in error. 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 grooming, 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 and ready to wrestle.
- b. Before a 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. (4-5a.)
  - c. The referee will use the Wrestling Officials' Signals (WR-62).
  - 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 62.)
  - 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 shall position himself near the injured wrestler during injury time-out. He is to watch for coaching of the injured wrestler.
  - i. The referee should not place his hands under the shoulders of a contestant unless absolutely necessary to determine a fall.

- j. The referee should meet promptly, in a spirit of good sportsmanship, any situation developing unexpectedly.
- k. 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 [3.0m] 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 4-4.) (See Referees' Signals.)
- l. The referee shall sign official score sheet or score book certifying final results.
- m. The referee is responsible for the seating arrangement 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, when requested by 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.

- g. Informing contestants and coaches, when requested, of time advantage accumulated if visual clock is not available.

**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 (usually opponents) 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 point, if earned, in the final match score.
- h. Making out overtime score cards for the judges.

## INFRACTION PENALTY TABLE†

Infraction	Rule Section	First Penalty	Second Penalty	Third Penalty	Fourth Penalty
Unnecessary roughness <sup>3</sup>	6-4	1 match pt.	1 match pt.	2 match pts.	disqualify
Illegal holds	6-6	1 match pt.	1 match pt.	2 match pts.	disqualify
Technical violations <sup>5</sup>	6-8-6-13	1 match pt.	1 match pt.	2 match pts.	disqualify
Abusive and/or Unsportsmanlike conduct <sup>1</sup>	6-2	Deduct 1 team pt.	Remove from premises <sup>2</sup>		
Flagrant misconduct	6-3	Disqualify and deduct 1 team pt.			
Coach intentionally delaying match or questioning referee's judgment <sup>6</sup>	4-9-c	Deduct 1 team pt.	Remove from premises		
Foreign substances on skin or illegal costume or equipment	6-5 <i>Also Rule 1</i>	Disqualify if not removed or corrected within contestant's remaining injury time <sup>4</sup>			
Control of mat area	4-8-c 4-13-j	Warning	Deduct 1 team pt.	Remove from premises	

†Note A—Any combination of four penalties accumulated during a regular match or during an overtime match will result in disqualification.

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

<sup>1</sup>The penalties are accumulative throughout a dual meet or a tournament session for coaches, trainers, managers, and physicians. They are accumulative for a contestant for a match or dual meet.

<sup>2</sup>Removal is for the duration of the dual meet or tournament session in which it occurred.

<sup>3</sup>Points for unnecessary roughness may be awarded in addition to points earned.

<sup>4</sup>Referee may declare an official's time-out to correct equipment or uniform that becomes illegal or inoperative during use.

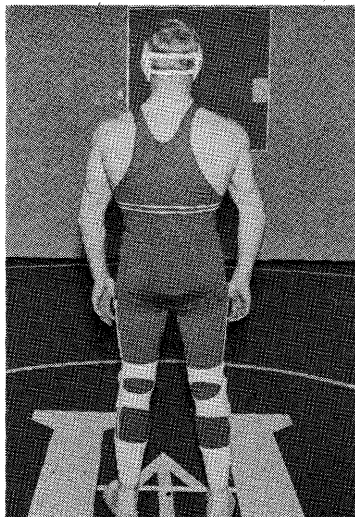
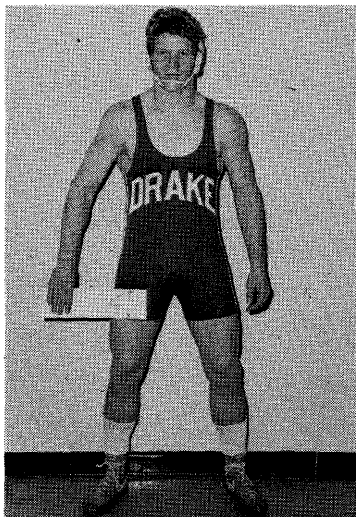
<sup>5</sup>Stalling, delay of match, false starts, and assuming incorrect starting positions are technical violations with penalties awarded for such actions being preceded by a warning or caution. The first penalty point for false start or incorrect starting position is preceded by a visual caution. The first penalty point for stalling or delay of match is preceded by a visual warning.

<sup>6</sup>A verbal caution precedes the first penalty. The caution and penalties are accumulative throughout: each dual meet, each day of a quadrangular or triangular meet, or for each session of a tournament.

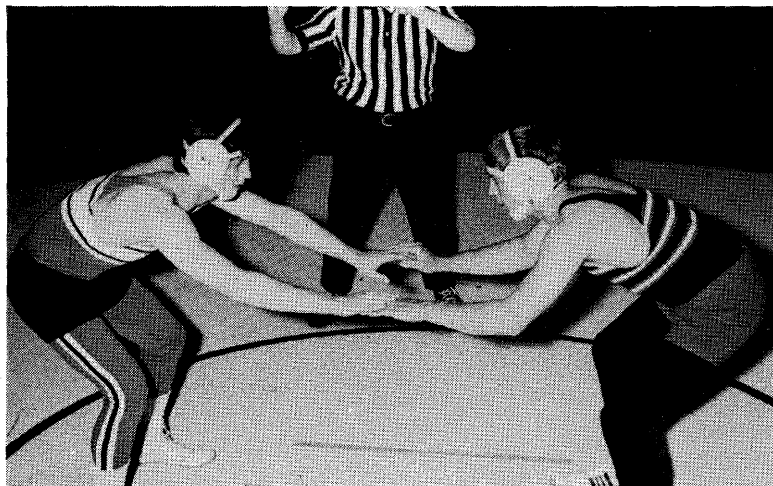
### SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS

Stalling (6-8-a)—First, warn  
 Holding legs (6-8-b)  
 Misconduct (6-1)  
 Delaying match (6-8-g)—First, warn (treat under stalling)  
 Interlocking hands (6-9)

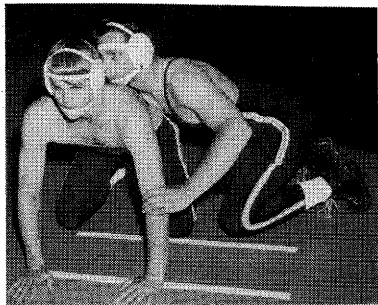
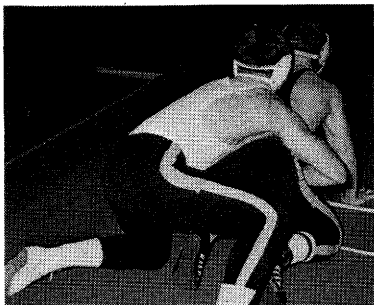
Leaving mat without permission (6-10)  
 False starts and starting positions (6-11)—First, caution  
 Going off mat (6-12)  
 Grasping clothing, etc. (6-13)  
 Coaching injured contestant (7-3)



Nos. 1 and 2—FRONT AND REAR VIEW OF OFFICIAL UNIFORM. *This shows front (with 4" inseam and lettering) and rear view of official shirt. Any shirt with more exposure is illegal.*

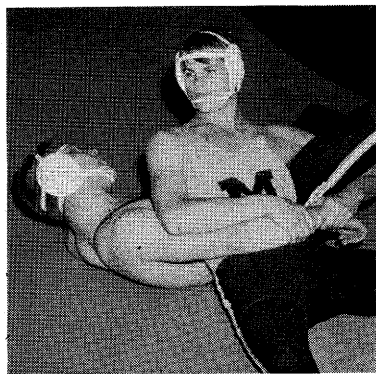
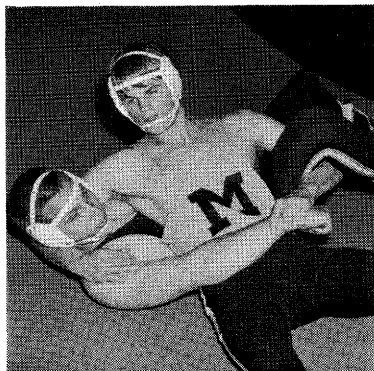


No. 3—TOUCH START (Sight Handicapped)  
*Each contestant shall have fingers of one hand over and the fingers of the other hand under his opponent's fingers. Fingers shall not extend beyond the knuckles.*



Nos. 4 and 5—STARTING POSITION

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

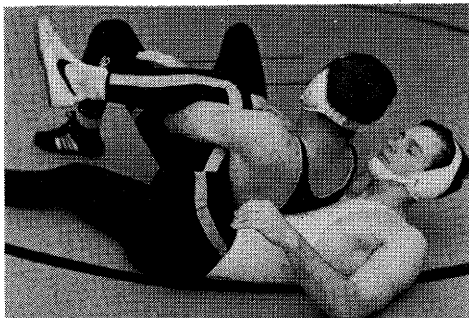


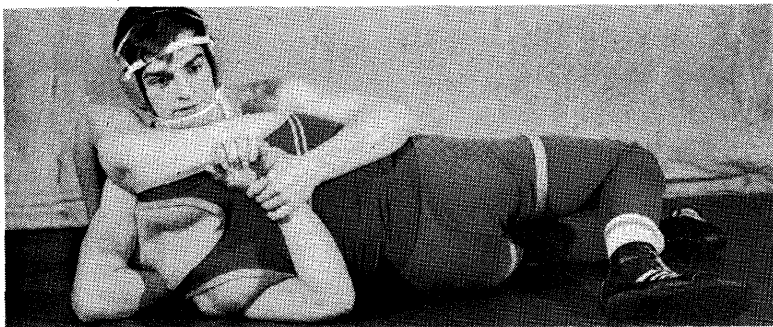
Nos. 6 and 7—CONTROL

*Illustration demonstrates control following allowance for reaction time.*

No. 8—CONTROL

*Illustration demonstrates possible control by controlling the top leg.*



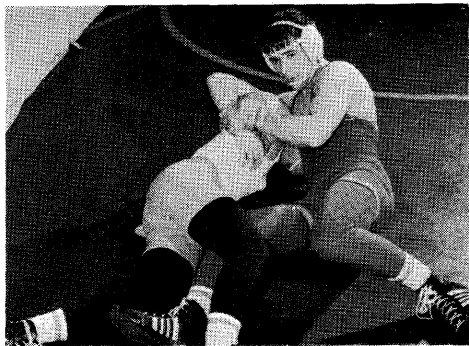
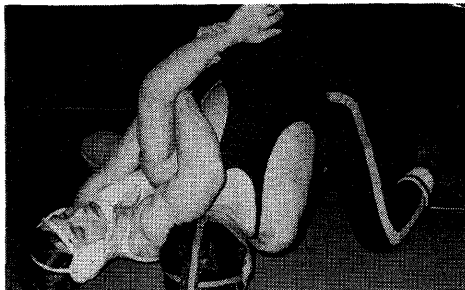


**No. 9—ILLEGAL HAMMERLOCK (ABOVE RIGHT ANGLE)**

*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.*

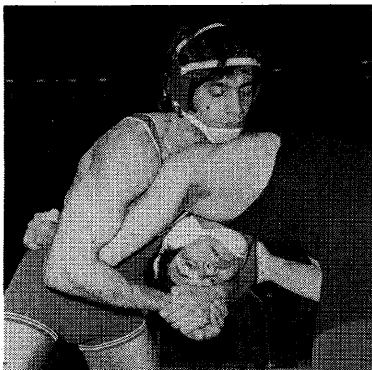
**No. 10—ILLEGAL DOUBLE WRISTLOCK ON THE MAT.**

*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.*

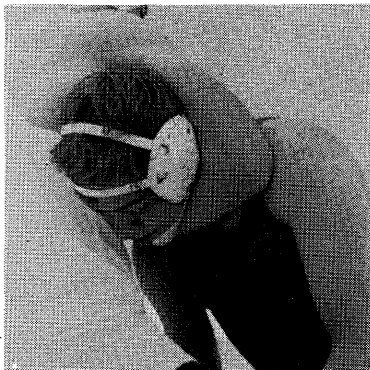


**No. 11—LEGAL DOUBLE WRISTLOCK ON THE MAT.**

*The double wristlock on the mat is legal if the direction of the force is perpendicular to the long axis of the body.*



No. 12—LEGAL FRONT HEAD LOCK  
*Illustration shows arm along side of face with arm included.*



↑ No. 13—ILLEGAL FRONT HEAD LOCK  
*Illustration shows arm across throat, making it illegal. Also, arm is not included.*



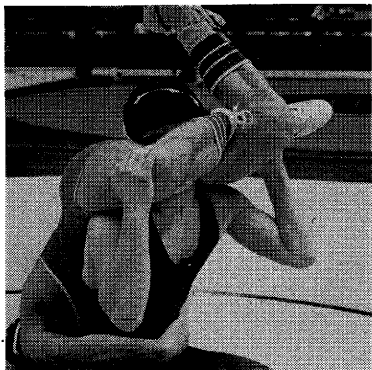
↑ No. 14—ILLEGAL HEAD SCISSORS  
*This straight scissors on the head is illegal.*

→ No. 15—LEGAL HEAD SCISSORS (FIGURE 4 HEAD SCISSORS). *The figure 4 head scissors is considered legal when taken as shown, with the hold on either side of the face.*





No. 16—LEGAL FIGURE 4 HEAD SCISSORS  
*The eyes, nose and mouth are not covered.*

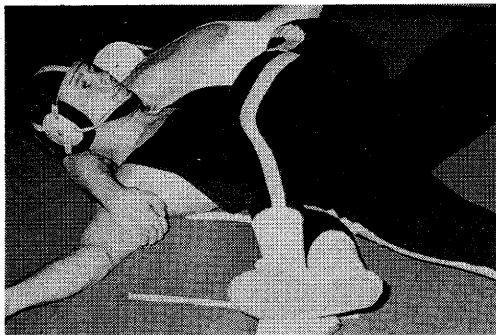


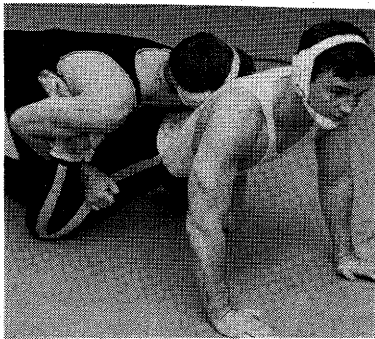
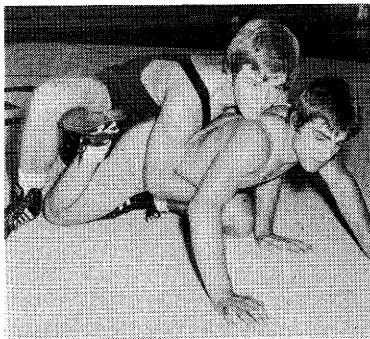
No. 17—ILLEGAL FIGURE 4  
 HEAD SCISSORS  
*The leg covers eyes, nose or mouth and is illegal.*



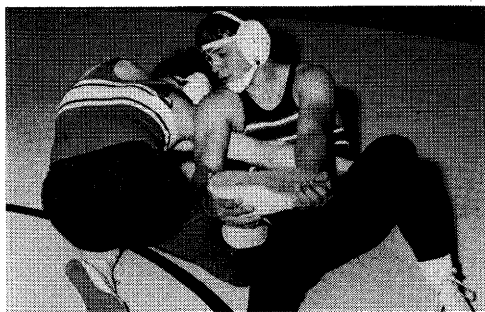
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 No. 18—OVER-SCISSORS (AN  
 ILLEGAL HOLD). *The over-  
 scissors is barred entirely under  
 these rules because it is only a  
 punishing hold and is of no value  
 unless defensive contestant who  
 uses it is allowed to force the hold,  
 which thereby endangers the ankle  
 and knee of his opponent.*

No. 19—STRAIGHT BODY  
 SCISSORS—  
 A LEGAL HOLD →



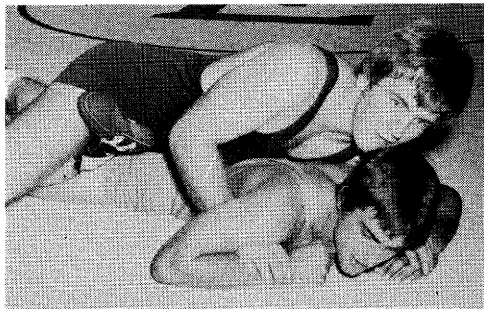


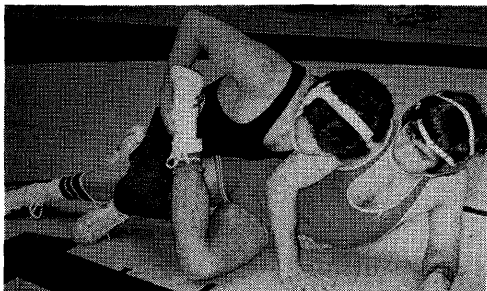
Nos. 20 and 21—**ILLEGAL TWISTING KNEE LOCK.** *This shows a twisting knee lock. It is an illegal hold (Rule 6, Section 6). The referee should anticipate the danger of injury from this hold and be in a position to block it before it reaches the danger point. (See Rule 6, Sec. 6, Note 6.)*



Nos. 22 and 23—**TWISTING KNEE LOCK**

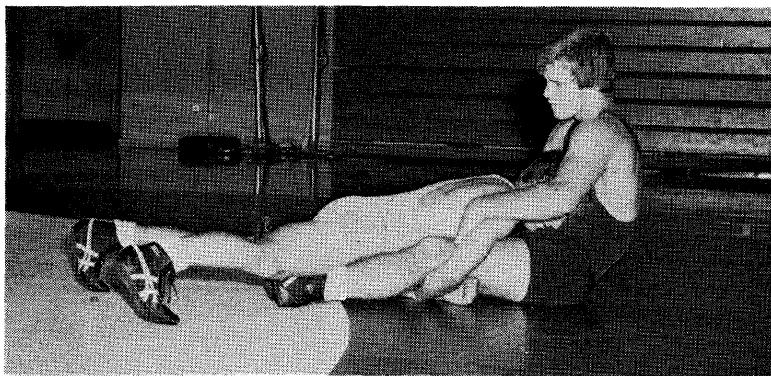
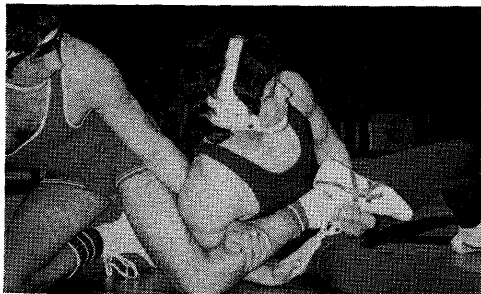
*Twisting knee lock pressure against the normal movement of the knee joint as illustrated constitutes an illegal hold.*





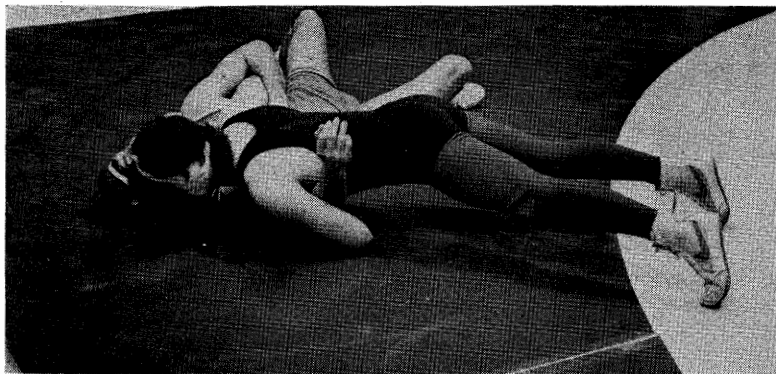
Nos. 24 and 25—ILLEGAL TWISTING KNEE LOCK

*Both illustrations show illegal twisting knee lock. The pressure is against the normal movement of the knee joint.*

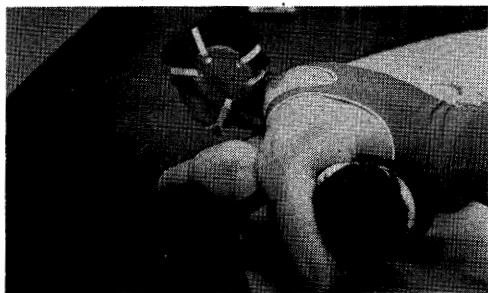


No. 26—LEGAL TAKEDOWN

*A takedown is to be awarded in this situation. The supporting points of the man securing the takedown are his knees and they are in bounds. If his knees had touched out of bounds, they would be out of bounds.*

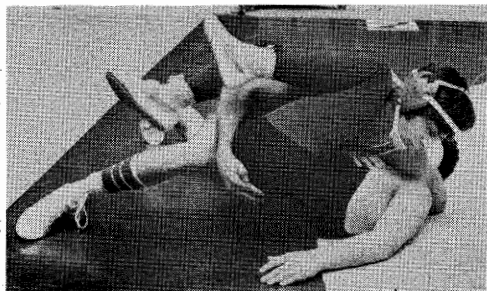
**No. 27—NO TAKEDOWN**

*The knees of the man attempting to secure the takedown have broken the plane of the wrestling area, therefore they are out of bounds.*

**No. 28—OUT OF BOUNDS**

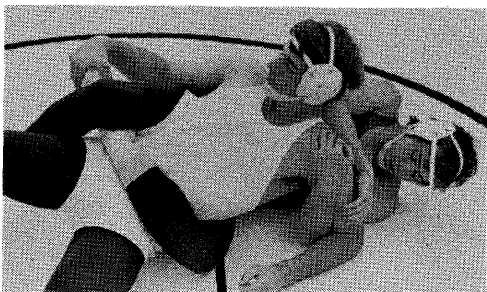
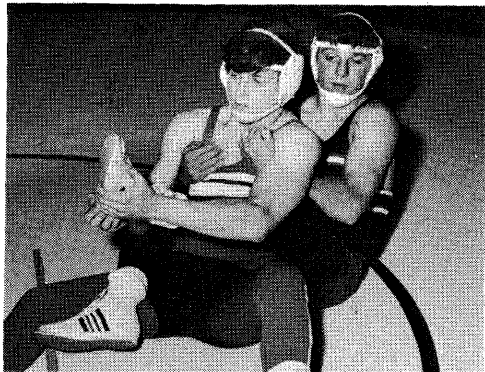
*The shoulder and scapula of the defensive wrestler have broken the plane of the mat area. No near-fall or fall can be awarded in this position.*

**No. 29—IN BOUNDS** →  
*The shoulders of the defensive man are in bounds and a fall can occur.*

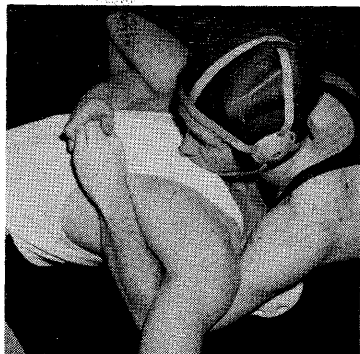
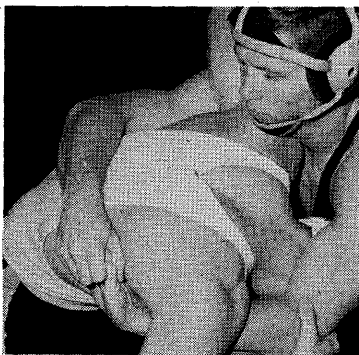


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No. 30—LEGAL FOOT (INSTEP) HOLD

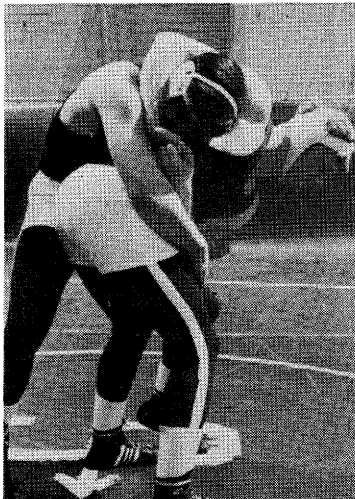
*The defensive wrestler may grasp the instep, heel or ankle in his effort to escape, providing the pressure is not such as to endanger the ankle, knee or hip joint.*



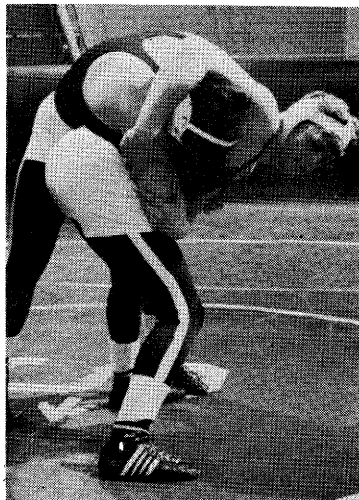
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No. 31—TOE HOLD.  
*This is a potentially dangerous hold.*



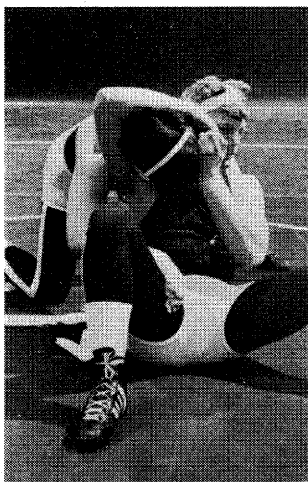
Nos. 32 and 33—LEGAL (left) and ILLEGAL (right) DOUBLE ARM BAR  
*Locking hands behind the back in a double arm bar from neutral position. Note that the double arm bar is legal when hands are locked at side (under armpit).*



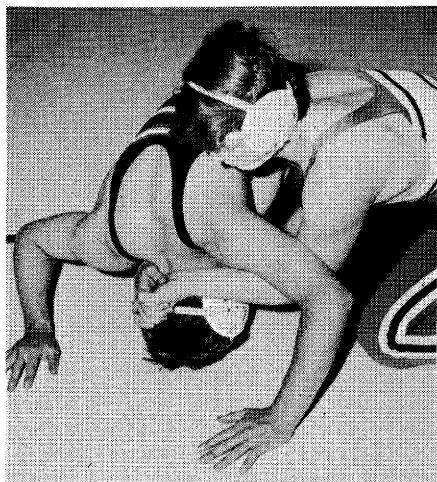
No. 34—ILLEGAL HEAD LOCK  
*Locking the arm around the head.*



No. 35—LEGAL HEAD LOCK  
*Opponent's arm is included in the lock.*



No. 36—A LEGAL HOLD  
*Pulling the head over the shoulder with hands locked or overlapped.*



No. 37—THREE-QUARTER NELSON  
A LEGAL HOLD

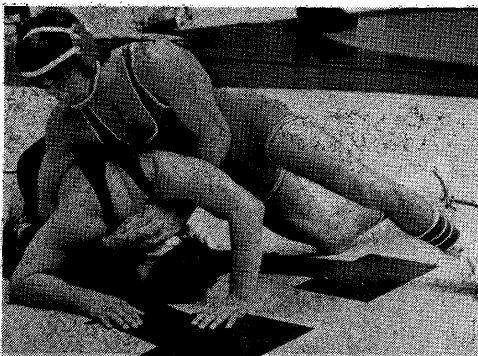


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**No. 38—ILLEGAL HAND POSITION**

*This shows an illegal position of hand and wrist on the throat. Also, a form of stalling.*

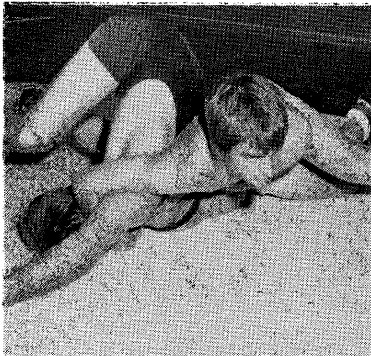
**No. 39—ILLEGAL FULL NELSON** →

*The top man may not apply the full nelson.*



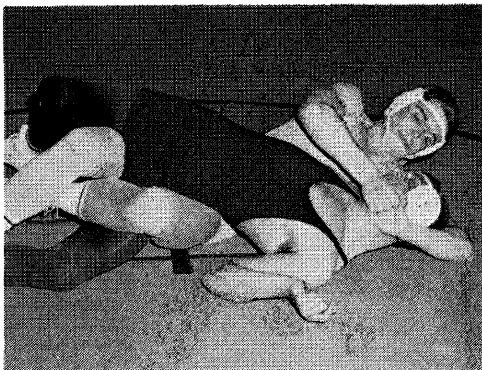
**Nos. 40 and 41—NEAR-FALL**

*In illustration below (left) a near-fall can be scored if criteria are met. Illustration on right shows defensive man on elbows but scapula within 4" of mat. Near-fall shall be awarded.*

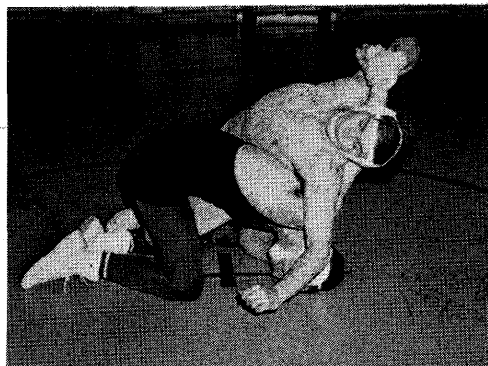




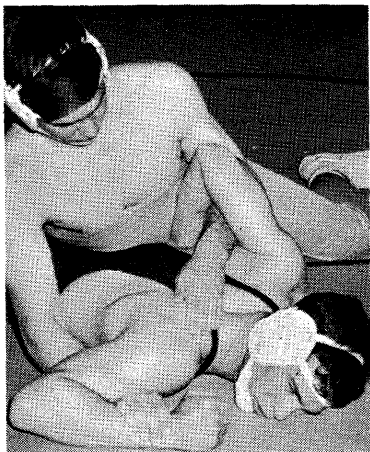
Nos. 42 and 43—**ILLEGAL OVERHEAD DOUBLE ARM BAR.** *This hold is illegal when used as shown above either with or without the scissors and applied with either one or both arms.*



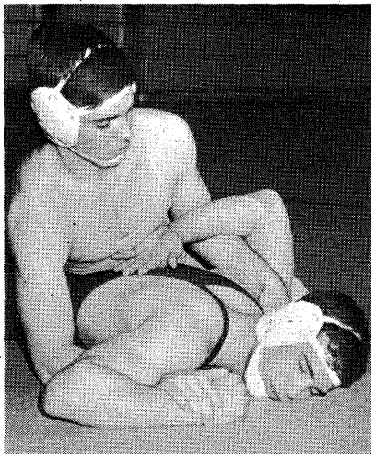
No. 44—**LEGAL GUILLOTINE**  
*Arm is locked around opponent's head or neck.*



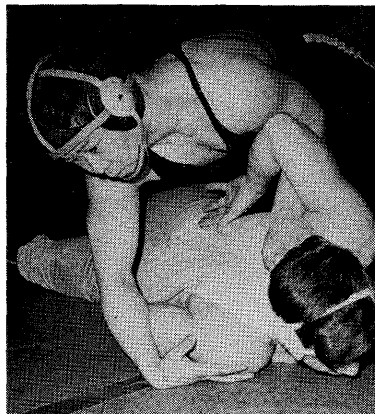
No. 45—**POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS GUILLOTINE**  
*When applying the guillotine, forcing the arm beyond normal range of movement parallel to the long axis of the body is to be interpreted as potentially dangerous.*



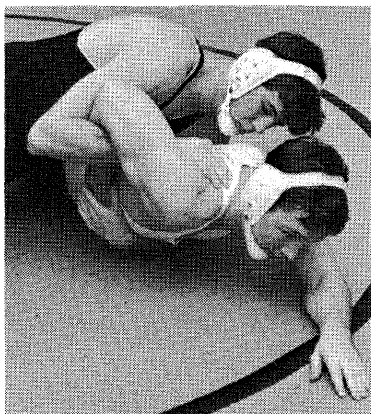
**No. 46—LEGAL CHICKEN WING**  
*No evidence of illegal pressure or twisting ham-  
 merlock.*



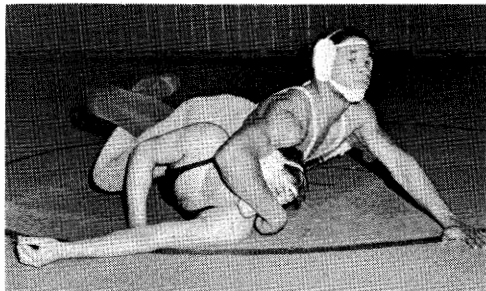
**No. 47—ILLEGAL CHICKEN WING**  
*Pressure (force) parallel to the long axis, regard-  
 less of whether defensive wrestler's hand is in  
 front or back, makes this an illegal hold.*



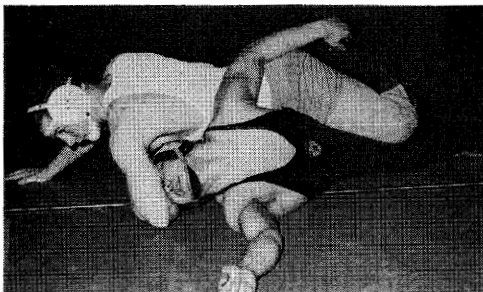
**No. 48—POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS  
 CHICKEN WING**  
*While pressure (force) is neither parallel nor per-  
 pendicular to defensive wrestler's long axis, possi-  
 ble twisting hammerlock causes hold to become  
 potentially dangerous.*



**No. 49—LEGAL CHICKEN WING**  
*This illustrates a legal chicken wing showing the  
 hand held in front of the body.*

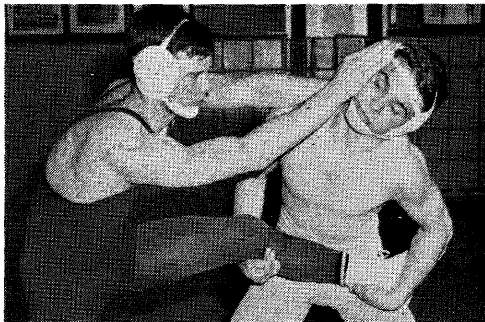


Nos. 50 and 51—ILLEGAL (above) and LEGAL (below) FACE HOLD



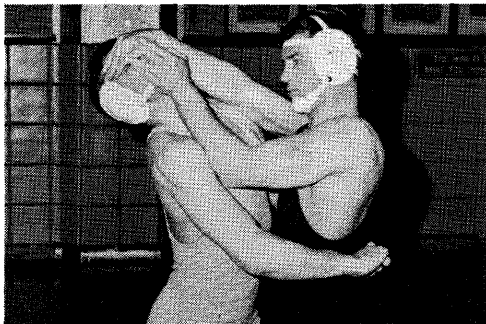
No. 52—LEGAL HEAD PRY  
*The top man can use this pry as long as he includes the arm or shoulder.*





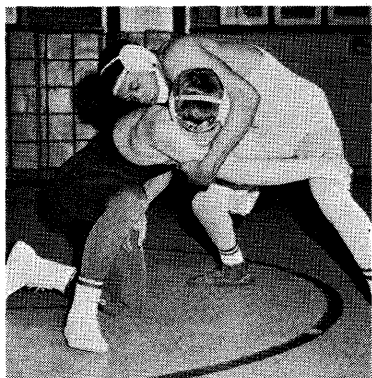
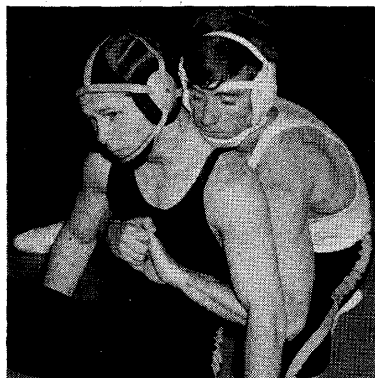
No. 53—LEGAL BLOCKING ON FACE (ON CHIN). *Blocking on chin or forehead is legal.*

No. 54—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. 53.*



No. 55—INTERLOCKING OF HANDS AROUND THE BODY. *A technical violation. Offensive wrestler is not allowed to lock (overlap) hands, fingers, wrists or arms around body while defensive wrestler is supported by parts other than his feet.*

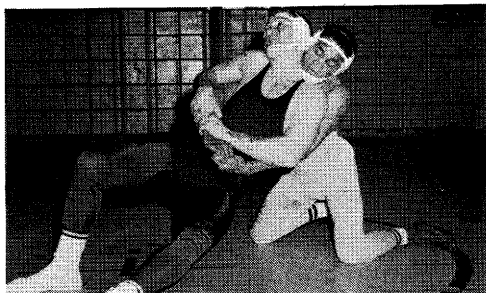
No. 56—A LEGAL CROSS FACE  
*It is an effective and legal block for the double leg pick-up.*





**No. 57—INTERLOCKING OF HANDS AROUND LEG.** *This position is a technical violation.*

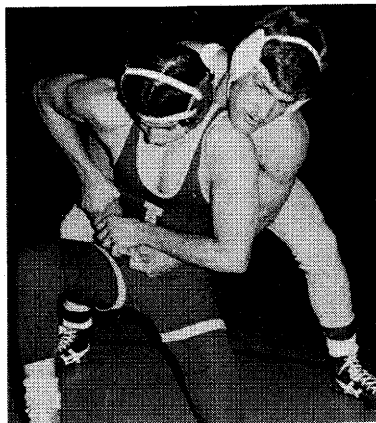
**No. 58—LEGAL USE OF THE HANDS IN WAISTLOCK.** *This shows the legal use of the hands of the top man. The defensive contestant's supporting parts, except feet, are clearly off the mat.*



**No. 59—INTERLOCKING HANDS**

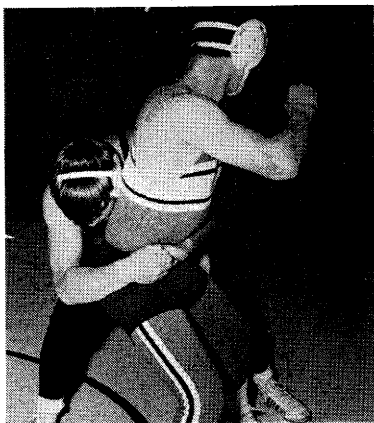
*It is unethical for the defensive wrestler to touch his hands or one knee to the mat in order to release the offensive wrestler's lock and the referee shall not call a violation if the lock is held in such cases.*

*This would be an illegal lock if the defensive wrestler had started on the mat and had not gained his feet yet.*



**No. 60—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.*



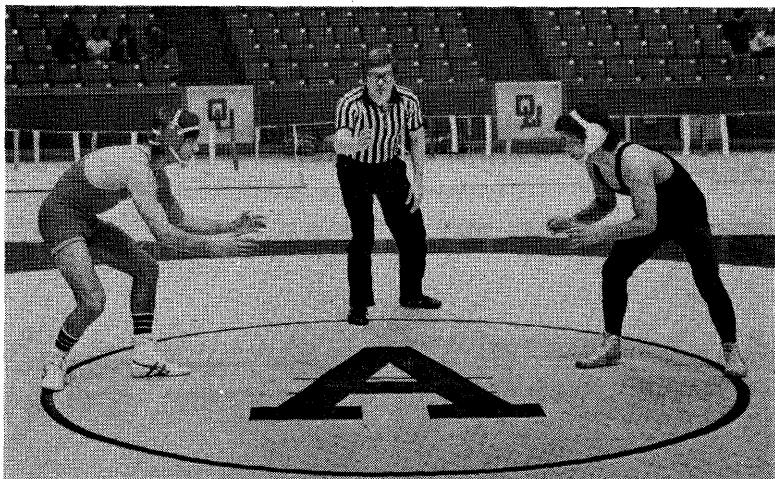
# Referee's Signals

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.

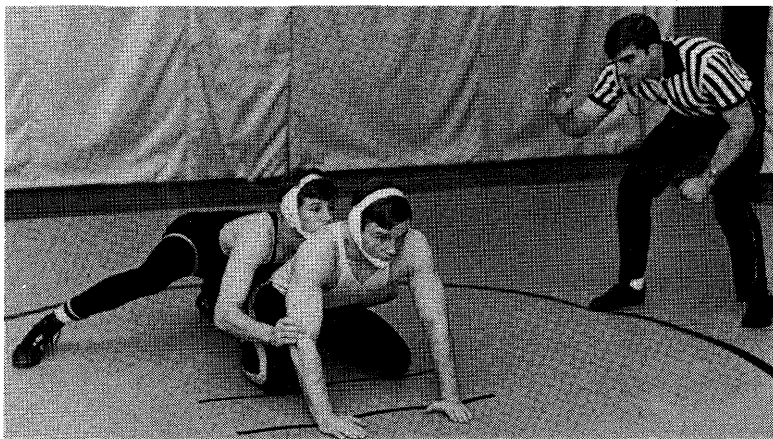
## The Use of The Whistle

SECTION 1. The whistle should be held ready for immediate use at all times during the match.

**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.



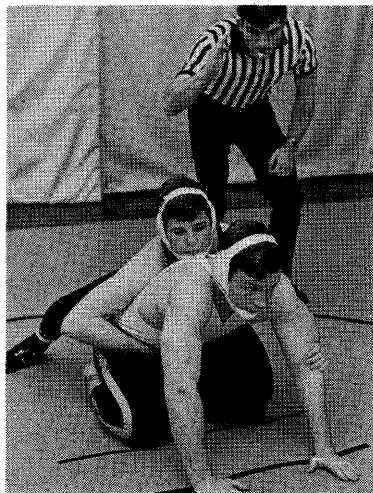
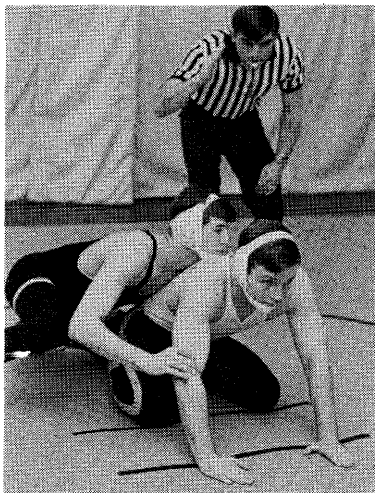
**Fig. 2—Designating the position of the wrestlers before the start of the match.** As the wrestlers come onto the mat, the referee points to the areas they are to take on the circle (green for the home team, red for the visiting team). He next points one hand toward the timers and scorers to verify their readiness. Note—After an out-of-bounds, wrestlers return to designated areas. The referee raises his hand forward between the 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.

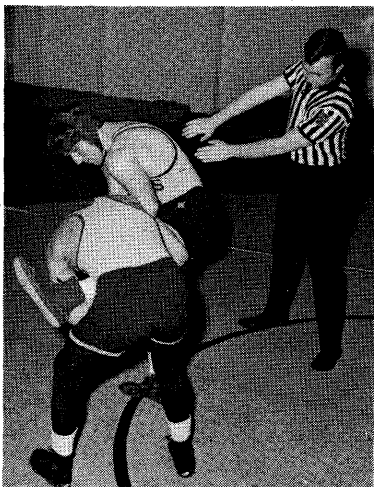


**Figs. 3, 4 (below left) and 5 (below right)**—Resuming the match in the starting position on the mat. The referee can move to any position when starting the wrestlers, and is encouraged to be out of view of the wrestlers. The referee may give a preparatory command such as "Get set" or "Ready." When 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.

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*The referee is to stay in front of the wrestlers.*

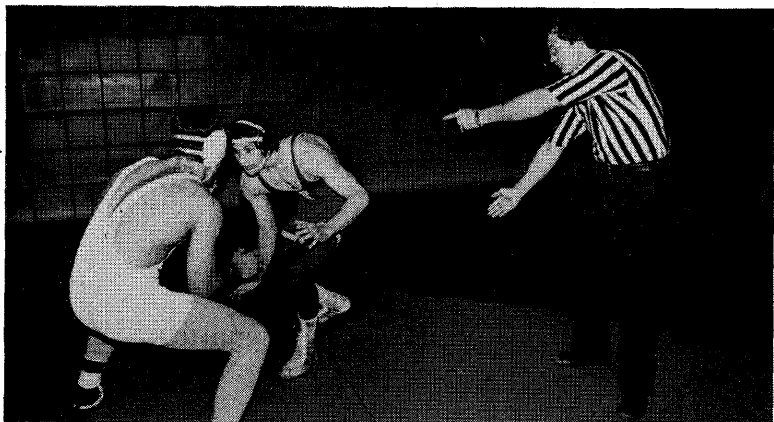




**Fig. 6—Stopping the match for out-of-bounds.** When the contestants are out of bounds (Rule 2, Sec. 8) the referee stops the match and extends both arms horizontally to the same side toward the out-of-bounds. The referee places himself in the most advantageous position to determine the out-of-bounds and stops the match immediately when the out-of-bounds occurs.

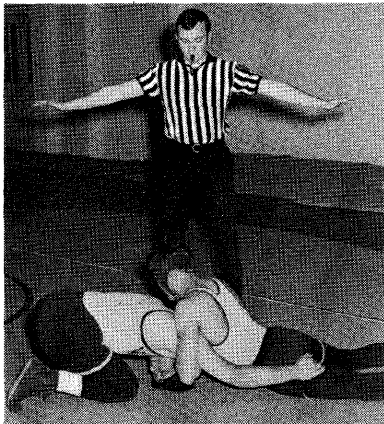
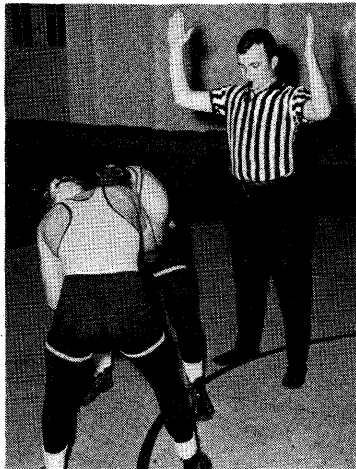


**Fig. 7—Stopping the match.** The referee blows his whistle and extends his hand to stop the match.



**Fig. 8—Edge call.** Wrestlers must move toward center immediately, man cannot move laterally to block opponent's return to center.

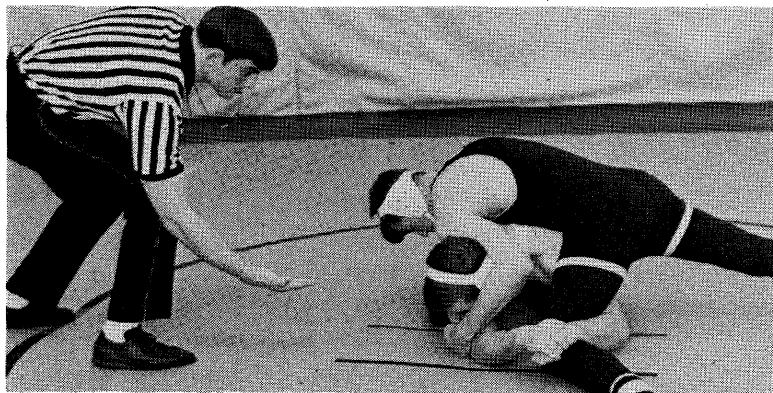
**Fig. 9—Declaring a neutral position standing after out-of-bounds.** When the contestants are out of bounds (Rule 2, Sec. 8) and neither is in an advantage position, the referee stops the match as in Fig. 5 and signals a neutral position. The upper arms are front horizontal, both forearms are vertical and the hands are extended upward.



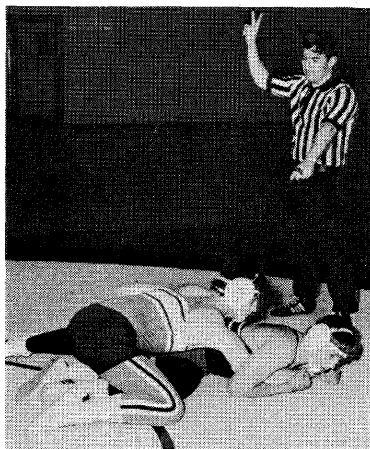
**Fig. 10—Indicating a neutral position during a scrummage for a take-down.** Both arms are extended sideward slightly below the horizontal with the palms of the hands down. The referee moves his hands back and forth bringing them together and moving them away while verbally announcing "no advantage."

**Fig. 11—Indicating a caution.** This is not a warning but a visual caution.





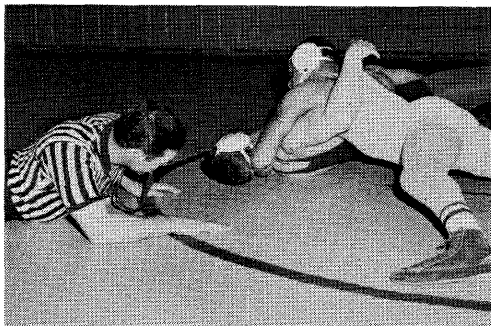
**Fig. 12—Indicating retention of advantage.** Whenever there is any doubt as to the contestant in the advantage position, the referee should indicate the contestant in the advantage position by pointing to him with one hand. The referee will keep his other hand down and along his leg so that there will be no confusion as to whether any points are awarded.



**No. 13—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.



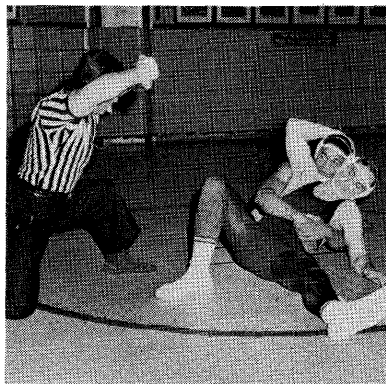
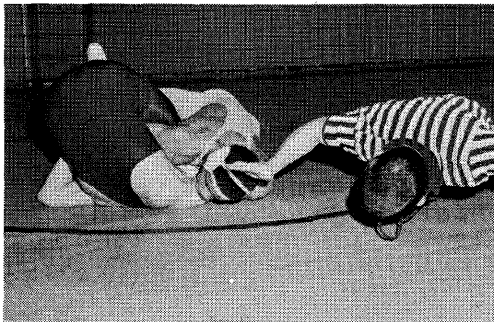
**Fig. 14—Warning and indicating a violation.** The match is stopped. The index finger of one hand is pointed to the violator. At the same time the referee verbally announces the penalty and raises the opposite arm with his fist doubled to indicate the "warning" or penalty. Note—For "warning" and penalizing defensive stalling the match is not stopped.



← **Fig. 15—Scoring a near fall.**

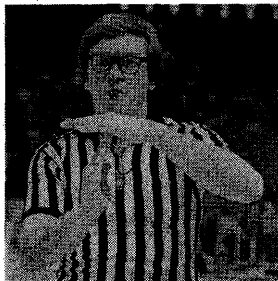
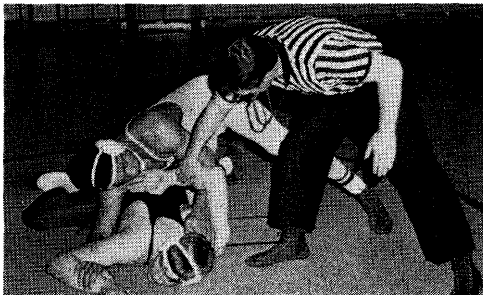
The referee gets down on the mat in a prone position for the best view of the defensive contestant's back while at the same time trying to keep out of the way of the contestants. The referee does not signal a score for a "near fall" until the pinning situation is ended (Rule 2, Sec. 10). After the situation 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 point.

→ **Fig. 16—Calling a fall.** When the fall (Rule 2, Sec. 5) is imminent the referee raises one hand about 10 inches (25.4cm). 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. 3i).



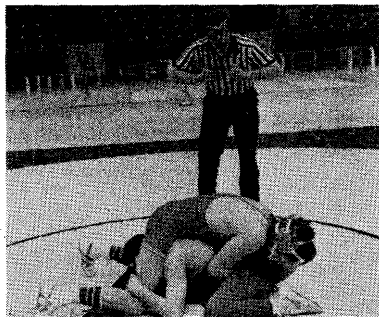
← **Fig. 17—Interlocking hands, or grasping clothing, during an escape maneuver (Rule 8, Sec. 9a).** When the bottom contestant is in the process of an escape or reversal and the contestant on top locks his hands or grasps the clothing to prevent the maneuver, the referee indicates the violation by clasping 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.)

**Fig. 18—Preventing an illegal hold.** (Rule 6, Sec. 6 and 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.



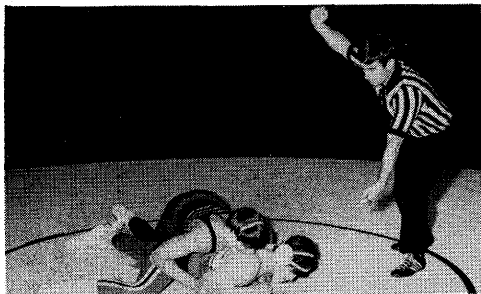
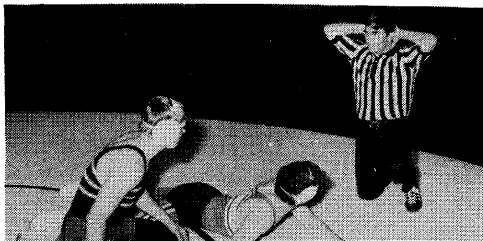
**Fig. 19—Calling time out.** The match is stopped as in Fig. 6. If there is to be a delay in resuming the match, the referee will indicate "time-out" by extending one hand in a vertical position at right angles to his chest with the ends of the fingers touching the palm of the other hand which is extended 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.

**Fig. 20—Indicating a potentially dangerous hold.**



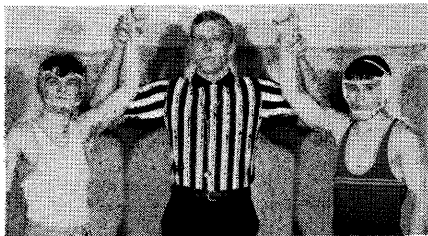
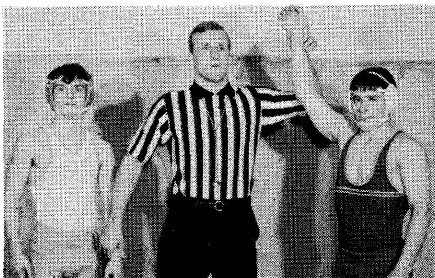
**Fig. 21—Calling a stalemate situation.** The match is stopped as in Fig. 6. Then the referee indicates the reason for stopping the match as a stalemate by placing the arms on the chest in a bent position with the fists closed as indicated at right.

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**Fig. 22—**Indicating an illegal hold.



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**Fig. 23—**Indicating stalling by defensive wrestler. Match continues.

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**Fig. 24—**Declaring the winner. (Rule 8, Sec. 3k.) 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. 25—**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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