

2017 Wrestling Rules Survey Report

QUANTITATIVE DATA

March 23, 2017

Title	n	N	%
DI Head Coach	61	76	80%
DII Head Coach	45	59	76%
DIII Head Coach	82	100	82%
TOTAL COACHES	188	235	80%
DI Commissioner	6	9	67%
DII Commissioner	2	9	22%
DIII Commissioner	5	11	45%
Official	307	443	69%

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS CHANGES AND CURRENT ISSUES

During the 2016-17 season:

1. Has Rule 2.9 that provides for a 4-point near fall improved wrestling activity in the offensive position?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	66%	40	96%	43	80%	66	79%	149
No	28%	17	4%	2	15%	12	16%	31
No Opinion	7%	4	0%	0	5%	4	4%	8
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	67%	4	50%	1	80%	4	69%	9
No	17%	1	0%	0	0%	0	8%	1
No Opinion	17%	1	50%	1	20%	1	23%	3
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL		
Yes	90%	276
No	7%	21
No Opinion	3%	10
TOTAL	100%	307

2. Has Rule 5.9.2 that requires the referee to make one of three calls when the wrestlers go out of bounds in the neutral position been effective at keeping wrestlers from going out of bounds?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	61%	37	73%	33	66%	54	66%	124
No	36%	22	22%	10	30%	25	30%	57
No Opinion	3%	2	4%	2	4%	3	4%	7
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	83%	5	0%	0	40%	2	54%	7
No	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1	8%	1
No Opinion	17%	1	100%	2	40%	2	38%	5
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Yes	93%	284
No	6%	19
No Opinion	1%	4
TOTAL	100%	307

3. Has Rule 5.9.2.6 that requires referees to call a stalemate and then stalling for interlocking fingers been effective at reducing the incidence of interlocking fingers in the neutral position?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	38%	23	49%	22	54%	44	48%	89
No	54%	33	42%	19	37%	30	44%	82
No Opinion	8%	5	9%	4	9%	7	9%	16
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	50%	3	0%	0	60%	3	46%	6
No	17%	1	50%	1	20%	1	23%	3
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Yes	63%	192
No	28%	87
No Opinion	9%	28
TOTAL	100%	307

4. Has Rule 5.9.3 that requires a mandatory verbal and visual count when a wrestler drops below the waist with one or both hands been effective at reducing stalling in the offensive position?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	80%	49	87%	39	79%	65	81%	153
No	18%	11	13%	6	16%	13	16%	30
No Opinion	2%	1	0%	0	5%	4	3%	5
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	83%	5	50%	1	60%	3	69%	9
No	17%	1	0%	0	0%	0	8%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	50%	1	40%	2	23%	3
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Yes	91%	279
No	8%	24
No Opinion	1%	4
TOTAL	100%	307

5. Has Rule 5.9.3 that requires a mandatory verbal and visual count when a wrestler utilizes a waist and ankle ride been effective at reducing stalling in the offensive position?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	75%	46	82%	37	72%	59	76%	142
No	21%	13	13%	6	23%	19	20%	38
No Opinion	3%	2	4%	2	5%	4	4%	8
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	67%	4	0%	0	60%	3	54%	7
No	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	33%	2	100%	2	40%	2	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Yes	87%	267
No	9%	29
No Opinion	3%	10
TOTAL	100%	306

6. Has Rule 5.9.3 that requires a mandatory verbal and visual count when a wrestler utilizes a side-headlock been effective at reducing stalling in the offensive position?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	92%	56	78%	35	74%	59	81%	150
No	8%	5	13%	6	18%	14	13%	25
No Opinion	0%	0	9%	4	9%	7	6%	11
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	80	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	67%	4	0%	0	60%	3	54%	7
No	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	33%	2	100%	2	40%	2	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Yes	79%	241
No	14%	44
No Opinion	7%	21
TOTAL	100%	306

7. Has the rule requiring tournament hosts to collect weigh-in sheets prior to medical exams has been a positive change?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	48%	29	40%	18	36%	29	41%	76
No	16%	10	16%	7	22%	18	19%	35
No Opinion	36%	22	44%	20	42%	34	41%	76
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	33%	2	50%	1	60%	3	46%	6
No	33%	2	0%	0	0%	0	15%	2
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	40%	2	38%	5
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Yes	12%	36
No	2%	6
No Opinion	86%	264
TOTAL	100%	306

NEW TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Indicate your level of support on the following:

1. Reducing the number of false start cautions from two to one.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	20%	12	9%	4	15%	12	15%	28
No Support	79%	48	82%	37	85%	70	82%	155
No Opinion	2%	1	9%	4	0%	0	3%	5
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	0%	0	60%	3	38%	5
No Support	50%	3	0%	0	20%	1	31%	4
No Opinion	17%	1	100%	2	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	28%	85
No Support	66%	202
No Opinion	6%	18
TOTAL	100%	305

2. Making repeatedly dropping to one knee in the neutral position a stalling violation.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	56%	34	27%	12	33%	27	39%	73
No Support	39%	24	67%	30	57%	46	53%	100
No Opinion	5%	3	7%	3	10%	8	7%	14
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	0%	0	0%	0	40%	2	15%	2
No Support	83%	5	0%	0	40%	2	54%	7
No Opinion	17%	1	100%	2	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	42%	129
No Support	47%	143
No Opinion	11%	32
TOTAL	100%	304

3. Allowing three coaches in the corner at tournaments.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	54%	33	25%	11	48%	39	44%	83
No Support	36%	22	66%	29	34%	28	42%	79
No Opinion	10%	6	9%	4	18%	15	13%	25
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	44	100%	82	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	20%	1	50%	1	20%	1	25%	3
No Support	80%	4	0%	0	60%	3	58%	7
No Opinion	0%	0	50%	1	20%	1	17%	2
TOTAL	100%	5	100%	2	100%	5	100%	12

OFFICIAL

Support	9%	26
No Support	83%	254
No Opinion	8%	25
TOTAL	100%	305

4. Awarding control and a takedown from neutral position if a wrestler has their back exposed in near-fall criteria and cannot/does not improve their position.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	41	58%	26	59%	48	61%	115
No Support	28%	17	29%	13	29%	24	29%	54
No Opinion	5%	3	13%	6	12%	10	10%	19
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	40%	2	0%	0	20%	1	25%	3
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1	8%	1
No Opinion	60%	3	100%	2	60%	3	67%	8
TOTAL	100%	5	100%	2	100%	5	100%	12

OFFICIAL

Support	38%	116
No Support	51%	156
No Opinion	11%	33
TOTAL	100%	305

5. In the offensive starting position, requiring the offensive wrestler's hand to be on the defensive wrestler's elbow and to have the thumb behind the elbow and the palm of the hand on the top of the elbow.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	50%	30	31%	14	32%	26	38%	70
No Support	27%	16	38%	17	46%	37	38%	70
No Opinion	23%	14	31%	14	22%	18	25%	46
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	45	100%	81	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	17%	1	0%	0	40%	2	23%	3
No Support	33%	2	0%	0	20%	1	23%	3
No Opinion	50%	3	100%	2	40%	2	54%	7
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	48%	147
No Support	38%	117
No Opinion	14%	43
TOTAL	100%	307

6. Adding a 3 point near fall so that there is the option of a 2, 3 or 4 point near fall for the corresponding number of referee counts.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	41%	25	36%	16	28%	23	34%	64
No Support	49%	30	56%	25	61%	50	56%	105
No Opinion	10%	6	9%	4	11%	9	10%	19
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	50%	1	40%	2	54%	7
No Support	17%	1	0%	0	20%	1	15%	2
No Opinion	17%	1	50%	1	40%	2	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	40%	121
No Support	56%	171
No Opinion	5%	14
TOTAL	100%	306

7. Adding a 235-pound weight class for a total of 11 weight classifications.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	28%	17	52%	23	56%	46	46%	86
No Support	67%	41	41%	18	39%	32	49%	91
No Opinion	5%	3	7%	3	5%	4	5%	10
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	44	100%	82	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	50%	1	40%	2	38%	5
No Support	50%	3	0%	0	60%	3	46%	6
No Opinion	17%	1	50%	1	0%	0	15%	2
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	56%	171
No Support	34%	103
No Opinion	11%	33
TOTAL	100%	307

8. Utilizing mat-side weigh-ins.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	20%	12	29%	13	21%	17	23%	42
No Support	67%	40	64%	29	64%	52	65%	121
No Opinion	13%	8	7%	3	15%	12	12%	23
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	45	100%	81	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	0%	0	40%	2	31%	4
No Support	67%	4	0%	0	20%	1	38%	5
No Opinion	0%	0	100%	2	40%	2	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	15%	45
No Support	58%	179
No Opinion	27%	83
TOTAL	100%	307

9. In order to alert coaches and fans, creating a signal to indicate that a referee will be conducting a video review when action settles and the match can be stopped.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	62%	38	53%	24	50%	41	55%	103
No Support	11%	7	13%	6	15%	12	13%	25
No Opinion	26%	16	33%	15	35%	29	32%	60
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	50%	1	80%	4	69%	9
No Support	33%	2	0%	0	0%	0	15%	2
No Opinion	0%	0	50%	1	20%	1	15%	2
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL		
Support	35%	106
No Support	43%	132
No Opinion	22%	68
TOTAL	100%	306

10. Awarding 1 point to the wrestler, in the neutral position, whose opponent goes in the protection area (out of bounds) with one entire foot.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	38%	23	31%	14	45%	37	39%	74
No Support	59%	36	58%	26	49%	40	54%	102
No Opinion	3%	2	11%	5	6%	5	6%	12
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	0%	0	50%	1	40%	2	23%	3
No Support	50%	3	0%	0	20%	1	31%	4
No Opinion	50%	3	50%	1	40%	2	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL		
Support	32%	98
No Support	61%	185
No Opinion	7%	21
TOTAL	100%	304

11. Eliminating the use of riding (advantage) time.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	20%	12	20%	9	15%	12	18%	33
No Support	75%	46	80%	36	84%	69	80%	151
No Opinion	5%	3	0%	0	1%	1	2%	4
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	17%	1	0%	0	20%	1	15%	2
No Support	50%	3	50%	1	60%	3	54%	7
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	39%	120
No Support	57%	173
No Opinion	4%	13
TOTAL	100%	306

12. Making all takedowns worth 3 points.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	20	38%	17	39%	31	37%	68
No Support	64%	39	60%	27	55%	44	59%	110
No Opinion	3%	2	2%	1	6%	5	4%	8
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	80	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	83%	5	0%	0	60%	3	62%	8
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1	8%	1
No Opinion	17%	1	100%	2	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	30%	90
No Support	65%	198
No Opinion	6%	17
TOTAL	100%	305

13. Making the first takedown of the 1st period of each match worth 3 points.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	7%	4	27%	12	23%	19	19%	35
No Support	90%	54	67%	30	74%	61	78%	145
No Opinion	3%	2	7%	3	2%	2	4%	7
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	45	100%	82	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	17%	1	0%	0	40%	2	23%	3
No Support	50%	3	50%	1	40%	2	46%	6
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	58%	177
No Support	38%	116
No Opinion	4%	12
TOTAL	100%	305

14. When a referee is executing a verbal and visual count for a drop-down, and the defensive wrestler is in the process of scoring, allowing wrestling action to continue and the defensive wrestler afforded the opportunity to score. Once the scoring opportunity has passed the stall call can then be issued.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	87%	53	78%	35	82%	67	82%	155
No Support	10%	6	13%	6	7%	6	10%	18
No Opinion	3%	2	9%	4	11%	9	8%	15
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	83%	5	0%	0	60%	3	62%	8
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	17%	1	100%	2	40%	2	38%	5
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	77%	236
No Support	19%	57
No Opinion	4%	13
TOTAL	100%	306

15. Developing a new referee signal (different than the traditional stall signal) to indicate when a referee makes a neutral out of bounds violation call.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	34%	21	11%	5	26%	21	25%	47
No Support	46%	28	56%	25	43%	35	47%	88
No Opinion	20%	12	33%	15	31%	25	28%	52
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	50%	1	40%	2	54%	7
No Support	33%	2	0%	0	20%	1	23%	3
No Opinion	0%	0	50%	1	40%	2	23%	3
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	24%	73
No Support	67%	205
No Opinion	9%	28
TOTAL	100%	306

16. Making the only allowable uniform a two-piece uniform.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	26%	16	4%	2	14%	11	16%	29
No Support	59%	36	84%	38	74%	60	72%	134
No Opinion	15%	9	11%	5	12%	10	13%	24
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	17%	1	0%	0	0%	0	8%	1
No Support	50%	3	50%	1	80%	4	62%	8
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	10%	32
No Support	65%	200
No Opinion	24%	75
TOTAL	100%	307

17. Limiting a wrestler who accrues 1:00 or more net riding time advantage to only be eligible for the additional time advantage point if they score near-fall points during the match.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	18%	11	16%	7	15%	12	16%	30
No Support	79%	48	78%	35	80%	66	79%	149
No Opinion	3%	2	7%	3	5%	4	5%	9
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	17%	1	0%	0	40%	2	23%	3
No Support	33%	2	0%	0	40%	2	31%	4
No Opinion	50%	3	100%	2	20%	1	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	33%	101
No Support	60%	182
No Opinion	7%	22
TOTAL	100%	305

18. Once a takedown has been awarded, the offensive wrestler would have the option to immediately communicate to the referee that he wishes to continue wrestling in the neutral position with no escape point awarded.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	21%	13	16%	7	21%	17	20%	37
No Support	74%	45	80%	36	73%	59	75%	140
No Opinion	5%	3	4%	2	6%	5	5%	10
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	0%	0	50%	1	0%	0	8%	1
No Support	83%	5	0%	0	80%	4	69%	9
No Opinion	17%	1	50%	1	20%	1	23%	3
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	33%	100
No Support	60%	185
No Opinion	7%	22
TOTAL	100%	307

19. Allowing wrestlers to score near fall points from the offensive position and the neutral position.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	20	16%	7	26%	21	26%	48
No Support	53%	32	64%	29	56%	46	57%	107
No Opinion	13%	8	20%	9	18%	15	17%	32
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	45	100%	82	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	0%	0	20%	1	38%	5
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	40%	2	15%	2
No Opinion	33%	2	100%	2	40%	2	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	13%	40
No Support	76%	234
No Opinion	11%	33
TOTAL	100%	307

20. When two wrestlers are in the rear-standing position, the offensive wrestler would not be allowed to mat return the defensive wrestler on the same side as a trapped arm. This would be considered an illegal move.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	52%	31	43%	19	34%	28	42%	78
No Support	43%	26	48%	21	52%	43	48%	90
No Opinion	5%	3	9%	4	13%	11	10%	18
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	44	100%	82	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	0%	0	20%	1	23%	3
No Support	50%	3	0%	0	20%	1	31%	4
No Opinion	17%	1	100%	2	60%	3	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	34%	103
No Support	59%	181
No Opinion	7%	22
TOTAL	100%	306

21. Allowing all wrestlers competing in back-to-back competitions to receive a 1-pound weight allowance on the second day of competition.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	82%	50	91%	41	85%	70	86%	161
No Support	15%	9	9%	4	11%	9	12%	22
No Opinion	3%	2	0%	0	4%	3	3%	5
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	83%	5	50%	1	100%	5	85%	11
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	17%	1	50%	1	0%	0	15%	2
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	76%	234
No Support	9%	29
No Opinion	14%	44
TOTAL	100%	307

22. Allowing a 3rd party registered official to serve as the person who executes video reviews.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	77%	47	78%	35	62%	51	71%	133
No Support	15%	9	13%	6	22%	18	18%	33
No Opinion	8%	5	9%	4	16%	13	12%	22
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	50%	1	60%	3	62%	8
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	40%	2	15%	2
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	0%	0	23%	3
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	56%	170
No Support	35%	108
No Opinion	9%	28
TOTAL	100%	306

23. Removing the requirement for referees to verbalize a 2nd set call prior to blowing the whistle in the down position.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	62%	37	44%	20	38%	31	47%	88
No Support	23%	14	40%	18	40%	33	35%	65
No Opinion	15%	9	16%	7	22%	18	18%	34
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	45	100%	82	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	0%	0	20%	1	23%	3
No Support	33%	2	50%	1	60%	3	46%	6
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	51%	155
No Support	45%	136
No Opinion	4%	13
TOTAL	100%	304

24. Limiting the number of matches a wrestler can compete in one day to 5 matches.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	53%	31	22%	10	17%	14	30%	55
No Support	29%	17	69%	31	76%	62	59%	110
No Opinion	19%	11	9%	4	7%	6	11%	21
TOTAL	100%	59	100%	45	100%	82	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	0%	0	60%	3	54%	7
No Support	33%	2	0%	0	40%	2	31%	4
No Opinion	0%	0	100%	2	0%	0	15%	2
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	41%	126
No Support	38%	116
No Opinion	21%	65
TOTAL	100%	307

25. Requiring a mandatory rest period in between all matches

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	57%	35	55%	24	27%	22	43%	81
No Support	30%	18	39%	17	56%	46	43%	81
No Opinion	13%	8	7%	3	17%	14	13%	25
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	44	100%	82	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	50%	1	60%	3	46%	6
No Support	33%	2	0%	0	20%	1	23%	3
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	26%	79
No Support	55%	167
No Opinion	20%	60
TOTAL	100%	306

26. Allowing wrestlers to face forward on the scales when weighing in.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	41	64%	29	78%	63	71%	133
No Support	10%	6	4%	2	4%	3	6%	11
No Opinion	23%	14	31%	14	19%	15	23%	43
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	50%	1	60%	3	62%	8
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1	8%	1
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	32%	99
No Support	13%	39
No Opinion	55%	168
TOTAL	100%	306

27. Eliminating the February 15th deadline for an athlete to be down to their lowest allowable weight class.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	85%	52	58%	26	57%	46	66%	124
No Support	13%	8	31%	14	35%	28	27%	50
No Opinion	2%	1	11%	5	9%	7	7%	13
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	50%	3	0%	0	0%	0	23%	3
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	80%	4	31%	4
No Opinion	50%	3	100%	2	20%	1	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	16%	48
No Support	24%	73
No Opinion	60%	185
TOTAL	100%	306

28. Allowing wrestlers to certify up to two weeks beyond the official start date for practice.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	85%	51	78%	35	70%	57	77%	143
No Support	8%	5	13%	6	19%	15	14%	26
No Opinion	7%	4	9%	4	11%	9	9%	17
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	45	100%	81	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	50%	3	0%	0	20%	1	31%	4
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	60%	3	23%	3
No Opinion	50%	3	100%	2	20%	1	46%	6
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	31%	94
No Support	9%	29
No Opinion	60%	183
TOTAL	100%	306

29. Allowing a wrestler to call injury timeout without penalty.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	13%	8	18%	8	70%	57	39%	73
No Support	80%	49	78%	35	19%	15	53%	99
No Opinion	7%	4	4%	2	11%	9	8%	15
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Support	67%	4	0%	0	80%	4	62%	8
No Opinion	33%	2	100%	2	20%	1	38%	5
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	10%	30
No Support	85%	258
No Opinion	6%	17
TOTAL	100%	305

30. Extending injury time from 90 seconds to 2 minutes.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	36%	22	38%	17	48%	39	41%	78
No Support	57%	35	51%	23	43%	35	49%	93
No Opinion	7%	4	11%	5	10%	8	9%	17
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	17%	1	50%	1	40%	2	31%	4
No Support	67%	4	0%	0	60%	3	54%	7
No Opinion	17%	1	50%	1	0%	0	15%	2
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	26%	81
No Support	66%	203
No Opinion	7%	23
TOTAL	100%	307

31. At the captains coin toss for dual meets, allowing the winner of the coin toss to choose either the starting weight class or odd/even bouts for 2nd period choice. After the winner of the toss makes their choice, the other team is allowed to choose from the remaining option.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	25%	15	29%	13	38%	31	32%	59
No Support	69%	42	64%	29	56%	45	62%	116
No Opinion	7%	4	7%	3	6%	5	6%	12
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	81	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	50%	1	60%	3	46%	6
No Support	17%	1	0%	0	20%	1	15%	2
No Opinion	50%	3	50%	1	20%	1	38%	5
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	39%	119
No Support	45%	138
No Opinion	16%	48
TOTAL	100%	305

32. Allowing a diagnosed skin infection as an injury that would allow the athlete to medically forfeit out of the conference tournament and still be allowed to qualify for the NCAA's as an at large bid, if selected.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	80%	48	64%	29	60%	49	68%	126
No Support	15%	9	9%	4	22%	18	17%	31
No Opinion	5%	3	27%	12	17%	14	16%	29
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	45	100%	81	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	83%	5	0%	0	60%	3	62%	8
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1	8%	1
No Opinion	17%	1	100%	2	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	63%	194
No Support	8%	25
No Opinion	28%	87
TOTAL	100%	306

33. Reducing the number of team points awarded for an injury default.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	26%	16	7%	3	24%	20	21%	39
No Support	67%	41	78%	35	60%	49	66%	125
No Opinion	7%	4	16%	7	16%	13	13%	24
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1	8%	1
No Support	33%	2	0%	0	60%	3	38%	5
No Opinion	67%	4	100%	2	20%	1	54%	7
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	12%	38
No Support	57%	174
No Opinion	30%	93
TOTAL	100%	305

34. Disqualifying a competitor after they are called for their second unsportsmanlike conduct during a single match (currently it is on the 4th violation).

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	62%	38	73%	32	74%	61	70%	131
No Support	23%	14	11%	5	11%	9	15%	28
No Opinion	15%	9	16%	7	15%	12	15%	28
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	44	100%	82	100%	187

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	50%	1	80%	4	69%	9
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	33%	2	50%	1	20%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	80%	241
No Support	13%	40
No Opinion	7%	20
TOTAL	100%	301

35. Putting a time limit on the length of time for a concussion evaluation (e.g., 8-10 minutes).

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	80%	48	61%	27	51%	42	63%	117
No Support	13%	8	27%	12	32%	26	25%	46
No Opinion	7%	4	11%	5	17%	14	12%	23
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	44	100%	82	100%	186

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	4	0%	0	40%	2	46%	6
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	60%	3	23%	3
No Opinion	33%	2	100%	2	0%	0	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	61%	184
No Support	24%	74
No Opinion	15%	45
TOTAL	100%	303

36. In NCAA Championships finals matches, teams would be allowed one review per finalist, in addition to the normal tournament allotment.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	74%	45	82%	37	78%	64	78%	146
No Support	26%	16	13%	6	12%	10	17%	32
No Opinion	0%	0	4%	2	10%	8	5%	10
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	57%	4	50%	1	60%	3	57%	8
No Support	14%	1	0%	0	40%	2	21%	3
No Opinion	29%	2	50%	1	0%	0	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	7	100%	2	100%	5	100%	14

OFFICIAL

Support	65%	199
No Support	20%	62
No Opinion	14%	43
TOTAL	100%	304

37. Adding the requirement that in the rear standing position, it is always the offensive wrestler's responsibility to attempt to take the defensive wrestler back to the mat (e.g., rear standing with legs in, offensive wrestler would be required to attempt to take them back to the mat).

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	67%	40	56%	24	61%	50	62%	114
No Support	22%	13	28%	12	21%	17	23%	42
No Opinion	12%	7	16%	7	18%	15	16%	29
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	43	100%	82	100%	185

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	33%	2	0%	0	40%	2	31%	4
No Support	17%	1	0%	0	20%	1	15%	2
No Opinion	50%	3	100%	2	40%	2	54%	7
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	74%	224
No Support	18%	55
No Opinion	7%	22
TOTAL	100%	301

38. Changing team scoring so tournaments and dual meets are scored in a similar format.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	52%	32	42%	19	43%	35	46%	86
No Support	26%	16	36%	16	35%	29	32%	61
No Opinion	21%	13	22%	10	22%	18	22%	41
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	45	100%	82	100%	188

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	50%	3	0%	0	80%	4	54%	7
No Support	17%	1	0%	0	20%	1	15%	2
No Opinion	33%	2	100%	2	0%	0	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL

Support	33%	100
No Support	26%	79
No Opinion	41%	123
TOTAL	100%	302

39. Provide each team a soft red or green brick to throw onto the mat to indicate a coach's video review challenge is being requested.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	69%	42	15%	12	56%	45	44%	99
No Support	21%	13	85%	70	27%	22	47%	105
No Opinion	10%	6	0%	0	17%	14	9%	20
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	82	100%	81	100%	224

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	83%	5	0%	0	40%	2	54%	7
No Support	17%	1	0%	0	40%	2	23%	3
No Opinion	0%	0	100%	2	20%	1	23%	3
TOTAL	100%	6	100%	2	100%	5	100%	13

OFFICIAL		
Support	37%	113
No Support	46%	141
No Opinion	16%	50
TOTAL	100%	304

Please leave any additional comments for the committee

To remove the verbal "Get on legal". Of course they are suppose to get on legally. Why not simply say "Cover."? Figure #17 in the "Collegiate Referee's Wrestling Signals" is not the same as page 55, 5.16.1 which describes the Visual caution as a "C" formed by the forefinger and thumb. The #17 figure clear shows a "C" as thumb and of four remaining fingers.

There is already a different signal for the out of bounds neutral call. But there isn't a sign for kick out stall call. The spectators should know what type of call that is when it does happen. Front head lock from an offensive position should be treated like a rear-standing position where stalling is called but action continues to occur.

Did not understand allowing wrestlers to score near fall from the Offending and Neutral position? I thought they already could, example turns on top or throwing feet to back??

The headcover needs to be attached to the headgear. There should be a count even if the leg is in if holding on to the ankle. The interlocking fingers rule needs further development. It is very hard to catch who is initiating it.

The no reaction takedown is a joke. You can shrug a kid and he barely touches his hand on the mat and then no control and he is awarded two. If you power double and kid and he hits is butt on mat and then wizards and gets hips up quickly no one gives 2 for that. They allow reaction time for that, but none when other things happen...give the discretion back to the officials if it was control or not...heck they have video review now and can take a second look, but a quick hand touch most times is not control.

I totally agree it is the top mans responsibility to return the defensive wrestler if the defensive wrestler stands up with the legs in!

Home management should control mat area not officials. (Cameras and coaches) Make the head slap a mandatory unnecessary roughness penalty. This can reduce the number of concussions

several questions have good intent but by the wording could create some major issues. Example being ...question on concussion time restrictions could cause some major issues/conflicts with NCAA and sports science committees.

The wrestler in control during a rear standing situation is required to attempt a return but the controlled wrestler must also attempt to escape. Too often the controlled wrestler tries to bait the stalling call from the referee before trying to escape. He will hold the hands of the controlling wrestler together so that he can't let go, therefore drawing a stall call.

Eliminate the pushout part of the stalling so that there are only 1 of 2 calls. "Action" or "stalling" by backing out.

In order for coaches to continue to schedule with the best interest of the student-athlete, back to back weigh in days should automatically be granted one pound. This has fallen on deaf ears for 10 years now. It is time to make this happen to encourage our schedules to be back to back and avoid mid-week weigh ins. Secondly, wrestlers should be allowed to certify up to two weeks into practice. To certify based on out of season shape is insane. Almost as insane as making scratch weight for two straight days. It's about time we remove the ridiculous over-regulation of weight management - give one pound for consecutive weigh ins and allow for certifications after two weeks.

I think the hardest part with each year, and new rules, is for the officials. The out of bounds rule, the dropping below the butt rule, are all rules that are left in the official hands. Matches shouldn't be able to be influenced by a 3rd party.

Eliminate Hydration Testing (Not necessary) Go to 2 Piece Uniforms

I suggest we eliminate the 2nd official, use the resources to hire a outside person to make all review calls WITHOUT the official being involved! I believe this would serve our student-athletes and Coaches, and make this process best for the fans.

Make fleeing the mat a 1 point penalty.

Changing and adding rules mid season becomes more of a problem than it is helpful is a rule is not dangerous then it needs to stay in place until the following season.

Designate Home and Away Uniform Colors for dual meets especially if the match is being televised. Limit the number of quad and tri matches allowed on a programs schedule and then increase the number of competition dates permitted.. In order to build a fan base teams need more single dual meets that are 1.5-2 hours in length. A tri or quad match is potentially a 4.5 hour day of competition.

There seems to be very little action taking place down on the mat. I would prefer to see wrestlers placed back in the neutral postion if near fall pts. are not scored within 30 seconds.

We continue to add more ways for an official to call stalling. Stalling is a call that is subjective. Subjectivity is what allows for greater issues. Despite all the attempts and rule changes we have not assisted at all in the issue of stalling. Officials call stalling when someone is tired. That makes no sense. If wrestler one is winning by 5, what is wrong with him highlighting his defense? It happens in every sport. Football teams run the ball more. Basketball teams pass the ball more. Soccer teams keep more men back. I have seen far too many bad stalling calls than any other call. The rule on the edge of the mat is bad. Whoever gets pushed out gets a warning. Keep getting pushed out and you lose points. Recently David Taylor was being shoved all over the mat by the Iranian. One more push out and he was disqualified. He decided to fight harder and was never pushed out again. It's too complicated. Simplify. Team scoring in duals needs to be assessed. Needs to allow for more fan friendly scoring to allow duals to be more engaging longer. Matches should be 6 minutes long. 7 minutes is too long. A tech fall should be 10pts. Watching someone get beat by 15 is boring. Extends time of dual and loses fan interest.

I think that riding time should be eliminated. I would like to see the high school and college rules guys come together and make the rules the same. One exception being the first period being 3 minutes in college. Weight classes should remain what they are in high school and college. The out of bounds in college is so much better than what it is in high school.

remove the red and green lines for the neutral starting position and make them a neutral color.

Need more information on the logistics of matside weigh ins. YES PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE award 1 point for a "step out". It has been proven in freestyle to increase scoring, edge of the mat activity and most importantly, removes the referee from making a subjective call based on his interpretation or personal preference. I would strongly encourage the language be referred to as a "step out" NOT a "push out".

We need to STOP creating rules that will eliminate the need to actually be a bottom wrestler. There seems to be 6-8 questions that would make the top wrestler basically have to release the bottom wrestler or be called for stalling. We seem to be pushing to make all wrestling in the neutral position. WE ARE NOT FREE STYLE. (a brick... that has been a terrible process to challenge a call). To have 3 separate points for a NF would only make it more complicated, and VERY difficult to be consistent. Awarding NF points BEFORE control is established from the Neutral position, would be a HUGE can of worms. Scramble wrestling is some of the MOST exciting action out there... Neutral NF points would eliminate some GREAT Scramble wrestling.

Please allow "below the buttocks" (without counting, when the offensive wrestler seems to be working toward a fall.

If we want to continue improving our sport by creating unimpeded action, riding time must go. It has to. All of the new rules have been great and have, without doubt, in my opinion, improved the sport for all, competitors and spectators. Riding time is in direct conflict with the intent of the new rules, period.

I believe the weight descent plan should be modified to allow wrestlers to compete at a higher weight class for one competition and descend to the lower weight the next competition regardless of their actual weight, provided the wrestler made the lower weight the competition prior. For example Scenario 1: January 7 - wrestler makes 133 lbs and competes January 14 - wrestler weighs 140 and competes at 141 January 21 - wrestler is allowed to make 133 Scenario 2: January 7 - wrestler makes 133 lbs and competes January 14 - wrestler weighs 140 lbs and competes at 141 January 21 - wrestler weighs 140 lbs and competes at 141 wrestler must now use descent plan to return to 133

Anything that increases scoring. A 3 point td is great as most wrestlers now just allow an escape. Riding time needs to be eliminated or as in one question only added if the wrestler earns nf points.

Please limit the number of entries allowed in a one day tournament. It has not been too bad this season because of the abundance of open tournaments. I have been in a gym for 10 to 12 hours with wrestlers wrestling 6 to 7 bouts. This is not fan friendly and does not do well to promote wrestling.

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In reference to the going out of bounds in the neutral position: I think that freestyle finally has it right. There is little room for discussion or subjectivity. If someone steps out for whatever reason, the other wrestler is awarded a point. This removes the official from having to make the sometimes very difficult decision of who is pushing or who is pulling. This would only occur when neutral on the mat wrestling is taking place. No brainer on the allowing the defensive wrestler to score even if the 5 count is reached if he is in the process of scoring. The coin toss and selecting at which match to start is a good idea but should probably occur at weigh ins so each individual wrestler would know when he/she is actually going to compete so their food/liquid intake and ensuing warm up can be maximized.

I think throwing something on the mat like in the final question could interfere with the wrestling happening at the time. I think the flag system works fine and no change needed.

Changes in the rules surrounding boundary lines have been successful... keep going with it, as I believe scoring and match time have both improved with the new rules implemented over the past 4 seasons. Great work!

The strongest points I would like to see changed is the elimination of riding time all together. It is killing the sport. However, short of that, the near fall requirement is the next best thing. I'm tired of watching rodeo's. The step out rule makes the most sense. Referee's continually call action when stalling should be called and it is also in the penalty sequence. Giving the point for stepping out of bounds removes the "judgement" call of the official and make it clear cut. It also takes going out of bounds out of the penalty chart. Having a 3rd official determine the challenge is like a replay official...very important. By the way, this could be remotely done as it is in the NFL at a centralized location. I also really like the idea of the official announcing when they are going to review a situation instead of using a challenge on something the official was already going to review. Allowing the athlete to let the defensive man up without the escape point will have more time spent on the feet where more excitement occurs.

Please limit the number of entries allowed in a one day tournament . It has not been too bad this season because of the abundance of open tournaments . I have been in a gym for 10 to 12 hours with wrestlers wrestling 6 to 7 bouts . This is not fan friendly and does not do well to promote wrestling.

Anything that increases scoring. A 3 point td is great as most wrestlers now just allow an escape. Riding time needs to be eliminated or as in one question only added if the wrestler earns nf points.

I believe the weight descent plan should be modified to allow wrestlers to compete at a higher weight class for one competition and descend to the lower weight the next competition regardless of their actual weight, provided the wrestler made the lower weight the competition prior. For example

Scenario 1:

January 7 - wrestler makes 133 lbs and competes

January 14 - wrestler weighs 140 and competes at 141

January 21 - wrestler is allowed to make 133

Scenario 2:

January 7 - wrestler makes 133 lbs and competes

January 14 - wrestler weighs 140 lbs and competes at 141

January 21 - wrestler weighs 140 lbs and competes at 141

wrestler must now use descent plan to return to 133

If we want to continue improving our sport by creating unimpeded action, riding time must go. It has to. All of the new rules have been great and have, without doubt, in my opinion, improved the sport for all, competitors and spectators. Riding time is in direct conflict with the intent of the new rules, period.

Please allow "below the buttocks" (without counting, when the offensive wrestler seems to be working toward a fall.

We need to STOP creating rules that will eliminate the need to actually be a bottom wrestler. There seems to be 6-8 questions that would make the top wrestler basically have to release the bottom wrestler or be called for stalling. We seem to be pushing to make all wrestling in the neutral position. WE ARE NOT FREE STYLE. (a brick... that has been a terrible process to challenge a call). To have 3 separate points for a NF would only make it more complicated, and VERY difficult to be consistent. Awarding NF points BEFORE control is established from the Neutral position, would be a HUGE can of worms. Scramble wrestling is some of the MOST exciting action out there... Neutral NF points would eliminate some GREAT Scramble wrestling.

Need more information on the logistics of matside weigh ins. YES PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE award 1 point for a "step out". It has been proven in freestyle to increase scoring, edge of the mat activity and most importantly, removes the referee from making a subjective call based on his interpretation or personal preference. I would strongly encourage the language be referred to as a "step out" NOT a "push out".

remove the red and green lines for the neutral starting position and make them a neutral color.

I think that riding time should be eliminated. I would like to see the high school and college rules guys come together and make the rules the same. One exception being the first period being 3 minutes in college. Weight classes should remain what they are in high school and college. The out of bounds in college is so much better than what it is in high school.

We continue to add more ways for an official to call stalling. Stalling is a call that is subjective. Subjectivity is what allows for greater issues. Despite all the attempts and rule changes we have not assisted at all in the issue of stalling. Officials call stalling when someone is tired. That makes no sense. If wrestler one is winning by 5, what is wrong with him highlighting his defense? It happens in every sport. Football teams run the ball more. Basketball teams pass the ball more. Soccer teams keep more men back. I have seen far too many bad stalling calls than any other call. The rule on the edge of the mat is bad. Whoever gets pushed out gets a warning. Keep getting pushed out and you lose points. Recently David Taylor was being shoved all over the mat by the Iranian. One more push out and he was disqualified. He decided to fight harder and was never pushed out again. It's too complicated. Simplify. Team scoring in duals needs to be assessed. Needs to allow for more fan friendly scoring to allow duals to be more engaging longer. Matches should be 6 minutes long. 7 minutes is too long. A tech fall should be 10pts. Watching someone get beat by 15 is boring. Extends time of dual and loses fan interest.

There seems to be very little action taking place down on the mat. I would prefer to see wrestlers placed back in the neutral position if near fall pts. are not scored within 30 seconds.

Designate Home and Away Uniform Colors for dual meets especially if the match is being televised. Limit the number of quad and tri matches allowed on a programs schedule and then increase the number of competition dates permitted.. In order to build a fan base teams need more single dual meets that are 1.5-2 hours in length. A tri or quad match is potentially a 4.5 hour day of competition.

Changing and adding rules mid season becomes more of a problem than it is helpful is a rule is not dangerous then it needs to stay in place until the following season.

Make fleeing the mat a 1 point penalty.

I suggest we eliminate the 2nd official, use the resources to hire a outside person to make all review calls WITHOUT the official being involved! I believe this would serve our student-athletes and Coaches, and make this process best for the fans.

Eliminate Hydration Testing (Not necessary)Go to 2 Piece Uniforms

I think the hardest part with each year, and new rules, is for the officials. The out of bounds rule, the dropping below the butt rule, are all rules that are left in the official hands. Matches shouldn't be able to be influenced by a 3rd party.

In order for coaches to continue to schedule with the best interest of the student-athlete, back to back weigh in days should automatically be granted one pound. This has fallen on deaf ears for 10 years now. It is time to make this happen to encourage our schedules to be back to back and avoid mid-week weigh ins. Secondly, wrestlers should be allowed to certify up to two weeks into practice. To certify based on out of season shape is insane. Almost as insane as making scratch weight for two straight days. It's about time we remove the ridiculous over-regulation of weight management - give one pound for consecutive weigh ins and allow for certifications after two weeks.

Eliminate the pushout part of the stalling so that there are only 1 of 2 calls. "Action" or "stalling" by backing out.

The wrestler in control during a rear standing situation is required to attempt a return but the controlled wrestler must also attempt to escape. Too often the controlled wrestler tries to bait the stalling call from the referee before trying to escape. He will hold the hands of the controlling wrestler together so that he can't let go, therefore drawing a stall call.

several questions have good intent but by the wording could create some major issues. Example being ...question on concussion time restrictions could cause some major issues/conflicts with NCAA and sports science committees.

Home management should control mat area not officials. (Cameras and coaches)

Make the head slap a mandatory unnecessary roughness penalty. This can reduce the number of concussions

I totally agree it is the top mans responsibility to return the defensive wrestler if the defensive wrestler stands up with the legs in!

The no reaction takedown is a joke. You can shrug a kid and he barely touches his hand on the mat and then no control and he is awarded two. If you power double and kid and he hits is butt on mat and then wizards and gets hips up quickly no one gives 2 for that. They allow reaction time for that, but none when other things happen...give the discretion back to the officials if it was control or not...heck they have video review now and can take a second look, but a quick hand touch most times is not control.

The headcover needs to be attached to the headgear. There should be a count even if the leg is in if holding on to the ankle. The interlocking fingers rule needs further development. It is very hard to catch who is initiating it.

Did not understand allowing wrestlers to score near fall from the Offending and Neutral position? I thought they already could, example turns on top or throwing feet to back??

There is already a different signal for the out of bounds neutral call. But there isn't a sign for kick out stall call. The spectators should know what type of call that is when it does happen. Front head lock from an offensive position should be treated like a rear-standing position where stalling is called but action continues to occur.

To remove the verbal "Get on legal". Of course they are suppose to get on legally. Why not simply say "Cover."?

Figure #17 in the "Collegiate Referee's Wrestling Signals" is not the same as page 55, 5.16.1 which describes the Visual caution as a "C" formed by the forefinger and thumb. The #17 figure clear shows a "C" as thumb and of four remaining fingers.

I feel that the committee has made some very positive changes the last several years to promote wrestling action. I look forward to the implementation of many of the new rule changes that are proposed in the above content.

We need to keep working to improve our sport and the committee is definitely working very hard to accomplish that goal.

teams that have more than one review left are allowed only one review per match. current rules apply if the review is 'won'.

The crab or claw high spiral ride adds nothing to the entertainment value. It makes some matches painful to watch. Make riding time only awarded with a set of back points and problem solved.

Eliminate head slaps and clubbing the head in the neutral position, it's not a wrestling move and only is used for intimidation. Reward a wrestler for shooting a single or double leg in the neutral position with one point, if they finish the takedown they get two points for a total of three points. If they get tied up in a scramble and get no takedown at least they got one point for shooting a takedown.

There should be a formula for tournaments on how many competitors vs how many mats. No tournament should be allowed to be any longer than 10 hours per day. Trackwrestling can figure this out very quickly. Number of bouts x 7 min. x number of mats. This is for the safety of the wrestlers, fan experience, official and table workers fatigue etc. More sleep for Wrestlers means stonger immune systems and fewer skin issues just to name one benefit. I would be more than happy to discuss more about this at anytime. Another Idea is to only have 1 weigh-in for any tournament that has weigh-ins within a 20 hour period from the initial weigh-in to the next day of wrestling begins. For example: Wrestling weigh-ins are at 2 pm Friday and you wrestle the first couple of rounds and the next day Saturday wrestling begins at 10 am. This would insure that there would be no "marathon" tournaments everyone would get ample rest and most teams are at the site for a tournament the day before anyway. Thanks!

The out of bounds rules I have a big problem with this year. I can't blame ref's for the not consistent calls. I have had wrestlers called for stalling when they pushes the opponent out and they also get called when they get pushed out (and I mean pushed out looking for the call) I don't think anyone can predict which way the call will go. I instruct me team to wrestle in the center circle but we have had back to back matches at this years regions where we got called when we were forced out of bounds and 10 minutes later my wrestler got called for pushing a wrestler out of the circle. I feel it is impossible for a ref to make this call and get it right. In fact the way I see it you can call it either way and have and argument that the call is right. I feel we need to look at another rule that should be considered to keep the wrestlers in bounds and eliminate the current new out of bounds rule. This rule has resulted in loses in close matches sometimes for the wrong wrestler.

I think that something needs to be done about the point differential between takedowns and escapes. It seems silly that a wrestler who has taken his opponent down 2 or 3 times and controlled the first period of a match could potentially be winning by just 2 or 3 points entering the second period when he has scored 4 or 6 points from takedowns. I voted in favor of 3 point takedowns, but against giving the offensive wrestler the opportunity to immediately award his opponent an escape without giving up a point because I think the bottom wrestler should have an opportunity to earn an escape and a point for it. However, I think it would be smart to give the offensive wrestler the option to go back to the neutral position without giving up an escape point after a restart. This has given the defensive wrestler time to earn an escape point. If we were to enact that rule, I would be in favor of keeping takedowns at 2 points as this would help to separate wrestlers that have earned multiple takedowns and put a greater emphasis on that. I also feel very strongly about the rear standing position. I feel that it should ALWAYS be the responsibility of the top wrestler to return the bottom wrestler. I don't understand why that expectation changes just because he has a leg in. When we start calling the bottom wrestler for stalling just for coming to his feet with a leg in, we are discouraging our wrestlers from trying to get away and essentially telling the top man that as long as he puts a leg in, the bottom man isn't allowed to try and escape. This discourages action on top. This should be treated like rear standing in every other situation - it is the responsibility of the offensive wrestler to return that man to the mat.

Consider having the PA to announce to the crowd what is being challenged for the video review.

When video review is being used, I would like to see coaches only receive one warning for questioning a ref, instead of two. I would also like to see coaches be required to stay seated in their corner during matches. Coaches should be required to take and pass a rules test, similar to that which the officials take. I would also like to see an allotted amount of time for blood time (ex. 5 minutes). Wrestlers who choose to wear a hair net should have one that is attached to the headgear, to prevent unnecessary stoppages.

Consider eliminating riding time during the regulation periods, in lieu of riding time the student athlete who scores an offensive maneuver and is in the control position and the end of the first period (first period only) would receive 1 additional point. Riding time would only be used in the overtime periods to help determine a match winner.

When a referee is executing a verbal and visual count for a drop-down, and the defensive wrestler is in the process of scoring, allowing wrestling action to continue and the defensive wrestler afforded the opportunity to score. Once the scoring opportunity has passed the stall call can then be issued. This would be a GREAT change.

The "stalling" and "action" call when wrestlers go out of bounds is very inconsistent between referees. It is too subjective. The out of bounds call should be similar to freestyle in that if someone steps out of bounds the first offense should be a stalling, the second offense should be a stalling and +1 point, etc. Wrestling official start date of practice should not be set at October 10th, rather a 19 week practice window should be counted backward from the end of the regular season. The last two seasons we have not been able to use the full 19 weeks, because the time between October 10th and post season has been shorter. We are missing out on "allowable" practice weeks because of the October 10th start date. The backwards count is how most sports in the NCAA operate. If the top wrestler wishes to cut the bottom wrestler, after a break in action, the bottom wrestler should not be awarded a point.

The best thing we can do for the sport of wrestling is to keep the rules simple and consistent. Wrestling is one of the only sports that change the rules mid-season. Most of the fans don't know the rules and the coaches have a hard time interpreting them correctly, so we need to keep it simple; take down, 4 near fall, red you are stalling, etc.

Simplify the drop down rule " when the official believes stalling is happening they start the count. Take away all the different scenarios as they seem to change through the year. This would make it a simple rule that would be understood easier by fans and coaches as well as officials. You could still have a number of situations in which the official could start a count if appropriate.

We must have a point awarded if a wrestler goes out of bounds with both feet!!

On video review, I am of the opinion that count down stalling calls should not be allowed to be video reviewed. I believe it is unfair to the offensive wrestler to receive a verbal and visual count which he is afforded by the rules, release the hold during the verbal and visual count, only to later find out that official started the count a second late and he ends up being penalized for stalling. If you are going to allow the wrestler to receive a verbal and visual count, that count should be "binding" and not something that could essentially be meaningless upon video review. Traditional stalling calls are essentially unreviewable for similar reasons. I could see a situation where if video reviewed, an official may have called stalling 2, 5, or even 10 seconds sooner when having the foresight of knowing the action that was to follow. After, I think the tiebreaker choice situation needs to be changed to be similar to the high school rules. Presently, at the regionals there was debate over injury timeouts during the tiebreaker periods and whether a wrestler is allowed to choose neutral on restarts, etc. It was interpreted as they could not partially because of the defined rule that says the wrestlers switch top and bottom position for the 2nd 30 second tiebreaker and if someone picked neutral, how do you determine the "switch". This is a potential loophole in the injury timeout rules that could be fixed by simply changing the choice at the start of the first 30 second tiebreaker to be top, bottom, or defer and instituting that there is a choice at the start of the 2nd 30 second tiebreaker for the other wrestler. This also adds in other possibilities for a win in the 30 second tiebreakers. A wrestler could defer, his opponent picks bottom and is ridden out. The original wrestler could then have the potentially risky option of picking top and riding his opponent out again for a win by riding time knowing that an escape by his opponent could end up making his opponent have an "easier" victory.

Lets focus on reducing the number of required calls a Ref has to make so he or she can focus on getting the important calls correct and the safety of the wrestlers. Thank you!

I don't think that our scoring system is bad. I think if you look at most duals/tournaments there is plenty of scoring and excitement. Top wrestling and riding time add a good element to the sport. When Freestyle took a lot of top out of the scoring the scores went down not up. Also push out rule would just increase people scoring for not doing anything. No control in that and our sport is based on control.

At the first restart after a takedown has been awarded, the offensive wrestler would have the option to communicate to the referee that he wishes to continue wrestling in the neutral position with no escape point awarded.
For fan understanding, dual meet scores shall be match points scored. It is a tiebreaker. Fans understand it. Falls would have to be 25 or so since someone could get a tech fall with 21 (?) maximum points (up 14, takedown to 4 nearfall and penalty).
Some of the rules you want to change are ok but stop making so complicated on is he stalling or is it a scoring hold
I have three big concerns. All three regarding weight and they were addressed in this questionnaire. The first is allowing practices to start and being able to certify two weeks after practice. The second is giving the extra pound for back to back weigh ins. The third is allowing a wrestler a chance to progress down after the Feb. 15th deadline. I hope all three of these are definitely put in.
Really would like to see a third party (coordinator or head official) be the person conducting the video reviews rather than the working official in the match.
Propose that Collegiate wrestling go to a one semester sport like most other collegiate sports. Jan1 to end of April. This eliminates holiday expenses as well as helps programs reduce cost . Plus the injury factor goes down. As well as GPA's could be possibly better or maintained. Retention would be higher academically as well as student athletes miss less. Add two additional weight classes 117lb and 230 lb . Instead of the proposed 235. There are to many lightweight guys and upper light heavyweights in this country that are being discriminated against because these weight classes do not exist .
The rules that have been recently enacted have been very positive for the sport. The tricky part has been interpreting those new rules and the timing of those interpretations. Making rule interpretations during the season or towards the end causes more confusion than is helpful. You would have thought that those considerations were discussed when the rules were enacted. Not doing so means, in my opinion, that not enough thought was given before enacting the rule 'step-out point' would have to handle situations like escapes awarded at the edge of the mat - could be difficult.
I think the 3rd party official for video review is crucial to alleviate bias. Also, I really like the concept of 3-point takedowns. I think this will really entice athletes to attempt more scoring opportunities and create action (More points for offensive activity and less for passive scoring).
Gaming locked hands when defensive wrestler drops down to a knee. Penalize defensive wrestler 1 Pt on first attempt.
set time limits on scrambles , calling more stalemates, increasing wrestling action
More points for 1st period fall (8); 2nd period (7); 3rd period (6)

We changed rules to allow all this extra wrestling to happen out of bounds. Need to re-evaluate the going out of bounds rules. The push out, pulling out, or action call is not consistent, refs are too inconsistent with this and take it too literally. If a wrestler shoots the natural reaction is to sprawl, this is not stalling it is wrestling. Why is it not stalling in the center of the mat, but it is stalling on the out of bounds line? Another scenario on the new stall out of bounds- I am on bottom, I stand up, the top wrestler is trying to return me, I am fighting to get out, I do get out right near the out of bounds line & then the offensive wrestler shoots. The bottom wrestler sprawls, goes out of bounds and it is stalling. If it is blatant backing out, or it is blatant pushing out call stalling, most or all other action is wrestling action, not stalling.

The drop down rule stinks. Go back and watch Megaludis vs. Delgado at 125. This is dropping down to a single leg and getting riding time. Getting to an ankle is a great breakdown & set up to get to turns. A wrestler should have a short amount of time to work the hold, then a count could begin. We have gone too far with the drop down rule-watch that match again and make a positive change to allow more riding without a 5 count.

I like the weigh in facing the scale. We are all in the digital era, this rule needs to change now, it is way outdated, makes no sense to step on backwards in terms of the mat side weigh in. Weight loss, weight cutting is not a positive aspect of our sport, but what would the weights be? Do you change the weights for a mat side weigh in? Does everyone weigh in just before the dual starts? Is it wrestle a match, then a weigh in, then wrestle a match, etc.... Difficult to administer. New weights 135, 145, 155, 165, 175, 185, 195, 205, 215, 285 with a mat side weigh in. Weights close to what wrestlers weigh in the off-season. Only change weights if a mat side weigh in was instituted.

in terms of injury time out-a wrestler that is really injured should not be penalized, I do not think we should go back to the old way where wrestlers did take injury time outs due to needing a recovery. How can we decipher between a real injury and a fake one. There are those injuries that are clearly an injury-this should not be penalized.

Team scoring in tournaments would make things very easy to understand for everyone. Wade Shalles has some interesting ideas on team scoring, especially in duals. Ex. if Kyle Synder scores 23 points in his match and gets a tech fall, then he should score 23 points for his team. In every sport an athlete gets credit for their points, goals, etc.. why not look at this for wrestling. All points scored by each wrestler matter at the end of 10 matches. Something to think about, fans understand that, easy to follow and grasp. Need to think more about awarding pin points on this.

The new stalling rule needs to be reviewed and revised, shouldn't be called stalling unless both wrestlers leave the circle on their feet in the neutral position, should be a Technical Violation or Penalty Pt. when either of the wrestlers backs out or pushes out, and "no call" when do to "action"

Many of the suggestions in this survey would require discussion and explanations of intent in order to have an informed opinion. There are some very good suggestions that could be improved or have a compromised writing.

We are trying to improve wrestling by changing the rules. This just continues to make it confusing to the casual fan and the ref. Especially as college wrestling is becoming a much different sport than high school wrestling. What other sport has two such different scoring systems and rules between high

I believe that drop down rule has adversely affected the wrestling from the top position. The rule was put into place because of the Finals match at 125 with Megaludis PSU and Delgado Illinois. The intent of the rule was to stop people from stalling, NOT prevent them working on top for the fall. As the rule stands now you cant go from a double leg takedown to an arm turk. without a count. This is not a stall move!! it can go directly to a low leg cradle and a fall. This also hurts the top wrestler when hes riding a guy and his opponent does a high turn in and the top guy transitions to his opponents leg. The defensive wrestler reaches over and grabs his ankles. The ref starts the count on the offensive wrestler. Why should the offensive wrestler be made to let go of the leg so he doesn't get hit with stalling. This rule has had a negative impact on top wrestling and scrambling. This is an exciting part of wrestling that has been taken away, which could affect our viewership. I am a firm believer that this rule has had an adverse affect on wrestling and needs to be changed. I do believe that there is a need to stop stalling and am in favor of a revised rule!!

Only 1 concussion time out called per match/tournament.Option of two piece uniform instead of switching

Various recommendations are made each year about rule changes that would improve the sport of wrestling. We all want wrestling to be exciting, safe, competitive and understandable. And we each desire a method of scoring that determines who the superior wrestler is. To those ends I make the following recommendation: Give one tilt point to a wrestler who holds his opponent on his back for the full four second count even when he has not earned control. Repeatedly wrestlers are being held on their back, clearly out of control, but no point is rewarded, because our American scoring requires a takedown or reversal to be earned first. Initially U.S. folkstyle wrestling is all about control. A wrestler must first control his opponent before he can score back points. But why must we control the entire body before proving back control? (Some may suggest two back points, but to start I say only one point should be awarded.) Teaching wrestlers to control their back positions is very important. It is important to keep good body positioning for all moves. Repeatedly I notice even our most advanced college wrestlers getting into poor body position, yet because control is not yet earned by their opponent, they get away with it and really do not learn the value of good positioning of their entire body. As a young freestyler I recall understanding that freestyle wrestling was about tilting and not control. Learning and understanding tilting was huge to me and to my personal development as a wrestler. That was a huge benefit for both my folkstyle wrestling and my freestyle wrestling. I believe it will be to other young Americans who seek to transition from folkstyle to freestyle. This reward for tilting before takedown control could be significant for our young wrestlers competing internationally. Often we hear of the recommendation to make our high school and college rules the same as freestyle believing this will better our Olympic and World Championship Teams. I am completely against that. Letting foreigners control U.S. wrestling would make chaos of American Wrestling, as the recent "No Olympic Wrestling in 2020" situation proved. No, we should not change to freestyle, but a nearfall point awarded without control could teach American wrestlers to be stronger in their tilts and therefore stronger in freestyle. So, why not consider rewarding a wrestler one exposure point for holding an opponent in a 45 degree position for 4 seconds? This could do the following things: 1.) Encourage more scoring from the feet than just takedowns. I believe our college wrestlers will invent many innovative ways to earn this point, which will break many ties. 2). Make our young American Wrestlers conscience and knowledgeable of their back positions at all times. They would become conscience of their opponent's back position also. 3.) It would reward the athletes that keep good body position instead of those who roll on their back and get caught there. 4). This could improve our young wrestler's future international success. I would love to hear what others think of this idea. Should we work to refine this idea for future rule evaluation? I strongly think so and so do many others that stop and think about it!

Currently a defensive wrestler has the potential to be punished if scoring is imminent and the offensive wrestler reaches a 5 count while below the waist. If scoring is imminent the stalling should be rewarded but wrestling continues through the escape/reversal, or stalemate.