



Texas Wrestling Officials Association

Rules Update
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- Rule 1 - Competition

Section 1 Art. 2

A random draw for match order is now allowed for tournament championship finals matches.

- Rule 2 - Equipment

Section 1 Art. 1

Mat sections must be secured together.

■ Rule 3 – Officials & Their Duties

Section 1 Art. 1

The gray shirt w/ black pinstripes is now an authorized shirt.

Section 1 Art. 3

The referee is the sole authority for things not covered within the rules.

Section 1 Art. 4 c

The Head coach will verify that his/her team is properly: groomed, equipped and ready to wrestle; to include that shoelaces are secured.

■ Rule 4 – Wrestler's Class. & Weigh-in

Section 2 Art. 3

The note for skin disorders must be on the NFHS form or a state approved form.

Section 2 Art. 5

Wrestlers with braces or other orthodontia must wear a mouthguard.

Section 3 Art. 1

Socks are added to the list of special equipment.

Section 5 Art. 8

A wrestler who is overweight may weigh-in at a higher weight class.

■ Rule 5 - Definitions

Section 8

A wrestler who reports to the table, properly, and withdraws is disqualified for that dual.

Section 18 Art. 2

A match begins when the proper wrestler reports to the table. It concludes when there is a winner.

Section 20 Art. 6

The wrestler who has the offensive position may choose the regular start, the optional start or the neutral start for the restart. If neutral is chosen, the opponent is awarded 1 point for an escape.

■ Rule 5 - continued

Section 28 Art. 1 c

Interlocking or overlapping of the hands, fingers or arms is a Technical Violation.

Section 31 Art. 1

The Head Coach is penalized (UC) when a wrestler reports to the table not ready to wrestle, including grooming & equipped, except for shoelaces not secured.

■ Rule 6 - Conduct of Matches

Section 1 Art. 3

Overtime will consist of 1 1-minute period followed by 2 30-second tiebreakers (if needed) followed by 1 30-second Ultimate Tiebreaker (if needed).

Section 4 Art. 4

Any coach of the wrestler or the wrestler may default a match, at any time, by informing the referee.

Section 6 Art's. 4a1 & 5a1

Errors must be corrected before the wrestler leaves the mat area, if additional wrestling will be needed. If no additional wrestling will be needed, errors must be corrected before the wrestler or coach leaves the mat area.

■ Rule 6 – continued

Section 7 Art. 1c4

The opponent will have choice of top or bottom for the start of the 2nd tiebreaker.

Section 7 Art. 2 d

A fall terminates the match.

Section 7 Art. 3

If a scoring move in SV or UT goes straight to near-fall criteria, allow the match to continue until the situation ends.

■ Rule 7 – Infractions

Section 1 Art's 5g, t, & v

Holds that put pressure on the neck, carotid artery, mouth, nose, or throat of the opponent are illegal. Added an s to eye; raking the eye(s).

■ Rule 8 – Penalties & Injuries

Section 2 Art. 1

Added overtime to the periods included for injury timeout.

If 2nd timeout is taken during a regular period, the opponent will have the choice of top, bottom or neutral for the restart.

If the 2nd timeout is taken between the 1st & 2nd periods, the opponent will have choice for the start of the 2nd and 3rd periods.

If the 2nd timeout is taken between the 3rd & SV, the opponent will have choice for the SV; top, bottom or neutral.

If the 2nd timeout is taken between the SV & 1st TB, the opponent will have choice for both TB's. Top or bottom.

■ Rule 8 – continued

If the 2nd timeout is taken between the 2 TB's, the opponent will have choice for the 2nd TB. Top or bottom.

If the 2nd timeout is taken between 2nd TB and UTB, the opponent will have choice for the UTB. Top or bottom.

For all other 2nd timeouts, the opponent has choice of position for the restart.

Rule of thumb:

For 2nd injury timeouts, the opponent will have choice on the next restart only with 2 exceptions: between 1st & 2nd periods and SV & the TB's. The opponent will have choice for both following period starts.

- 2nd Injury Timeout Choices – Timeout taken:
 - During a period or Sudden Victory – top, bottom or neutral
 - During a tiebreaker period – top or bottom
 - Between 1st & 2nd periods – top, bottom or neutral for 2nd & 3rd periods
 - Between 2nd & 3rd periods or 3rd & SV – top, bottom or neutral for the next period
 - Between SV & Tiebreakers – top or bottom for both TB's
 - Between the TB's – top or bottom for the next TB
 - Between the TB's and the Ultimate TB – top or bottom for the UTB

■ Rule 9 – Scoring

Section 1 Art. 8

Specified that in the Ultimate TB, 1 point will be awarded for the ride out.

Section 1 Art. 3h

1 place point given to winners who reach consolation quarter-finals. Winner of the match will receive 2 place points.



■ Rule 10 – Conduct of Tournaments

Section 4

Added the scoring symbols N4, FS, SV, UTB to the chart.