

Assistant Referee

Fall 2013

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- ▶ Sources
 - Rules Book
 - Case Book

Assistant Referee

- ▶ **WORK AS A TEAM!**
 - Think of it as:
 - Head Referee has a vote of 51%
 - Assistant Referee has a vote of 49%
 - Both people **MUST** leave their egos behind
 - Get it right!!
- ▶ **First on, Last off**
 - Referee typically is at the table
 - Assistant should be in the middle of the mat

Assistant Referee

- ▶ Teams with the (Head) Official to provide an extra:
 - Set of eyes, set of ears, mouth, brain, and a different perspective
- ▶ With these added attributes, the Team shall strive to provide the wrestlers with a higher quality officiated match

Assistant Referee

- ▶ Stay 180 degrees opposite Referee
 - Don't crowd the Referee
 - Don't block the view of the timer and scorer
 - Expectations
 - Put away your whistle
 - Referee's position
 - Get closer when wrestlers are going out of bounds
 - Edge-of-Mat
 - Straddle line...don't catch wrestlers!

Assistant Referee

- ▶ Referee to Table
 - Assistant Referee should...
 - Stay with the wrestlers in the 10 foot circle
 - Not allow wrestlers to wander off to the coach
 - Not allow water bottles to be tossed to the wrestlers

Assistant Referee

- ▶ Be in position to see clock
 - Did the clock start?
 - At the beginning of the period
 - After each restart
 - Did the horn go off at the end of each period?
 - 30 seconds, 10-4-3-2-1, Time and Tap Referee

Assistant Referee

- ▶ Verbally communicate infractions to Referee
 - Work out any prearranged signals
 - Use correct hand signals – false starts/locked hands
 - Walk behind Referee and say “Red”, not “Stalling Red”
- ▶ Refresh Head Referee with cautions & warnings going into overtime

Assistant Referee

- ▶ Stay on your feet during pinning and near fall situations
 - Referee is looking for the pin
 - Assistant Referee is looking for illegal holds and at the clock
 - Don't be on your belly saying "Right shoulder down"

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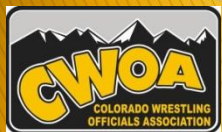
- ▶ Have Head Official stop match ASAP when you disagree
 - Meet briefly away from wrestlers and coaches
 - Referee will inform coaches and table about any changes in scoring
 - Pat Referee on back and act like you agree – even if you don't
 - Once Referee and Assistant Referee have agreed – DO NOT let coaches change your call

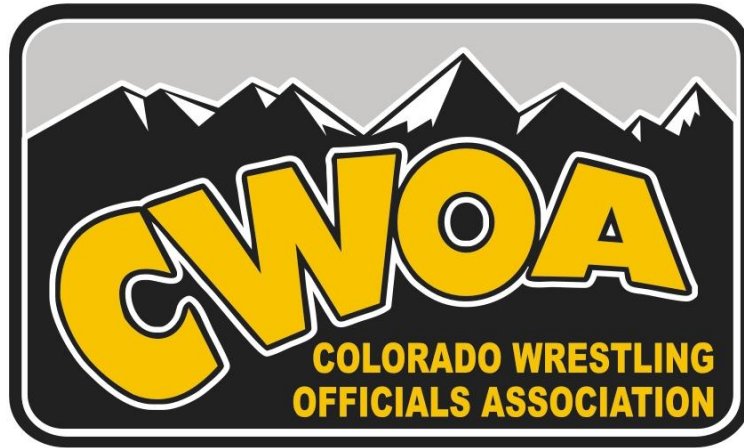
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- ▶ Coaches are not permitted to formally address Assistant Referee
 - Assistant should:
 - Point towards Scorer's Table
 - Defer to Head Official
- ▶ Be professional and stay in the match
 - Don't fold your arms across your chest
 - Act interested

Assistant Referee

- ▶ Don't be afraid to give your opinion
 - If Referee just had a tough call
 - If you agree – tell him “Great Call”
 - If you disagree – “Let's Talk”
 - Don't say “I wish you had come to me”





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