

CWOA Officiating Standards

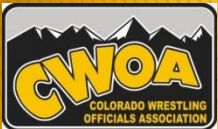
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Overview

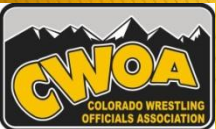
- ▶ Overall Philosophy of Rules Application
- ▶ Knowledge
- ▶ Understanding
- ▶ Spirit of the Rules



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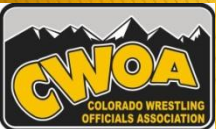
▶ Sources

- Rules Book
- Case Book
- CWOA DVDs
- CWOA Officiating Standards Pamphlet



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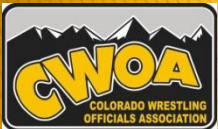
- ▶ Overall Philosophy
 - Thorough knowledge
 - Clear Understanding
 - Deep Sense of Purpose of the Spirit of the Rules



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▶ Knowledge

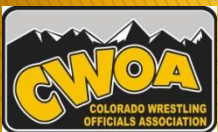
- Read the Rule Book cover to cover before each season
- Study the Case Book
 - Engage coaches and other officials in conversations/debates regarding various situations.
- Be familiar with current rule changes and points of emphasis.
- Utilize all the resources available:
 - Rule Book and Case Book
 - CWOA DVDs
 - CWOA Officiating Standards
- Gain the ability to cite and reference as they are written in the Rule Book.



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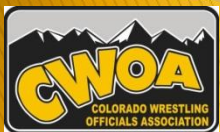
▶ Understanding

- Deeper than mere knowledge of the letter of the rule.
- Grasp the underlying reasons for why each rule is in place:
 - Safety of the wrestlers
 - Conduct an objective match and meet
 - Provide consistency from one event to the next event
 - Provide consistency among officials from one area to another across the entire State
- Have the ability to “apply” the rules to the myriad possible situations that will occur from match to match and event to event.



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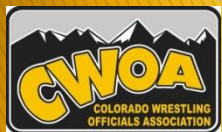
- ▶ Spirit of the Rules
 - Most profound level
 - Develop a sense of the purpose of the sport of wrestling to build courage and character in all participants (wrestlers, coaches, families, fans and officials).
 - Have the “sense” to courageously work to ‘get it right and not just be right’. This is based on studied knowledge of the rules and a well rounded understanding of the rules and their purposes.

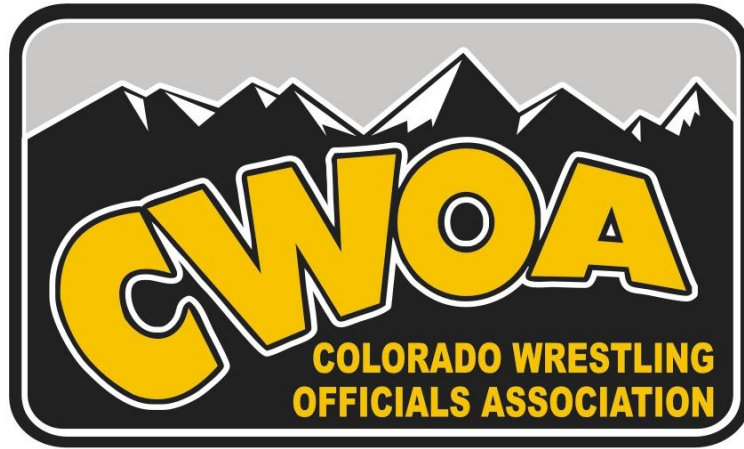


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▶ Conclusion

- Demonstrate to all participants a willingness to work as hard they do to improve your craft.
- Be confident in your knowledge.
- Be open to gain new understanding from coaches and fellow officials.
- Be humble and courageous as you objectively and compassionately apply, interpret, enforce and uphold the letter and the spirit of the Rules.





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