

2019-20 Wrestling Rules Survey Report

QUANTITATIVE DATA

April 1, 2020

Title	n	N	%
DI Head Coach	55	78	71%
DII Head Coach	40	63	63%
DIII Head Coach	67	107	63%
TOTAL COACHES	162	248	65%
DI Commissioner	4	8	50%
DII Commissioner	2	9	22%
DIII Commissioner	4	11	36%
Official	290	421	69%

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RULES CHANGES

What impact have the previous rules changes below had on collegiate wrestling?

1. Allowing loose-fitting shorts, designed for wrestling, as a competition uniform option?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	27%	15	15%	6	17%	11	20%	32
Negative	16%	9	8%	3	20%	13	16%	25
No Impact	56%	31	78%	31	64%	42	65%	104
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	50%	2	50%	1	50%	2	50%	5
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	50%	2	50%	1	50%	2	50%	5
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	23%	68
Negative	11%	33
No Impact	65%	189
TOTAL	100%	290

2. Eliminating restrictions on wrestlers' hair length?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	60%	33	50%	20	65%	43	60%	96
Negative	7%	4	8%	3	12%	8	9%	15
No Impact	33%	18	43%	17	23%	15	31%	50
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	75%	3	50%	1	50%	2	60%	6
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	10%	1
No Impact	25%	1	50%	1	25%	1	30%	3
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	62%	180
Negative	13%	37
No Impact	25%	72
TOTAL	100%	289

3. Adding a definition for simultaneous violations?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	61%	33	61%	23	57%	37	59%	93
Negative	4%	2	3%	1	3%	2	3%	5
No Impact	35%	19	37%	14	40%	26	38%	59
TOTAL	100%	54	100%	38	100%	65	100%	157

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	75%	3	50%	1	75%	3	70%	7
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	25%	1	50%	1	25%	1	30%	3
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	63%	181
Negative	8%	23
No Impact	29%	85
TOTAL	100%	289

4. Implementing a coin flip rule that allows coaches to either choose the starting weight class or odd/even matches, if they cannot agree on the weight class to start the dual meet?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	76%	42	68%	27	59%	39	67%	108
Negative	7%	4	10%	4	8%	5	8%	13
No Impact	16%	9	23%	9	33%	22	25%	40
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	50%	1	100%	4	90%	9
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	50%	1	0%	0	10%	1
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL		
Positive	57%	166
Negative	6%	18
No Impact	36%	105
TOTAL	100%	289

5. Allowing a wrestler to choose to defer in the tiebreaker periods?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	71%	39	85%	34	76%	50	76%	123
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	2%	1	1%	1
No Impact	29%	16	15%	6	23%	15	23%	37
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	75%	3	50%	1	100%	4	80%	8
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	25%	1	50%	1	0%	0	20%	2
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL		
Positive	75%	218
Negative	2%	6
No Impact	22%	65
TOTAL	100%	289

6. Changing all instances where a referee is required to execute a mandatory verbal and/or visual count to the referee shall immediately start a verbal five-second count and, whenever possible, the referee should also include a visual indication of the count?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	84%	46	80%	32	88%	59	85%	137
Negative	4%	2	10%	4	4%	3	6%	9
No Impact	13%	7	10%	4	7%	5	10%	16
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	67	100%	162

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	0%	0	100%	4	80%	8
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	100%	2	0%	0	20%	2
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	87%	251
Negative	4%	13
No Impact	9%	25
TOTAL	100%	289

7. Reclassifying baiting an opponent from unsportsmanlike conduct to a technical violation?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	58%	32	63%	25	64%	42	61%	99
Negative	4%	2	8%	3	5%	3	5%	8
No Impact	38%	21	30%	12	32%	21	34%	54
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	100%	2	75%	3	90%	9
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	10%	1
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	68%	196
Negative	7%	21
No Impact	25%	73
TOTAL	100%	290

8. Reclassifying hands to the face from unnecessary roughness to an illegal hold?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	82%	45	90%	36	80%	53	83%	134
Negative	9%	5	8%	3	9%	6	9%	14
No Impact	9%	5	3%	1	11%	7	8%	13
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	50%	1	75%	3	80%	8
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	50%	1	25%	1	20%	2
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	75%	217
Negative	5%	14
No Impact	20%	59
TOTAL	100%	290

9. Removing the requirement that the head coach be ejected and suspended when a member of the team's medical staff receives a flagrant misconduct, and instead requiring the offender to be restricted to the designated spectator area and serve a one-match suspension at the institution's next regularly scheduled home event?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	71%	39	72%	28	77%	51	74%	118
Negative	7%	4	3%	1	0%	0	3%	5
No Impact	22%	12	26%	10	23%	15	23%	37
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	39	100%	66	100%	160

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	100%	2	75%	3	90%	9
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	10%	1
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	63%	180
Negative	6%	18
No Impact	31%	90
TOTAL	100%	288

10. Reclassifying figure-four scissors from a technical violation to an illegal hold?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	44%	24	65%	26	53%	35	53%	85
Negative	9%	5	3%	1	5%	3	6%	9
No Impact	47%	26	33%	13	42%	28	42%	67
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	75%	3	50%	1	75%	3	70%	7
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	25%	1	50%	1	25%	1	30%	3
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	66%	190
Negative	4%	12
No Impact	30%	87
TOTAL	100%	289

11. Changing the fourth violation in the stalling penalty sequence to, two match points to the opponent?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	84%	46	93%	37	91%	60	89%	143
Negative	7%	4	5%	2	5%	3	6%	9
No Impact	9%	5	3%	1	5%	3	6%	9
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	94%	272
Negative	1%	4
No Impact	5%	14
TOTAL	100%	290

12. Clarifying the second referee has the same mobility and authority as the referee?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	62%	34	85%	34	73%	48	72%	116
Negative	4%	2	3%	1	8%	5	5%	8
No Impact	35%	19	13%	5	20%	13	23%	37
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	100%	2	75%	3	90%	9
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	10%	1
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	83%	240
Negative	4%	11
No Impact	13%	39
TOTAL	100%	290

13. Clarifying there are no appeals for violations, or penalties imposed for violations, of the Weight Management Program rules?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	44%	24	38%	15	45%	30	43%	69
Negative	20%	11	23%	9	15%	10	19%	30
No Impact	35%	19	40%	16	39%	26	38%	61
TOTAL	100%	54	100%	40	100%	66	100%	160

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	100%	2	75%	3	90%	9
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	10%	1
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	48%	138
Negative	4%	12
No Impact	48%	137
TOTAL	100%	287

14. Clarifying there are no appeals for violations, or penalties imposed for violations, of the weigh-in and medical examination rules?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	42%	23	35%	14	45%	30	42%	67
Negative	22%	12	20%	8	12%	8	17%	28
No Impact	36%	20	45%	18	42%	28	41%	66
TOTAL	100%	55	100%	40	100%	66	100%	161

COMMISSIONER	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	100%	4	100%	2	75%	3	90%	9
Negative	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Impact	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	10%	1
TOTAL	100%	4	100%	2	100%	4	100%	10

OFFICIAL

Positive	48%	139
Negative	3%	10
No Impact	48%	138
TOTAL	100%	287