

2022-23 Wrestling Rules Survey Report

QUANTITATIVE DATA

April 3, 2023

Title	Received	Possible	Response Rate
DI Head Coach	66	80	83%
DII Head Coach	35	68	51%
DIII Head Coach	92	121	76%
TOTAL COACHES	193	269	72%
DI Athletics Director	11	73	15%
DII Athletics Director	13	74	18%
DIII Athletics Director	27	122	22%
DI Commissioner	4	8	50%
DII Commissioner	2	9	22%
DIII Commissioner	5	12	42%
DI SWA	11	70	16%
DII SWA	15	72	21%
DIII SWA	14	117	12%
Referee	152	423	36%

POSSIBLE RULES CHANGES

Would you be in favor of the following proposed rules changes?

1. Eliminating ear protection as required equipment.

Rationale: While some individuals may benefit from the use of ear protection, there are individuals who believe the ear protection causes ear irritation. Keeping ear protection clean can be difficult and some individuals do not respond well to the unclean ear protection constantly rubbing against their skin. Understanding the fact that each individual wrestler responds differently to the utilization of ear protection, wrestlers should have the ability to choose whether they want to wear ear protection.

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	78%	150	68%	45	89%	31	80%	74
No	15%	29	21%	14	3%	1	15%	14
No Opinion	7%	14	11%	7	9%	3	4%	4
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	41%	21	27%	3	38%	5	48%	13
No	39%	20	45%	5	38%	5	37%	10
No Opinion	20%	10	27%	3	23%	3	15%	4
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

Proposal 1

QUESTION 1 CONTINUED

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	73%	8	100%	4	50%	1	60%	3
No	27%	3	0%	0	50%	1	40%	2
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	65%	26	45%	5	80%	12	64%	9
No	20%	8	27%	3	13%	2	21%	3
No Opinion	15%	6	27%	3	7%	1	14%	2
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	48%	73
No	36%	55
No Opinion	16%	24
TOTAL	100%	152

2. Changing the first medical forfeit in a tournament to a loss on the wrestler's individual season record form.

Rationale: To reinforce the importance of communication between the wrestler, coach, and the medical personnel to ensure wrestlers are properly rehabilitated before registering them to compete in a tournament. Also, to better reflect the wrestler's true competition record, but not unnecessarily penalize them with multiple losses for medical forfeits that could occur in the consolation bracket.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	44%	85	56%	37	46%	16	35%	32
No	48%	93	35%	23	43%	15	60%	55
No Opinion	8%	15	9%	6	11%	4	5%	5
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	62%	31	55%	6	69%	9	62%	16
No	24%	12	27%	3	15%	2	27%	7
No Opinion	14%	7	18%	2	15%	2	12%	3
TOTAL	100%	50	100%	11	100%	13	100%	26

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	91%	10	100%	4	100%	2	80%	4
No	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	9%	1	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

Proposal 3

QUESTION 2 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	38%	15	45%	5	47%	7	21%	3
No	40%	16	55%	6	27%	4	43%	6
No Opinion	23%	9	0%	0	27%	4	36%	5
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	44%	67
No	23%	35
No Opinion	32%	49
TOTAL	100%	151

3. Changing the penalty for a delayed coach's video review challenge request to a loss of the video review.

Rationale: To remove the previous control of mat violation and team point deduction, and to add a more substantial and appropriate penalty for this violation.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	59%	113	73%	48	69%	24	45%	41
No	31%	60	24%	16	23%	8	39%	36
No Opinion	10%	20	3%	2	9%	3	16%	15
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	45%	23	82%	9	54%	7	26%	7
No	20%	10	9%	1	8%	1	30%	8
No Opinion	35%	18	9%	1	38%	5	44%	12
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	55%	6	50%	2	100%	2	40%	2
No	18%	2	0%	0	0%	0	40%	2
No Opinion	27%	3	50%	2	0%	0	20%	1
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

Proposal 7

QUESTION 3 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	55%	22	82%	9	53%	8	36%	5
No	18%	7	18%	2	13%	2	21%	3
No Opinion	28%	11	0%	0	33%	5	43%	6
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	76%	116
No	17%	26
No Opinion	7%	10
TOTAL	100%	152

4. Changing the traditional stalling call for passivity to a penalty that is not eligible for video review challenge.

Rationale: The highly subjective nature of the traditional stalling call makes it impractical to be listed as an eligible item for video review. Note: The neutral out of bounds stalling penalty would still be allowed to be video review challenged.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	55%	105	48%	32	63%	22	56%	51
No	23%	44	26%	17	17%	6	23%	21
No Opinion	22%	43	26%	17	20%	7	21%	19
TOTAL	100%	192	100%	66	100%	35	100%	91

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	71%	36	73%	8	62%	8	74%	20
No	16%	8	27%	3	15%	2	11%	3
No Opinion	14%	7	0%	0	23%	3	15%	4
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	73%	8	50%	2	100%	2	80%	4
No	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	27%	3	50%	2	0%	0	20%	1
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

Proposal 6

QUESTION 4 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	60%	24	64%	7	60%	9	57%	8
No	18%	7	18%	2	20%	3	14%	2
No Opinion	23%	9	18%	2	20%	3	29%	4
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	79%	120
No	14%	21
No Opinion	7%	10
TOTAL	100%	151

5. Reducing the number of tournament advancement points and/or bonus points provided in the consolation bracket of an individual team advancement event.

Rationale: To reduce and/or eliminate the ability for a 3rd, 5th or 7th place wrestler to earn more team points than the champion wrestler in that weight classification.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	34%	65	30%	20	46%	16	32%	29
No	50%	96	56%	37	37%	13	50%	46
No Opinion	17%	32	14%	9	17%	6	18%	17
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	63%	32	55%	6	69%	9	63%	17
No	29%	15	36%	4	23%	3	30%	8
No Opinion	8%	4	9%	1	8%	1	7%	2
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	55%	6	50%	2	100%	2	40%	2
No	18%	2	25%	1	0%	0	20%	1
No Opinion	27%	3	25%	1	0%	0	40%	2
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

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QUESTION 5 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	55%	22	64%	7	53%	8	50%	7
No	30%	12	18%	2	40%	6	29%	4
No Opinion	15%	6	18%	2	7%	1	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	40%	61
No	21%	32
No Opinion	39%	59
TOTAL	100%	152

6. Modifying the rules in the offensive/advantage position to require the wrestler to work toward obtaining near fall points and/or a pin.

Rationale: The current rules do not mandate that the offensive/advantage position wrestler must work toward earning near fall points or securing the pin. Adding this rule will put an equal burden of aggressive wrestling to score points on both the offensive and defensive wrestler.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	62%	119	64%	42	60%	21	62%	56
No	29%	55	26%	17	31%	11	30%	27
No Opinion	9%	18	11%	7	9%	3	9%	8
TOTAL	100%	192	100%	66	100%	35	100%	91

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	70%	35	70%	7	62%	8	74%	20
No	20%	10	20%	2	31%	4	15%	4
No Opinion	10%	5	10%	1	8%	1	11%	3
TOTAL	100%	50	100%	10	100%	13	100%	27

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	73%	8	75%	3	100%	2	60%	3
No	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	27%	3	25%	1	0%	0	40%	2
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

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QUESTION 6 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	58%	23	82%	9	47%	7	50%	7
No	20%	8	9%	1	20%	3	29%	4
No Opinion	23%	9	9%	1	33%	5	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	84%	127
No	13%	19
No Opinion	3%	5
TOTAL	100%	151

7. Implementing a pushout rule in the neutral position where one point is given to the opponent if the opposing wrestler steps out of the competition circle with at least one foot.

Rationale: To assist referees in making this call and to make matches more exciting.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	46%	88	35%	23	57%	20	49%	45
No	48%	93	62%	41	31%	11	45%	41
No Opinion	6%	12	3%	2	11%	4	7%	6
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	59%	30	36%	4	77%	10	59%	16
No	24%	12	45%	5	8%	1	22%	6
No Opinion	18%	9	18%	2	15%	2	19%	5
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	64%	7	50%	2	100%	2	60%	3
No	18%	2	25%	1	0%	0	20%	1
No Opinion	18%	2	25%	1	0%	0	20%	1
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

Proposal 39

QUESTION 7 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	45%	18	45%	5	40%	6	50%	7
No	33%	13	45%	5	33%	5	21%	3
No Opinion	23%	9	9%	1	27%	4	29%	4
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	44%	67
No	51%	77
No Opinion	5%	7
TOTAL	100%	151

8. Implementing a mandatory stalemate call in the offensive/defensive position before calling either wrestler for stalling.

Rationale: To provide the referee an opportunity to communicate to both wrestlers the expectation of aggressive wrestling in both the offensive and defensive positions before penalizing either wrestler.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	51%	99	47%	31	60%	21	51%	47
No	40%	77	42%	28	37%	13	39%	36
No Opinion	9%	17	11%	7	3%	1	10%	9
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	71%	36	55%	6	77%	10	74%	20
No	20%	10	36%	4	8%	1	19%	5
No Opinion	10%	5	9%	1	15%	2	7%	2
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	64%	7	75%	3	100%	2	40%	2
No	27%	3	25%	1	0%	0	40%	2
No Opinion	9%	1	0%	0	0%	0	20%	1
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

Proposal 2

QUESTION 8 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	63%	25	73%	8	67%	10	50%	7
No	28%	11	27%	3	20%	3	36%	5
No Opinion	10%	4	0%	0	13%	2	14%	2
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	30%	45
No	65%	99
No Opinion	5%	8
TOTAL	100%	152

9. Standardizing weigh-in times across all competition types.

Rationale: Standardizing weigh-in times across all competition types will allow wrestlers to develop pre-match routines that work for all competition types.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes, 120 minutes or sooner	37%	72	62%	41	40%	14	18%	17
Yes, 90 minutes or sooner	24%	46	15%	10	26%	9	29%	27
No, make no change	30%	58	18%	12	23%	8	41%	38
No opinion	9%	17	5%	3	11%	4	11%	10
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes, 120 minutes or sooner	22%	11	27%	3	38%	5	11%	3
Yes, 90 minutes or sooner	31%	16	27%	3	23%	3	37%	10
No, make no change	29%	15	36%	4	15%	2	33%	9
No opinion	18%	9	9%	1	23%	3	19%	5
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

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COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes, 120 minutes or sooner	45%	5	50%	2	50%	1	40%	2
Yes, 90 minutes or sooner	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No, make no change	36%	4	0%	0	50%	1	60%	3
No opinion	18%	2	50%	2	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

QUESTION 9 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes, 120 minutes or sooner	30%	12	64%	7	20%	3	14%	2
Yes, 90 minutes or sooner	30%	12	27%	3	27%	4	36%	5
No, make no change	18%	7	0%	0	33%	5	14%	2
No opinion	23%	9	9%	1	20%	3	36%	5
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes, 120 minutes or sooner	14%	22
Yes, 90 minutes or sooner	16%	25
No, make no change	26%	39
No opinion	43%	66
TOTAL	57%	152

10. Allowing the use of saunas at any time except for the 48 hours prior to all team and/or individual dates of competition.

Rationale: To allow wrestlers to benefit from the rehabilitative heat therapy that may be associated with sauna use, but not to make saunas available for weight reduction prior to competition.

HEAD COACH

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	79%	153	85%	56	74%	26	77%	71
No	15%	29	14%	9	9%	3	18%	17
No Opinion	6%	11	2%	1	17%	6	4%	4
TOTAL	100%	193	100%	66	100%	35	100%	92

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	51%	26	45%	5	54%	7	52%	14
No	31%	16	45%	5	31%	4	26%	7
No Opinion	18%	9	9%	1	15%	2	22%	6
TOTAL	100%	51	100%	11	100%	13	100%	27

COMMISSIONER

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	91%	10	100%	4	50%	1	100%	5
No	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	9%	1	0%	0	50%	1	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	11	100%	4	100%	2	100%	5

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QUESTION 10 CONTINUED

SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	63%	25	82%	9	73%	11	36%	5
No	25%	10	18%	2	13%	2	43%	6
No Opinion	13%	5	0%	0	13%	2	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	40	100%	11	100%	15	100%	14

REFEREE

Yes	54%	81
No	13%	20
No Opinion	33%	50
TOTAL	100%	151