



NCAA Wrestling Committee

INTERPRETATION – BREAKING TIES IN DUAL MEETS AND TEAM-ADVANCEMENT TOURNAMENTS

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The NCAA received a request for clarification concerning breaking ties in dual meets and team-advancement tournaments. The clarification centers on the third criteria, total match points.

Rule 3.15 lists the criteria to break ties when two teams finish in a tie in a dual meet or a team-advancement tournament as:

- 3.15.1 Greater number of victories. *Note: Forfeits, defaults and disqualifications count only toward total number of victories.*
- 3.15.2 Combined total of falls and technical falls.
- 3.15.3 Total match points.
- 3.15.4 First takedown.

The needed clarification is defining total match points (Rule 3.15.3) of remaining matches, or the total match points without counting points from falls and technical falls, as those points were already used as a criterion.

The following is an example to demonstrate the correct way to break ties.

Rule 3.15 Breaking Ties in Dual Meets and Team-Advancement Tournaments:

	<u>Team A</u>	<u>Team B</u>
125 - Cochran (Team A) Decision, Chester (Team B), 6-3	3	0
133 - Jones (Team A) Major Decision, Smith (Team B), 10-2	7	0
141 - Pataro (Team B) Decision Scott (Team A), 7-4	7	3
149 - Howes (Team A) Fall, Morter (Team B), 4:23	13	3
157 - Letcher (Team B) Technical Fall, Larrick (Team A), 18-3	13	8
165 - Painter (Team B) Major Decision, Gregg (Team A), 14-5	13	12
174 - Kwiat (Team B) Technical Fall, Musgrave (Team A), 16-1	13	17
184 - Recknagel (TeamA) Technical Fall, Lonsway (Team B), 18-2	18	17
197 - Pawlitz (Team A) Decision, Daniels,(Team B) 8-6	21	17
285 - Lovejoy (Team B) Major Decision, Barker (Team A) 8-0	21	21

	<u>Team A</u>	<u>Team B</u>
Rule 3.15.1 Greater number of victories	5	5
Rule 3.15.2 Combined total of falls and technical falls	2	2

Team A (2): Fall @149, Tech Fall @184 Team B (2): Tech Fall @ 157 and 174

Rule 3.15.3 Total match points	33	40
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Team B 22, Team A 21, criterion 3.15.3

CLARIFICATION 3.15.3: Match points from falls, technical falls, defaults and disqualifications DO NOT count when totaling match points. Forfeits, defaults and disqualifications were factors in determining criteria 3.15.1, and falls and technical falls (5pt and 4pt) were factors in determining criteria 3.15.2; therefore, they are NOT factored in when determining criteria 3.15.3. In the example, total match points are tabulated from weight classes 125, 133, 141, 165, 197 and 285 only.

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