

Dave Cornemann	Eliminate the colors on the markings for the neutral starting position. This would allow either wrestler to stand on either line. First one back gets to stand where he wants. The second wrestler would need to hurry back or get called for stalling if he doesn't hurry back.
Anthony Zullo, EWL, ECAC	<p>Here are three that I am proposing:</p> <p>1) Potential Stalling Protocol To keep consistency stalling shall be interpreted in the following manner. When a wrestler takes a full shot it should be valued as an internal 1 count in that wrestlers favor. When a wrestler takes a half shot it should be valued as an internal ½ count in that wrestlers favor. If a wrestler blocks it should be valued as an internal negative 1/2 count against that wrestler. If wrestler backs up it should be valued as an internal negative ½ count against that wrestler. If the period ends and the wrestler with the less internal value is put or chooses the defensive position for the next period deduct 1 internal count from that wrestler. If at the end of the period the wrestler with the greater internal value chooses the defensive position or the neutral position for the next period the internal count value should remain the same. If the wrestler in the offensive position fails to come off his opponent's hips out to the side for a short period of time and work for a fall an internal negative 1 count should be given to his value. If the defensive wrestler fails to attempt to escape from his opponent an internal negative 1 count should be given against that wrestler. If at any time you reach an internal 3 count differential stalling shall be called in favor of the wrestler with the greater value. Theory: I have used this system for years and it has kept me consistent which is what coaches and fans ultimately want.</p> <p>2) Neutral Restart Position In the Neutral Position once both wrestlers step foot in the 10' center circle wrestling may resume. Theory: This will prevent a rolling starts and keeps us for having to call cheap cautions. Many times kids are not 100% on the line or they are all over the place not in the correct starting position during restarts.</p> <p>3) End of Match Procedure Declare the winner of the match by putting your hand over the winning wrestlers head. Theory: In today's age of scientific knowledge in how diseases and germs are transferred, I would like to see us go away from the traditional raising of the hands. Most germs are transfer through our hands. (I would also like to see us not have to touch the ankle bands as well.)</p>
Randall Balch	Re: #19 - Have the wrestlers weigh in wearing their competition singlet - same issue resolution...
Kirk Layer	I would be in favor of 13, if language added that forcing an opponent out does not count.
Randall Ellenbecker	Remove stalling from the penalty sequence. Treat stalling similar to the NFHS false start/position violation but keep the single warning followed by award of points.

John Troxel	#11 would create a situation where escapes are less of an issue except for OT. Why would the bottom guy need to work for an escape or reversal? He'll end up on his feet in :30 anyways.
Richard Frey	Rule 3.4.1 Should state in singlet
Rex Perry	Would like to see a rule an addition to a defensive wrestler earning a fall. I feel the defensive wrestler should have to perform a counter move in order to earn a fall. I don't think a defensive wrestler should be awarded a fall for doing nothing (example in a cradle, the offensive wrestler is trying to pin the defensive wrestler but forgets about his shoulders and put himself into a fall situation. The defensive has done nothing.
Matt Lowers	In regards to rule 3.2-if the NCAA would increase wrestling scholarship funding i would be in favor of adding a 215 or 220 wt. class. Without additional funding I do not feel this is a viable option as recruiting a full roster with a maximum of 9.9 or 9.0 scholarships is hard enough as it is.
David Black	10. the Wis adaptation allows the neutral start at any time even prior to the start of the period and prior to the offensive wrestlers position of start. I do believe that after wrestling stops for any reason ie: out of bounds, blood , injury , equipment failure , etc. then the choice could be made. The wrestler who chooses down should have that opportunity for that position. 11. this does not coincide with the advantage rule to establish riding time, do not change or penalize any individual for riding.
Lanny Brand	The "Escape" rule has worked very well in the high school matches I have officiated.
Peter Rao	Over the last 2 decades Free Style and Greco Roman wrestling rules have changed in a effort to create more action and be more fan friendly. I would strongly argue that THIS HAS BACK FIRED.... Free Style Wrestling has become LESS aggressive, and extremely judgmental by the official. By forcing MORE neutral Wrestling (like that of Free Style Wrestling) you will seriously diminished quality of Collegiate Wrestling. This would also contradict the use of 'Riding Time'. Most point scored in a Free Style match, are DIRECTLY attributed to the officials judgment in awarding the 'Parterre Position'. The match outcome would be DIRECTLY influenced by the referee's judgment / opinion.....
Mike McCormick	On question #15, I would be in favor of near fall being counted as long as a part of the offensive wrestler is in bounds.
Carl Clifford	One rule that I would like to be considered is when both wrestlers are interlocked in a neutral position in which neither wrestler can score a takedown, instead of calling a stalemate and stopping the clock, being able to step in and separate the two wrestlers without stopping the clock and resume wrestling.
Hector J. Santiago	At last year's Nationals in Detroit, I noticed that the new rule of belly, elbow, waste, and pause was not enforced. I enforced it last year and it felt like a slap in the face when it was not followed according to the new rule. Thank you.
Ken Daws	If rule 2.1.4 becomes a rule, then the rules should reflect the removal of the optional starting position, which then is used for the purpose of drilling or diving on your opponent.

Michael Swisher	<p>Rather than requiring shorts for the weigh-in, which leaves much to interpretation, require wrestlers to weigh-in wearing a competition singlet.</p> <p>Time Advantage should either be used in all competition or eliminated.</p> <p>If Time Advantage is eliminated, then the proposal for Rule 2.3 Position of Advantage makes sense. However, this would create another situation for a judgment call by the official and/or timekeeper.</p>
Joseph Chesbrough	no riding time on clock for offensive wrestler while stalling on their feet.
DEREK LARK	<p>GET RID OF RIDING TIME AND ADDING THE @30 SEC. NEUTRAL RULE WOULD ELIMINATE THE PROBLEMATIC JUDGMENTAL STALLING CALL. IT WOULD BECOME A NON-ISSUE EXCEPTING THE NEUTRAL POSITION.</p> <p>I FEEL ADDING ANOTHER WEIGHT WOULD BE A POOR DECISION; THIS WOULD AFFECT SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY, AND I FEEL THERE AREA ALREADY TOO MANY OPEN WEIGHT CLASSES IN DUAL COMPETITION (ONE IS TOO MANY FOR ANY COLLEGIATE PROGRAM). THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE REGARDING CHOOSING NEUTRAL FROM AN ADVANTAGE POSITION HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL RANKS...</p>
Steve Ensor	I would like to see ANY injury to the face or head be accounted for by the head and neck injury time (not just spinal or concussive type injuries). eg..eye pokes, nose smashes, et cetera. I would also like to see testicular injuries to have the same recovery/injury times as head and neck.
Travis Scheele	<p>#10 - This rule has worked well for high school and should be added to college.</p> <p>#12 - If any part of the body is inbounds, wrestling still occurs. It makes wrestlers still wrestle on the edge instead of stall.</p> <p>#14 - It should be 60 degrees instead of 45 or 90. If you look at most officials, they start counting at around 60 degrees anyway inseed of 45 degrees. 90 degrees would create issues.</p> <p>#17 &amp; #18 College needs more weight classes. High School successfully added 215 lbs. over 10 years ago. 197 to HWT is a big jump and more wrestlers could compete at the varsity level if there were another weight class available.</p>
Tony Jones	I strongly encourage the committee to consider the rule referred to in question #13. This would be the most positive impact on the sport in quite some time. It is also a proven situation since the rule is in place in international styles of wrestling.
Ron Swanson	"Rule 2.3 Position of Advantage" - I would not like a fixed amount of time for the top person to turn the opponent. "Maybe" as an option, bring them to the neutral position if a stalemate is called.
Cody Olson	This season I have seen a larger number of timeouts called closer to the end of a match and the injured wrestler and coach are discussing strategy. As an official I think that this rule is starting to be abused. The injured wrestler should not be allowed to be coached during the time out.

Mark Massery	Rule 2.11 Time Advantage: I would STRONGLY encourage eliminating riding time. It requires more equipment & more table help, is a constant source of screw-ups by the table help, and numerous complaints to the refs by the coaches.
John Danner	The figure four around the body, and locked hands around the body are both technical violations. The committee should consider also making it a technical violation to hand lock an ankle, thus creating a cross between locked hands and the figure four....the physical effect is the same as a figure four and the advantage gained is hard to break.
Leo H. Rhodes Jr.	Rule 2.14 Opt. Start (Yes) b/c it promotes more scoring & saves times; Rule 2.3 Pos. of Adv (No) b/c it does not take in acct difference in skill level i.e. takedown specialist vs. tilt specialist One may score better on his feet and other in control. Rule 2.9/2.12 con/fall out/bnds boundaries should stay, pins should always take place inbounds. Rule 2.11 eliminate Riding Time would force offensive wrestler work harder on scoring. Rule 3.2 add new W/C 220 will allow Hvy Wts that are in that grey area more opportunity to wrestle opponents closer to their Natural Wt. Rule 2.5 out of bounds; wrestler should be warned immediately on first offense and penalized at any time thereafter.
Josh Gilliam	In question 11 instead of after 30 seconds returning to neutral. Give the offensive wrestler 1:30 to turn opponent. If they don't, give them a caution, similar to false start, after an additional :30 another caution, for each additional :30 a point shall be awarded to the opponent.
Daniel D. McKeon	It is a great to have this so you have an understanding from all views.
Jimmy Y. Chen	I feel survey 10 should definitely be added as a new rule.
Thomas Mccafferty	I would like to see more action in college wrestling. This would be done by eliminating riding time. Require offensive wrestler to uncover hips to afford defensive wrestler better opportunity to improve position. Also like to see boundary line 2 ft from edge line that would require both wrestler to adjust to keep wrestling inbounds. One or both wrestlers be warned or penalties for not adjusting.
Matt Zeitz	2.1.4 - Rather than "returning from an out-of-bounds situation", I would change the wording to "prior to assuming an offensive starting position". That would encompass the start of periods and other restarts (blood, injury, penalty). In addition, it would be consistent with the high school wording.
glenn faust	Eliminate riding time. it encourages stalling and makes wrestling boring.
Michael Harr	I would suggest that instead of putting the 2 people back on their feet if the offensive wrestler can't turn the defensive wrestler after 30 seconds instead make it a minute, which is half the 2nd and 3rd periods, easier to manage and gives the offensive person time to make something happen

David Bauer	#10 above: an excellent rule ...it works great in high school. #14: too many are already counting at 90 degrees today! #18. Only if you do not eliminate one of the other weights. High school weight changes have hurt the little guy...they have jammed up the middle and eliminated the 95 or 98lb competitor...The present weights at the university level are good, but having eleven weights could be better...providing that 220 lb man the chance to compete..but never at the expense of one of the present weight classes. Blessings.
Donald Kush	If an injury due to illegal act causes bleeding, we should not allow the injured wrestler additional recovery time beyond 2 minutes if that time has already elapsed for blood.
Andrew Calvetti	Bring back 118 if you are thinking of adding any more weights...
Edmond Melillo	There should be zero tolerance for teams that have more than 2 team personnel + trainer in corner during a tournament. Immediate 1 pt team & bout deduction. Also if teams or people line the mat area to spectate or warm up not only should offending team be deducted team point but host team will be deducted team point because the tournament management failed to enforce proper restrains and keep area clear. It presents a danger to wrestlers, officials and doesn't allow clear view of wrestling for time keeper scorer and spectators.
Dennis McGrane	The optional neutral start and the addition of a weight class between 197 and 285 would both be great additions.
Kenneth Gaudreau	I would like to see the match misconduct added back to the rules. I would like to see the rule changed that allows the injured wrestler to be coached during injury time out.
Scott Hall	Let's get rid of riding time before we start creating something new as proposed in question 11.
Curtis Shearer	Increase team points for pin in first period by 2 pts; Increase points for pin in second period by 1 point.
Jerry Reker	I still see a concern with wrestlers reporting to the mat properly groomed at the open tours, with no coach to penalize, maybe need to take match point instead of warning for the coach, or like shoelaces the stall call and then injury time burned to get ready w/in the minute and 1/2. The big help for officials would be to eliminate riding time, and to create more action.
Robert E. Germann JR.	I think that this year's rule changes have had a very positive effect.
Tim Pane	Latex or some sort of Gloves added to the official's uniform. MRSA is a big concern along with other skin infections.
Tony May	13. I would only support this new idea if the wrestler had both feet out. In freestyle there are too many times when one wrestler gets pushed out and steps out with one foot and then circles back in and gets penalized. If both wrestlers go out in a flurry keep calling it the way it is now. 18. Add 215, but also make the fat ass heavy weights wrestle instead of push each other around. If there are not enough real wrestling heavys out there then eliminate 285 lbs. and add 235 or 240lbs. We want athletes who perform no matter what size they

	are.
Frederick Feeney	If the top man is stalling in the standing position, stop the match and give an automatic escape. Rationale....will encourage more wrestling.
Kenny Ritchie	I believe that if after a takedown the wrestler in control chooses to go neutral on the restart; the defensive wrestler shouldn't be awarded a point. I think that if you restart the match in the down position, after going out of bounds and the defensive wrestler escapes or is released then he would earn a point. This might create more action and reward the wrestler for being aggressive. To make it simple as long as the clock is running and a wrestler escapes or is released the defensive wrestler will be awarded a point. Only on the restart from out of bounds would a wrestler have the option of going neutral and not give up an escape point.
Robert Baxter	I would like the committee to consider the following situation a "lock", similar to "locked hands". I have found many wrestlers in the top offensive position preventing his opponent from scoring by doing the following: Top man has a "cross body" ride applied to the down man. At times, the top man losses his cross body ride but still has his leg around the waist of the bottom man. So as to not lose control the top man grabs his own ankle from his leg which is around the leg of the bottom man. In my opinion this is no different than the top man locking hands to prevent the bottom man from scoring (technical violation). In other words, grabbing your own ankle which is wrapped around your opponent's waist is no different than locking hands around the waist of the bottom man.
Michael Junkins	Add : intentionally banging an opposing wrestlers head to the mat: as an illegal maneuver. Coaches are instructing wrestlers to forcefully slam an opposing wrestlers head to the mat in front headlock situations. While the official can call an unnecessary roughness penalty, this should be penalized upon application.
Jeffrey Sittler	With skin problems on the rise, I would suggest making it mandatory at all wrestling events to have those mat side shoe cleaners. I know as an official when I have to use the restroom to go in there and see all the "stuff" on the floor and then have to go back on the mat, it does not make me feel comfortable. We all know it is way worse the younger the wrestler is too. I have seen wrestlers at a urinal, run straight out to the mat without washing their hands, so now we have potential problems on the hands and feet. The mat tray shoe cleaner could be placed between the table and the mat, I know it would add expense to everyone's program, but might cut down on the skin problems

	everyone is seeing.
Rick Fink	<p>Point of Emphasis: (potentially Dangerous) Banana Split from Cross Body Ride and Scissors on the Body. Both situations are very dangerous, in talking with many officials we ALL agree that a Scissors on the body is far more dangerous then a figure four on the body.</p> <p>In the Banana Split situation most times officials don't stop the match until a groin injury has occurred. In this situation the official needs to immediately say something the offensive wrestler about not applying or pulling the legs to far apart.</p> <p>Call me for further details. Rick Fink, Harrisburg SD, W# (605) 373-6344</p>
Douglas Gingles	<p>Question #5 regarding rule 3.4.3 Has this ever been enforced? I'm an official and at every tournament and every dual meet there are wrestlers who need to shave. I would either have it actually enforced at the weigh in or eliminate the rule entirely.</p>
Don Mekeel	<p>Tournaments should pay an official extra to be at the weigh-in to check grooming etc. Even w the new rule wrestlers are not properly groomed. if they have to be groomed etc. before weigh-in who is checking?</p>
Dennis Harland	<p>I vigorously support the selection of the neutral following a restart and awarding an escape point.</p>
Lewis Henrickson	<p>In addition to question 10 on an out of bounds, it should be available anytime a restart happens such as a new round or a time out for injury or blood.</p>
Randall J. Hatton	<p>The neutral option adopted by NFHS has work well. Riding time can cause match delays, due to correcting the clock and it can make for dull match.</p>
GK	<p>Develop officials rating system so officials could be selected for post season events rather than having to 'know someone', similar</p>
Randy Bennett	<p>I see a problem with allowing a fall outside the wrestling area, how is the official going to watch the feet and call a pin? Rule 2.3</p> <p>position of advantage, If we are trying to get rid of riding time, why would we add another clock situation! Maybe if the wrestlers reach a stalemate situation, the official determines if they go to their feet. A lot of stalemate situation occur when an escape is halted by the offensive Wrestler and he intentionally stalls to get the stalemate call. this could possibly be a rational for this.</p>

Fred A . Anbrose	<p>19 ) this is way over do, we (NCAA wrestling) has been lucky not to make the 11 clock news over this</p> <p>18 ) good move ,and it will also help in tie braker(dual match )</p> <p>16 ) Will keep the official working to make , stall call in the last seconds</p> <p>15 ) he has worked to get him there ,so call the fall. But if the lower back</p> <p>of the Def. man is over the line points only and re-start.</p> <p>14 ) Off. man Work for the near-fall nothing is FREE.</p> <p>13 ) only if he goes out on his own , not by contact</p> <p>11 ) it's not a waiting game make it happen</p> <p>10 ) over do , make this happen</p> <p>It's good for our sport</p>
Andrew Meier	<p>I really like the decoupling of Fleeing from the penalty sequence and I wish the NFHS would adopt the same thing.</p>
Joe Cesari Jr.	<p>I am in favor of any rules changes that emphasize pinning and reward aggressive wrestling. Time advantage causes boring wrestling on the mat, so eliminating it and replacing it with rules that reward pinning and scoring in the offensive position (especially #'s 11 and 14-16) would be great to increase the excitement of the sport.</p> <p>I am totally in favor of #12 to reward scoring on the edge. I am in favor of the concept as indicated in #13; however, in many situations, it could be difficult to determine "who stepped out first" from a referee's standpoint. Also, many scoring situations occur near the edge, so as it is described above, it could stop scoring situations, or be very difficult to interpret as an official. More discussion / clarification is needed for #13.</p> <p>I would be more in favor of adding a weight class at the lower end of the spectrum, since the heavier weights tend to have less action.</p>
john v kopalek	<p>Many of these proposals sound like freestyle, we really have a "better" sport right now, Those are not rule changes but changes of the foundation of Classic American Folkstyle, featuring tips instead of solid turns and exposure as opposed to holds. We really have as much neutral as we can handle without adopting a high school rule. If we are considering a new rule with an automatic point, how about awarding an automatic point when the coach leaves the coaching box without traveling directly to the table.</p>
Cory Salmon	<p>How about a penalty for coaches that walk onto that mat, any part of the mat, while wrestling is still taking place. I've noticed a lot of coaches leaving the restricted area to address the official while wrestling is still taking place.</p>

Bernard L. Chatman	This may not qualify as a playing rule, too often in tournament competition officials are called to work and find 8 mat or 9 mats being used with only 10 working 8 to 10 working officials for tournaments which last 8 to as much as 12 hours in one day. This is fully taking advantage of officials by coaches who have no respect for what officials do for the sport of wrestling. I am suggesting a rule to read:At least three or more officials for every two mats used in tournament competition.This would greatly eliminate the current abuse of dedicated officials and perhaps slow down the exiting of good officials who have been abused to the point of retiring.
William Brewer	The out of bounds pinning area is a good one. I like this rule but I think it should only be applied if the wrestler in control has taken the wrestler to his back out of bounds and supporting parts are in bounds. I think the wrestler in control should be awarded an extra point if the wrestler in the near fall position goes intentionally out of bounds to avoid the near fall points to be counted. The near fall points at this point should be counted and an extra point awarded to the offensive wrestler for the other fleeing the mat. In any case the out of bounds pin would be a good move to have in order for the match to move forward in a timely manner. But as I said if the wrestler is in the circle and near fall points are counted and he intentionally gets himself/herself out of bounds the offensive wrestler should be awarded an extra point if the wrestler gets out of the near fall situation.
Michael L Jordan	for Q19, they should weigh in wearing the competition singlet, as in international rules. They are light weight, and would apply to male and female competitors without prejudice if needed.
Tyler Wiley	The protection area around the mat needs to be extended under current and some of the proposed new rules! Safety #1. A BIG help could come in regards to Q. 13, "Out of bounds", it's been proven internationally that wrestlers will fight to control the center, and will avoid getting near the edge of the mat if penalized for going out of bounds in the neutral position. This will help keep the matches going and increase the emphasis on conditioning.
Bradley Potter	I would suggest adding a rule that all teams hosting a competition be made to clean mats between rounds and provide the "shoe disinfecting mat" that wrestlers step on before stepping on the mat.
Jim Ramirez	Open tournaments need to enforce proper grooming takes place when weigh-ins occur. Several tournaments are neglecting this procedure and leaving this up to the refs to take care of the situation when wrestlers are reporting to the mat. It makes the refs be the bad guys with enforcement when host institutions should be the ones administering this practice.
Robert Soares	Rewrite rule for offensive starting position. Wrestlers should assume referee's position quickly but not necessarily in the current order (over the naval first).
Curtis Alexander	award a point to the wrestler who takes his opponent directly to his back for a total of 3 points

Rick Swan	<p>I would support any rule change that encourages wrestling in the center of the mat, and more emphasizing that to not wrestle in the center is stalling, or to have advantage time include "control" of the center of the mat.</p> <p>I would also be in favor of making near fall point worth 3 and 4 points, to encourage wrestlers to try harder to turn an opponent rather than just riding.</p> <p>I would also be in favor of adding an additional point for a takedown when it is achieved from a good offensive "shot". This would encourage more offensive wrestling from the feet. I think there is currently too much advantage to being a "counter" wrestler.</p>
Michael Letcher	#13 I support this rule change but would also like wrestling to continue until both wrestlers are out of bounds with the present rules.
Joe Puetz	I would like to see the emphasis of control from the neutral position in regards to going out of bounds. I feel that having the ankles secured is not a takedown, If you would not award point for a similar position in the middle of the mat, you shouldn't award them at the edge. Coaches see this differently. They need control.
David Holler	The thing I hate about wrestling they change rules too. If it ain't broke don't fix it. You don't see them changing golf rules too often. IMHO I hate these rules in place to stop weight loss. They don't do anything but add more work for the coaches. I believe wrestling has 3 parts: top, bottom & on the feet. Don't try to change folkstyle into freestyle.
Lynn Dyche	Rule Recommendation: When a wrestler initiates a takedown attempt and the opponent defends by going into a "spaghetti" lock defense. If the period ends or the wrestlers go out of bounds, the wrestler who is defending receives a warning the first time and one point penalty on subsequent times. Note-there are too many "spaghetti type defenses" occurring to defend against good takedown attempts and the wrestling activity is diminished.
Del Hughes	Rationale for the elimination of riding time should also be to promote more aggressive wrestling and pinning not just controlling the opponent until the 1 minute is attained.
Mark Mcclenathan	Riding time should have been eliminated long ago. Perpetuates stalling!