

## 2008 NCAA Wrestling Rules Survey 1

### 1. Name

469 Responses

### 2. Select the title that best describes your position.

Division I head coach	52	11%
Division II head coach	25	5%
Division III head coach	48	10%
NCAA registered wrestling official	305	65%
Other, please specify	39	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100%</b>

### REVIEW OF LAST YEAR'S RULES CHANGES

### 3. Rule 2.11.1 Time Advantage

Do you agree with the requirement that advantage time be used for all competition?

Yes	343	73%
No	94	20%
No Opinion	28	6%
Not Applicable	4	1%

### 4. Rule 3.4.1 Weigh-Ins

Do you agree that the NCAA Official Weigh-in form required for all competition this season was a positive change?

Yes	254	55%
No	27	6%
No Opinion	165	35%
Not Applicable	20	4%

### 5. Rule 3.4.3 Weigh-Ins Tournaments

Do you agree with the rule that for tournaments, wrestlers reporting to weigh-ins shall be properly groomed?

Yes	428	91%
No	21	4%
No Opinion	18	4%
Not Applicable	1	0%

**6. Rule 3.9.3 Medical Examinations**

**Do you agree with the requirement that medical examinations be conducted each day of a tournament?**

Yes	334	72%
No	78	17%
No Opinion	53	11%
Not Applicable	2	0%

**7. Rule 4.17.1 Verification of Entries**

**Do you agree with the rule that states that verification of entries for tournaments shall take place at team registration?**

Yes	289	62%
No	16	3%
No Opinion	145	31%
Not Applicable	18	4%

**8. Rule 6.5 Unnecessary Roughness**

**Do you agree with the rule change that adds "a forceful slap to the head or face and gouging or poking the eyes" to the rule covering unnecessary roughness?**

Yes	417	89%
No	45	10%
No Opinion	7	1%
Not Applicable	1	0%

**9. Rule 6.6.1 Flagrant Misconduct**

**Do you think the new protocol for a referee reporting a flagrant misconduct violation is a positive rule change?**

Yes	373	80%
No	12	3%
No Opinion	80	17%
Not Applicable	3	1%

**NEW RULES PROPOSALS**

The NCAA Wrestling Rules subcommittee is asking for your input on the following suggested rules proposals. Coaches, referees and others have authored the proposed changes that do not necessarily reflect the opinions of subcommittee members. Rule proposals that receive favorable support from respondents will be discussed at the April meeting.

**10. Rule 2.1.4 Optional Offensive Starting Position**

**Would you favor allowing the offensive wrestler, returning from an out-of-bounds situation, the option of selecting the neutral position with the opponent receiving one point for an escape?**

**Rationale:** The NFHS approved this rule last year.

Yes	370	79%
No	93	20%
No Opinion	6	1%
Not Applicable	0	0%

**11. Rule 2.3 Position of Advantage**

Would you favor a rule that allows the offensive wrestler (the wrestler in control) :30 seconds to turn the opponent or have both wrestlers returned to the neutral position? An escape in this situation would not be awarded.

**Rationale:** Creates more action and is fan friendly.

Yes	143	31%
No	313	67%
No Opinion	13	3%
Not Applicable	1	0%

**12. Rule 2.4 In Bounds**

Would you favor changing this rule to read, "A wrestler shall remain in bounds as long as any body part remains within the wrestling area."? This change would eliminate the term "supporting point(s)".

**Rationale:** This would simplify the awarding of a point(s) at the edge of the mat or calling out of bounds.

Yes	428	91%
No	31	7%
No Opinion	11	2%
Not Applicable	0	0%

**13. Rule 2.5 Out of Bounds**

Would you favor a rule that awards one point to the opponent of a wrestler who steps out of bounds?

**Rationale:** This would greatly reduce or eliminate wrestlers going out of bounds.

Yes	152	32%
No	298	64%
No Opinion	16	3%
Not Applicable	2	0%

**14. Rule 2.9 Near Fall**

Would you favor changing the degree angle needed to meet near-fall criteria from the present 45 degrees or less to 90 degrees or less?

**Rationale:** Easier for referee to distinguish a 90-degree angle than a 45-degree angle.

Yes	120	26%
No	333	71%
No Opinion	15	3%
Not Applicable	0	0%

**15. Rules 2.9 and 2.12 Near Fall and Fall**

When the offensive wrestler has the opponent in a controlled pinning situation, would you favor allowing a near fall to be counted or a fall called when the defensive wrestler's pinning area is completely out of bounds?

**Rationale:** To allow the offensive wrestler to score even though the defensive wrestler's pinning area is out of bounds.

Yes	141	30%
No	318	68%
No Opinion	8	2%
Not Applicable	0	0%

**16. Rule 2.11 Time Advantage****Would you be in favor of eliminating time advantage?****Rationale: To eliminate the problems associated with the use of riding time.**

Yes	195	42%
No	252	54%
No Opinion	20	4%
Not Applicable	0	0%

**17. Rule 3.2 Weight Classes****Would you favor reorganizing the present 10 weight classes to accommodate a 215- or 220-pound weight class?**

Yes	198	42%
No	205	44%
No Opinion	66	14%
Not Applicable	1	0%

**18. Rule 3.2 Weight Classes****Would you favor adding a 215- or 220-pound weight class to the present 10 weight classes?**

Yes	266	57%
No	159	34%
No Opinion	42	9%
Not Applicable	1	0%

**19. Rule 3.4.1 Weighing-In****Would you favor adding to this rule a requirement that all contestants weighing-in shall do so in shorts?****Rationale: This would eliminate privacy issues. Weigh-ins could be conducted in large areas that accommodate the use of multiple scales.**

Yes	196	42%
No	169	36%
No Opinion	101	22%
Not Applicable	2	0%

**20. The NCAA Wrestling Committee solicits your comments pertaining to playing rules. Please use space allotted for your suggestions or other thoughts concerning the current survey or other playing rules.****The NCAA Wrestling Rules subcommittee thanks you for participating in this survey.**

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