

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL EVENTS - Match Challenge, Video Review, & Appeals Procedure

NOTE: RMN's primary objective is to *get it right*. However, if both wrestlers have left the mat and a decision has been declared, the only situation which may change the result is if an incorrect score is recorded.

Coach Protocol

1. The challenging coach must have a floor access band on and in the chair prior to the match.
2. Only ONE adult coach (preferably team head) may be involved in a discussion about a situation.
3. Approach the scoring table – DO NOT address the official from your coaching corner.
4. Challenge MUST be stated in the form of a QUESTION and with an openness to dialogue.
5. For a situation to be reviewed, it MUST concern a rule application or a scoring/timing error.
6. The official's judgment is NOT reviewable; however, the Lead Official may discuss options.
7. For a Video Review, it MUST meet the criteria set forth in the Video Review Criteria Document
8. A video review can only be authorized by one of the Lead Officials: POD Leader, Assistant Head Official, or Head Official.

Challenge Procedure

1. Contestants and coaches must remain at the mat where the challenge occurs.
2. If the bout has not concluded, and the coach who is challenging and his wrestler remain at the mat, his opponent and coach must also be present for the review process.
3. If both coaches and opponents have left the mat area, results will not be changed or overturned, except in the event of a scoring error that can be corrected before either wrestler competes in the next match.
4. If the coach and Mat Official are unable to reach agreement on the situation or the match result, the coach may then request a conference with a Lead Official.

Resolution Procedure

1. If the challenge involves no further wrestling, the winner's hand will be raised.
2. In the event of a scoring error: in a match, it must be corrected prior to starting the next period. If the match has concluded, it must be corrected prior to either wrestler participating in his/her next match.
3. "Bad time" is when wrestlers are in the wrong position, when the wrong wrestler receives a choice in the 3rd period / overtime or after a 2-point stalling violation / 2nd injury time-out, or with a scoring error.
4. If the match has not been completed, or if there is bad time, the score and time will return to where it was prior to the situation in question.
5. If the challenge involves further wrestling because the Lead Official's decision results in a tie score at the end of regulation time, then the match will proceed with the normal overtime procedure.

Video Review Process

1. One of the Lead Officials: POD, Assistant Head, or Head decides that a video review is necessary.
2. If a potential score occurs when time expires – or if a match-deciding score occurs at the end of a match – the Lead Official may declare a video review with or without a challenge.
3. The Mat Official, after consultation with one of the Lead Officials, may also request a video review.
4. The review will be conducted at the Mat Table unless it is necessary to view it at the Head Table.
5. Coaches and team members are not part of this review. They may NOT be in the vicinity of the review process.
6. One of the Lead Officials will make a final determination. This concludes the challenge process.

Appeals Process (Post-Match)

1. Once a match result has been posted or a decision has been reached by the Head Official, it is final.
2. If the team's head coach appeals the Lead Official's decision or match result, this must be recorded at the Head Table within 30 minutes of the match result. After that time, an appeal will not be valid.
3. A verifiable scoring error or the misapplication of a rule may result in a different outcome or necessitate further wrestling.
4. A mutual determination is issued by the Lead Official in coordination with Head Official and Head Table.
5. Other situations will not change the on-the-mat decision, although follow-up actions may be considered.
6. Following these determinations and discussions, **NO FURTHER REVIEWS WILL BE ENTERTAINED**.