

RMN Wrestling Officials Evaluation Criteria - MOD July 2023

5 - **Exceptional** - Has shown national level knowledge and command of mat, rules, coaches, and athletes and demonstrates professionalism. This official is extremely consistent on rules and mat awareness. Has the ability to mentor, leading the way for others to grow with him/her.

4 - **Excellent** - Has shown above-average knowledge and command of mat, rules, coaches, and athletes and demonstrates professionalism. Needs very little or no improvement and is above-average in consistently enforcing the rules and demonstrating mat awareness.

3 - **Accomplished** - Has shown good knowledge and command of mat, coaches, and athletes and demonstrates professionalism. Needs very little help or improvement and consistently enforces the rules and demonstrates mat awareness.

2 - **Solid / NI** - Has shown solid knowledge and command of mat, rules, coaches, and athletes and demonstrates mat awareness. **One or two areas to improve.**

1 - **Needs Improvement** - Has shown knowledge and command of mat, rules, coaches, and athletes and demonstrates mat awareness. **Three or more areas to improve.**

Appearance / Professionalism: Rule 3-1, Official; Rule 3-2, Assistant: Proper Uniform (fits and is neat and clean), black shoes and pants. Professional attitude and conduct.

Dealing with Coaches and Athletes and Explanation of Rules and Calls: (Table) Ability and presence of the official when they discuss and explain calls to coaches at the table. How the official maintains control of athletes during the match and while at the table.

Movement, Anticipation, and Positioning: Rule 5-19. During the match, did the official anticipate where moves were going, demonstrate proper positioning to wrestlers (neutral and on the mat), and maintain distance from wrestlers during the match?

Determining Control and Judgment: Rules 5-6, 10, 11, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, and 30. During the match, was the official able to correctly determine when control was established or released/lost, properly make calls according to rules, and provide proper judgment during the match?

Edge of Mat / Boundary: Rule 3-8; Rules 5-15, 18, 22 (1 & 2), 25 (1, 2, & 3). Did the official understand and apply edge-of-mat calls for takedown, reversals, and nearfalls? Did the official use proper positioning when wrestlers are on the boundary line (line between legs), as well as maintain positioning while wrestling is occurring during the match?

Points, Signals - Visual and Verbal Calls: Wrestling Signals, pages 82-83. Is the official showing proper signals and being verbal while awarding points? Is official verbal during the match so as to keep the action as well as position of wrestlers inside the wrestling area?

Stalling and Recognition: Rules 5-24, 7-26, 8-4; penalty chart, page 43. Does the official recognize when stalling is occurring in neutral, top and bottom, call stalling during the match, and is s/he able to explain what stalling is and isn't?

Command of Match, Flow, and Knowledge of New Rules: Does the official keep good command of the match and flow of match, as well as understand new rules?

Mechanics: Does the official use proper mechanics (points shown and held high above head, rotate hands, and use proper signals (defer/start)? Does s/he call points 1st, then signal? Is the official verbal as well as visual?

Consistency of Calls: Has the official been consistent with calls during the match, overtime periods, and with the approach to athletes and coaches?