

TEAM CONDUCT

COACHES-Misconduct, Unsportsmanlike Conduct & Flagrant Misconduct

Misconduct is an infraction that can only be applied to a coach during the match. Misconduct is called if a coach requests a conference with the official regarding the misapplication of a rule, and the referee determines there is no misapplication involved. It can also occur when a coach questions the judgment of the official during a conference. After the conference, if the match score is unchanged, if placement of competitors is unchanged, or if match time and score are correct, then the **head coach** will be penalized for misconduct. Even if the assistant coach does the questioning, the Team Misconduct penalty will be assessed to the head coach, so always keep the head coach informed of his penalty status. The first Misconduct offense results in a **warning** to the head coach, the second offense yields a penalty of **one team point**, and the third offense results in the **removal** of the head coach from the premises for the remainder of the day and a **two-point** team deduction. Clarification of the match or team score is not usually be considered as misconduct. Misconduct penalties will not carry over in multiple-day events.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct may be called on any coach or other team personnel, not during the match, if that coach approaches the official in an unsportsmanlike manner and conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike or inappropriate way. There is no warning for this type of behavior, and **one team point** is deducted on the first offense. After the second offense, the coach is **removed** from the premises immediately and **two team points** are deducted. Removal of the coach is for the remainder of the event. If no assistant coach or staff member is available to act as interim head coach, the contest will be terminated.

Flagrant Misconduct of a coach, after the first offense, results in his immediate **removal** from the premises for the remainder of the event and **three team points** are deducted.

CONTESTANTS-Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Once a wrestler reports to the official scorer, the match begins and any unsportsmanlike conduct acts are now penalized by giving the opponent one match point. The end of the match is signaled by the final whistle that ends the third period or overtime, or that ends the match as the result of a fall, default, or technical fall. An act considered unsportsmanlike conduct during this time is considered part of the progressive penalty system as indicated by the penalty chart. If a wrestler is disqualified during a match as the result of unsportsmanlike conduct through the progressive penalty system, he is still eligible to participate the remainder of the day. Unsportsmanlike conduct by the contestant between periods, between regulation time and overtime, or between overtime and the tiebreakers is considered part of the match. Any unsportsmanlike conduct penalty prior to reporting to the score table or after the conclusion of wrestling (as described above) will result in a team point deduction. If a wrestler receives a second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, it will result in his removal from the premises, disqualification from the remainder of the event and a **two-point** team score deduction. Removal of the wrestler will only take place if authorized school personnel are available to supervise the athlete. If no supervision is available, the student will be confined to the team bench. Any additional unsportsmanlike act by that individual will result in team forfeiture of the event. Team penalty points for the contestant will carry over in multiple-day events.

CONTESTANTS-Flagrant Misconduct

If flagrant misconduct occurs **during a match**, the offending wrestler is immediately disqualified, his team loses all points he earned in a tournament, as well as a deduction of **three team points** in either a tournament or a dual event. If the penalty occurs in a multi-dual team event, his team would NOT lose points he earned in any previous dual meets in the tournament. However, he is disqualified from wrestling for the remainder of the day, and any subsequent days in a multi-day event.

If flagrant misconduct occurs **after the conclusion of the match, but before the wrestlers have left the mat**, the wrestler's team who committed the act will be penalized **three team points** and his opponent will retain any team points that he had earned as a result of the match (decision, technical fall, fall). If the wrestler who won is the individual that performed the flagrant misconduct, then no winner of the contest is declared and no team points are awarded for the match. The offending wrestler is also prohibited from competing any more for the day or the remainder of the multi-day event.

If flagrant misconduct occurs **after the contestants have left the mat**, this action would have no effect on the result of the match. The contestant that won the bout is still declared the winner for his win/loss record, however, no team points could be earned by that contestant because of the flagrant act. The offending wrestler's team has **three team points** deducted, and the wrestler is also prohibited from competing any more for the day or the remainder of the multi-day event.

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