

REPORTING TO THE MAT

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DUAL MEETS

Official should check the weight eligibility of all contestants prior to the beginning of the contest. Do this by comparing the names / wts. of each contestant on the WI sheet to that of the names entered in the official scorebook. Now inform the scorekeeper that **no** name changes may be made without going through you first. If you notice that an athlete is not wt. eligible, then report that to **both** head coaches. If you do not have the opportunity to verify weights prior to competition, then you **must** do it as the athletes report to the score table. Do not avoid this important procedure, even in a multiple dual tournament format. You will orchestrate the check in procedure by asking the scorekeeper who is to report first (as determined by the pre-meet disk toss) and then motion to that bench that is to report. If a team intentionally delays sending their athlete to the table this is unsportsmanlike conduct on the head coach. Have the athlete **give their full name** (first and last) to the scorekeeper and then if you haven't checked their weight eligibility yet, do so now. It is important they give their name / not the scorekeeper saying are you --- so that there is no chance of miscommunication (due to an inattentive / excited athlete). If the athlete is not wt. eligible, call the coach to the table and explain. This is an error that can be corrected without penalty to the team or athlete (rule 6-2-2). They may then send a wt. eligible athlete to the table. Once you have agreed that the athlete is wt. eligible, and reported in the correct sequence to the table as determined by pre meet toss, they may not be withdrawn or replaced without the team forfeiting that weight class. If they are withdrawn, that individual is ineligible to compete in any other weight during that dual. Now motion for the individual that is to report second to approach the table and repeat the procedure as indicated above. If both athletes report to the score table at the same time make sure you check them in, in the correct sequence. If for some reason you should inadvertently check them in the **incorrect** sequence, the athlete that reported early may then be withdrawn or replaced without penalty to the team or the athlete. Once the second athlete has properly reported, he also may not be replaced or withdrawn without forfeiture as described above. Once the athletes have properly reported in the correct sequence now take both (at the same time) to the center of the mat to avoid any potential delays / problems that might occur by sending them earlier. If the coach comes to the table with the athlete that is OK, but again, when you escort them to the center of the mat they cannot go back to the coach. If they do, that is considered stalling. As they are going directly to the mat, a slap of a hand / back / buttocks is not considered a violation of this rule. They are supposed to report directly to the ten foot circle. . "*Cover the color*" is an expression you may wish to use. As you are walking from the score table and near the 10 foot circle, say "*center*" or some other term to signify that you want the wrestlers on the line. Once the athletes are called to the center, if for any reason they do not go directly to their line, they will be warned for stalling. If you address this in your pre meet talk to the teams, this hopefully would not take place. Once they enter the **28 foot** circle and then leave, for whatever reason, without your permission, that is a technical violation and a one point penalty.

INVATIONALS

Do not check any athlete in until both report to the table. Remember, athletes have 5 minutes to report to the mat. Use the same procedure as described above, but of course, athletes can report in any sequence. Once they have reported, the same above guidelines apply as they approach and enter the 28 foot circle. Remember, **you** escort both athletes to the center of the mat.