

2022-23 Questions and Answers

Situation 1: Wrestler A has on a religious or medical bracelet, is the wrestler allowed to wrestle with it on.

Answer: If the bracelet cannot be removed, the wrestler can have the bracelet padded and taped and be allowed to wrestle. The securing of the bracelet must be approved by the official as special equipment.

Situation 2: Wrestler A is reporting to the mat wearing headgear with a vulgar/profane symbol on the left ear guard. What is the penalty, if any? What if it is discovered during the match?

Answer: Any wrestler appearing with a vulgar/profane symbol on any piece of equipment will be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct and have a team point deducted, as well as be issued a technical violation for reporting to the mat not ready to wrestle and be required to replace the piece of equipment within the minute and a half injury time. If this were to appear on their actual person the wrestler will be charged with the same penalties as if it were on their equipment. They will be required to cover the vulgar/profane symbol, if they refuse, the wrestler will be charged with a second unsportsmanlike conduct for failing to comply with an official's directive and be ejected from the event and have two team points deducted. If the profane/vulgar symbol is covered and not visible to the official, but becomes visible during the course of the match, officials will penalize a match point for USC and the wrestler will be charged a timeout and have a minute and a half to fix/cover. If the symbol is on a piece of required equipment it will also be a technical violation and a second match point.

Note/Rationale: The act of appearing with a vulgar/profane symbol is more than just reporting to the mat not properly equipped. The fact that this act (placing on the headgear, writing it on the wrist tape, etc..) is unsportsmanlike by rule and happened prior to the wrestler reporting, that is why it carries a team point instead of a match point for the unsportsmanlike act. Officials and coaches should be proactive to avoid any action like this from happening. Coaches should be aware of this and officials should catch this prior to a wrestler reporting to the table, either at weigh in, during pre-meet duties or checking of special equipment.

Situation 3: For a Saturday tournament, there is a 1lb. allowance for the day. Wrestler A's lowest eligible weight is 113.4, however his skinfold EWC qualifies them for 113 lb. weight class. Is the wrestler eligible to wrestle in the 113 lb. weight class for this tournament?

Answer: Yes, as long as the wrestler's 113 lb. skinfold test qualifies them for the weight class, they may use the allowance to wrestle in the 113 lb. weight class.

Situation 4: In a two-day tournament, wrestler A makes weight and competes on Day 1 of the event. The wrestler qualifies for day 2 of the event, but fails to make weight. Is the wrestler allowed to place and keep their scoring from Day 1? Must they assume losses for day 2?

Answer: The wrestler is not allowed to place in the tournament, they will retain any points they had earned from Day 1. The wrestler's record from Day 1 would stand, however they would not be required to take the losses for Day 2 where they were not eligible to compete.

Situation 5: Team A and B had school cancelled due to weather on Thursday, the dual between Team A and Team B was rescheduled for Friday. Both teams were granted a 1lb allowance for the dual on Friday. Team A also wrestles in a tournament on Saturday, what is the weight allowance for Saturday's tournament.

Answer: The weight allowance for Saturday's tournament would be 2lbs seeing as Team A had a 1 lb. allowance already on Friday. The 48-hour requirement for notifying schools would be waived in this case due to the weather emergency.