Role of the “OFF MAT” Official
(multiple events)

- **Must have a head official** (primary communicator to meet manager)
- **On break official**
  - get out of gym (for a short time) / clear your mind / water up
  - don't abuse break time
  - still can call USC / FMC (team points)
  - may eject spectators – get contest manager
  - 3 / corner – monitor any unauthorized personnel in restricted area
  - express any concerns to head official
  - head official must become aware of any USC's & MC (team pts.)
  - do not fraternize with coaches or spectators
- **Involve all officials throughout finals of a tournament (at all mats)**
  - assistant official in all finals (including consolation) if possible
  - if possible an official at mat side for all final bouts
  - public perception of idle officials / professionalism (mannerisms / behavior)
  - not a time to sit, talk, and relax – be involved
- **Off-mat official (observing)** – have to draw line somewhere on involvement
  - **DO**
    - you have limited authority
      1. pay attention (help out if needed)
        1. clock / score – sorting out points
        2. proper choice
        3. misapplications of rule
        4. penalty sequence / restart choices
        5. bad time / correction of errors
        6. end of period flurries (any buzzer call) – if asked to aid or if apparent (call mat official to table – use good judgment)
    2. keep corners clean / monitor bench behavior / monitor restricted area
    3. USC / FMC on coaches / bench – bring to attention of mat official / however you have right to penalize team USC's at any time
    4. help with blood time / injury time / recovery time / referee TO (2 attending – stay away from coaches and contestants during IT / BT)
    5. summoning a trainer if necessary
    6. inform mat official of spectator concerns / mat or table concerns
    7. UR / USC acts – bring to attention of referee at stoppage or ASAP if necessary
    8. safety issues / concerns / potentially dangerous holds – let mat official know
    9. blatant potentially dangerous ASAP
    10. ejection of a spectator (at any time)
    11. do convey concerns / thoughts between matches
  - **DO NOT**
    1. do not get involved with IH / TV / Stalling / Starting positions
    2. do not call falls or NF's or any match points
    3. do not get involved in judgment calls – stay away (unless at buzzer / then involve timer & scorekeeper)
    4. do not destroy mat officials confidence
    5. do not disrupt the flow of match if at all possible
    6. do not fraternize with coaches or spectators