

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