

# TEAM CONDUCT

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## MISCONDUCT

Misconduct is an infraction that can only be applied to a coach. It is called if a conference is requested with the referee regarding a misapplication of a rule, and the referee determines there is no misapplication involved, or when, during a conference, the coach questions the judgment of the official. After the conference, if the match score is unchanged, if placement of competitors is unchanged, or if match time or score is correct, then the **head coach** will be penalized for misconduct. Even though the assistant coach does the questioning, the penalty will be assessed against the head coach (always keep head coach informed of his status). The first offense results in a warning, one team point on the second offense, the removal from the premises for the remainder of the day (of the head coach) and a two point team deduction for the third offense. If **any** coach approaches the official in an unsportsmanlike manner (**he**) will be penalized immediately for unsportsmanlike conduct. There is no warning for this type of behavior. If no assistant coach or staff member is available to act as a head coach, the contest will be terminated. Clarification of the score would not usually be considered as misconduct. Misconduct penalties will not carry over in multiple-day events.

## UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Once a wrestler reports to the official scorer, the match begins and any USC acts are now considered a match point, and the opponent will receive one point. The conclusion of wrestling is the final whistle that ends the third period / overtime or signals the end of the match as a result of a fall, default, or technical fall. A USC during this time is considered part of the progressive penalty system as indicated by the penalty chart. Any USC prior to reporting to the score table or after the conclusion of wrestling (as described above) will result in a team point. If a wrestler is disqualified during a match as a result of USC (progressive penalty) he is still eligible to participate that day. However, if it occurs before or after the match, the second time will result in his removal from the premises and disqualification from that event and a **two point** team score deduction. The offender will be able to keep all team points that have been earned up to that time. Removal will only take place if authorized school personnel are available to supervise. If no supervision is available, the student will be confined to the team bench. Additional USC with that individual will result in team forfeiture of the event. USC by the contestant between periods and between regulation time and overtime or between overtime and the tiebreakers is considered part of the match. Team penalty points for the contestant and / or the coaching staff will carry over in multiple-day events.

## FLAGRANT MISCONDUCT

If flagrant misconduct occurs during the match the wrestler would be disqualified and lose all points earned in a tournament as well as the deduction of **three** team points in either a tournament or a dual event. In a dual, the opposing team will be awarded six team points. If in a multi-dual team event, he would not lose points he earned in a previous dual that day. However, he is done wrestling for that day and/or the remainder of multi-day event. The official must report the ejection to the WIAA.

If flagrant misconduct occurs after the conclusion of the match but before the wrestlers have left the mat, the wrestler 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. If the wrestler who won is the individual that performed the act, then there would be no winner of the contest and therefore no team points awarded for the match. He is also through for the day or the entire 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. In other words, the contestant that won the bout will still be the winner, (for win / loss purposes) however, no team points could be earned by that contestant because of the flagrant act. As always, **three** team points would be deducted and the contestant is through for that day or entire multi-day event.