

2010 SRI Bulletin #2 – January 1, 2011

This is the second SRI Bulletin for the season. Please review and pass this information on to your fellow Referees. Email me at ricklind@teleport.com with your comments and questions.

If you have topics you would like me to address in a bulletin, let me know and I will put one together.

STEPPING ON TOE

It has been brought to my attention that stepping on your opponents toe during a takedown attempt has been called illegal. This is not an illegal hold. Illegal holds are spelled out in the rule book. Legal holds are not listed in the rule book. If a hold is not listed as illegal, then it is a legal hold.

BACK FLIP FROM SINGLE LEG

Remember, it is illegal to do a back flip while your opponent is holding a single leg from either the neutral or control situation. This was a prior year rule change and I am only reminding you of that change.

DISLODGED MOUTHPIECE DURING WRESTLING

The loss of the mouthpiece is becoming more prevalent this year. Some wrestlers do not like this new rule and are spitting out their mouthpieces during wrestling. Officials should use good judgment when this happens. If the official believes it is an accident, it should be treated just like a headgear that comes unfastened. But if the official believes it was intentionally removed and causes a break in action, then this should be interpreted as a delay of match and penalized as stalling.

VISITING WITH COACHES AFTER A MATCH

When a match is over, the official should leave the area as soon as possible and head for the locker room. If a coach wants to visit with you in private, a official should decline and always have someone else present during a visit with a coach. This procedure will more likely assure that nothing inappropriate occurs during the meeting.

VERBAL COUNT DURING NEAR FALL

This situation continues to be brought up again this year. As I noted last year, officials are not required to give a verbal or visual count during a near fall. A visual count is recommended where possible. The rule book does not forbid using a verbal count during a near fall. In Oregon, the required mechanic will be to use a verbal and visual count where possible during all near falls.