



5 The Assistant Referee

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Role of the Assistant Referee

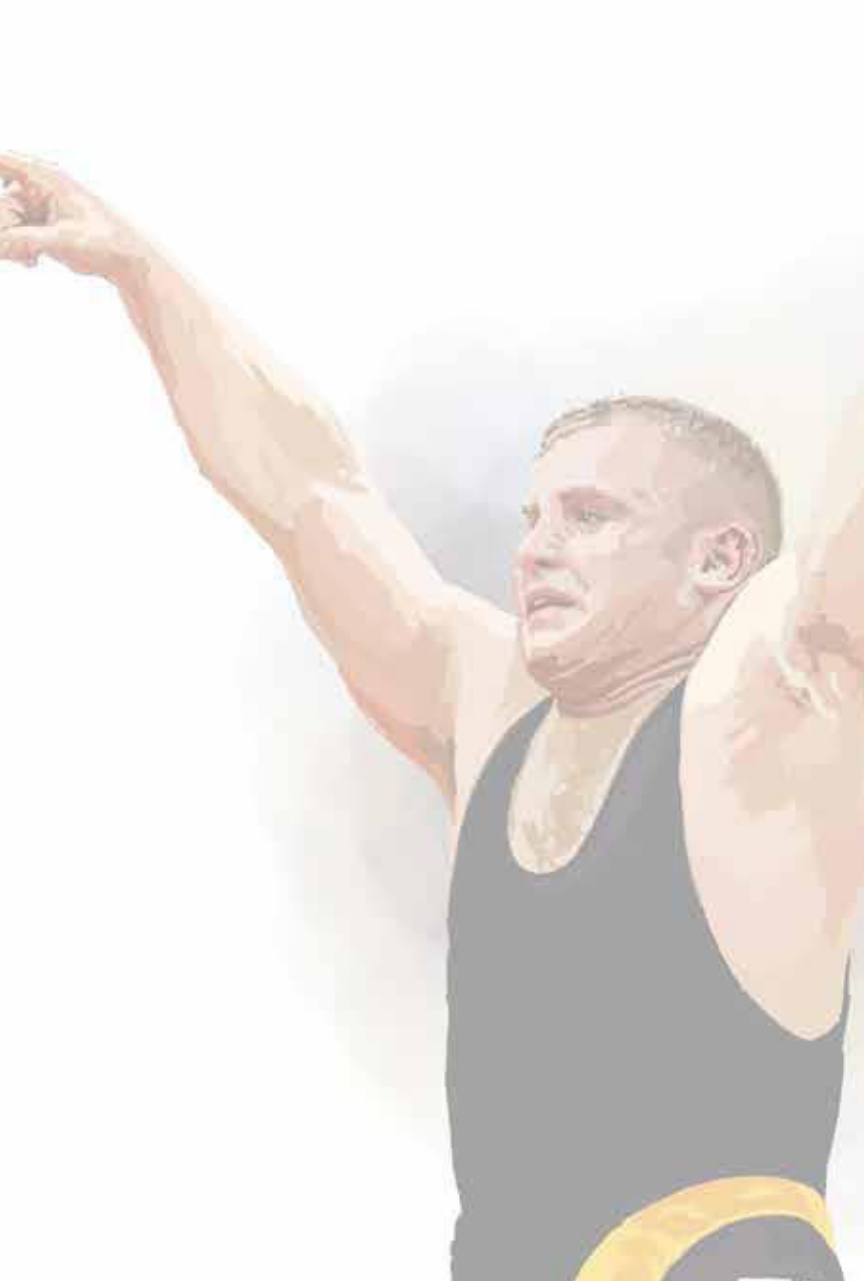
- Minimize human error in matters of rule application and judgment.
- Same mobility as the Referee;
 - Complement
 - Communicate
 - Assist the referee in making right calls
- However, the Head Referee (HR) is in complete control of the match.
 - Makes final decision



Role of the Assistant Referee

- Communicate with HR throughout the match concerning;
- Stalling,
- Line calls,
- Illegal holds/maneuvers,
- Potentially dangerous holds,
- Technical violations, and
- Time remaining in the period

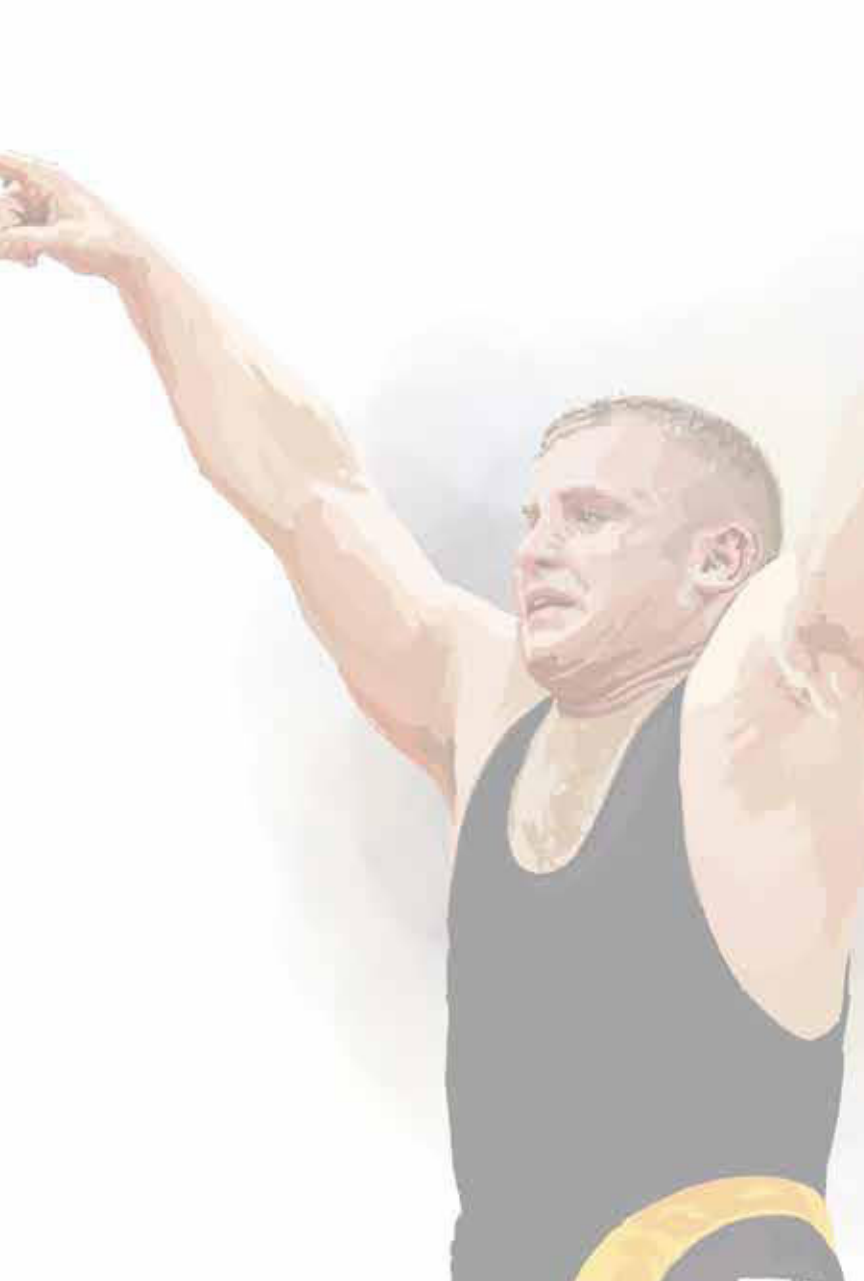




Mechanics of Assistant Referee

- Facing the Head Referee (approximately 180° mirror).
- Move to positions for best view of wrestling opposite the Head Referee.
- View of clock for starts, stops and end of period count-down.
- Protect the wrestlers at edge of mat.
- Be immediately available to give opinion on a situation when asked by the Head Referee.





Jurisdiction of Assistant Referee

- Can agree, disagree or have no opinion on a call when asked by the Head Referee.
- Head Referee has final decision on all calls.
- Shall bring infractions and cautions to the Head Referee's immediate attention.
- May only signal locked hands and cautions.
- May not talk to coaches.

