

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL EVENTS**  
**Match Protest – Video Review Procedure**

*\*\* Both coaches must read and sign this agreement in advance of the review. \*\**

From the NFHS Rulebook

**6.6.5.a.1** “Errors by the timekeeper, official scorer, or referee must be corrected prior to the offended contestant leaving the mat area if additional wrestling is necessary. If additional wrestling is not necessary, the error may be corrected as long as the offended contestant or coach remains in the mat area.”

**6.6.4.a.2** “Errors involving the computation of match score must be corrected prior to the next match in which either wrestler competes. If the error necessitates additional wrestling, it must be corrected prior to the offended contestant leaving the mat area.”

Coach Requirements

1. Possession of a protest flag. ONE is issued to each team’s head coach. Purchase at Xtreme Pro booth.
2. Payment in advance: \$25. Coach must purchase from Head Table prior to the start of the match.
3. Must possess flag prior to the match. No protest flag will be issued for a bout already in progress. Flag cannot be borrowed from another coach or individual.
4. If the protest is ruled in your favor, the flag remains in your possession; if you lose the protest, you cannot use it again in that match.
5. You must purchase a new flag in order to protest a future match.

Initial Protest Procedure

1. Contestants and coaches must remain at the mat where the protest occurs.
2. If the bout has not concluded, and the coach who is protesting and his wrestler remain at the mat, his opponent and coach may be called back to the mat for the protest process.
3. If both coaches and opponents have left the mat area, no results will be changed or overturned.
4. If the offended coach and mat official cannot reach agreement on the match result, the Head Official will be called to the mat to discuss the situation with the mat official and the coaches.
5. If the situation involves an incorrect or improperly recorded score, then the score may be corrected
6. If the situation cannot be resolved by conference, the coach may elect to ask for a video review with a flag.
7. For a situation to be reviewed, it must concern a rule application or a scoring error. *The official’s judgment is not subject to review.*

Video Review Process

1. Coach will present his protest flag, and the head table will conduct a video review by the Head Official at the Head Table. If necessary, H.O. will consult with an administrator. No others will be allowed to review the tape.
2. The Head Official will make a final determination, then confirm his decision with the Tournament Director prior to reporting the result of the conference to both coaches and wrestlers.

Post-Review

1. If the coach’s protest is withheld, the coach will have his protest flag returned to him.
2. If the coach’s protest is overturned, the coach will lose his protest flag. No further video protest may be initiated by this coach / team for this match. Coach must purchase a new flag before any future protest.
3. If the protest involves no further wrestling, the result will be brought back to the mat table. The appropriate score will be recorded and the winner will be acknowledged.
4. If the protest involves further wrestling because the match has not been completed, the score will be updated. The match will resume with the remaining match time in the period in which it was stopped.
5. If the protest involves further wrestling because the Head Official’s decision results in a tie score at the end of regulation time, then the match will proceed with the normal overtime procedure.
6. If the match is stopped for review during overtime, and the score is still tied after determination by the Head Official to continue, the match will proceed from the beginning of the period in which the situation occurred.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*I have read and understand the procedures for initiating and carrying out a protest.*

MATCH # \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ AGE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ TIME IN MATCH: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

COACH SIGNATURE

DATE

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