

Here is where we are landing and moving forward with as an interpretation of the new rule change for Stalling for shoe(s) coming off or lace(s) coming untied. This information below has been put together after correspondence with the NFHS.

If shoe laces come untied or shoe comes off...we will never stop the match if wrestling action or imminent scoring is occurring. If laces become untied or shoe comes off during wrestling action or imminent scoring we will hold on to the stalling warning/penalty until wrestling action has stopped, scoring has concluded, fall has been secured or a period has come to an end. Once wrestling action has stopped, scoring has stopped or a period has ended we will start our sequence with signaling the stalling violation and warning or awarding a point(s) whichever is warranted (**unless a fall occurs**). Once we have warned/awarded a point(s) for the stalling we will then award any other forthcoming match points in the order of which they were earned (Example: takedown, reversal or a turn into near fall criteria).

Scenario 1: Wrestler A is up 14-0 and takes the bottom position to begin the third period. Wrestler B turns Wrestler A into near fall criteria, and while doing so a shoe comes off Wrestler B. Wrestler B will be permitted to continue to secure near fall points or a fall. If Wrestler B secures the fall.....the stalling penalty against Wrestler B for the shoe coming off is moot and will not change the outcome of Wrestler B securing a fall. Match over...Wrestler B wins by fall.

Scenario 2: Wrestler A is up 14-0 and takes the bottom position to begin the third period. Wrestler B turns Wrestler A into near fall criteria, and while doing so a shoe comes off Wrestler B. Wrestler B will be permitted to continue to secure near fall points or a fall. The period comes to an end or wrestling action/imminent scoring has concluded.....the match will be stopped and Wrestler B is penalized for stalling, if the staling penalty results in a penalty point(s) awarded to Wrestler A...the match is over and Wrestler A wins by Tech Fall.....regardless of whether Wrestler B may have pending near fall points.

Scenario 3: Wrestler A is up 10-0 and takes the bottom position to begin the third period. Wrestler B turns Wrestler A into near fall criteria, and while doing so a shoe comes off Wrestler B. Wrestler B will be permitted to continue to secure near fall points or a fall. The period comes to an end or wrestling action/imminent scoring has concluded.....the match will be stopped and Wrestler B is penalized for stalling, the staling penalty results in a penalty point awarded to Wrestler A....the score is now 11-0.....but Wrestler B earned a 3pt near fall during the wrestling action so the 3 pt near fall will now be awarded to Wrestler B. The score is now 11-3 in favor of Wrestler A and the match is over.

Scenario 4: Wrestler A is up 2-1 and takes the bottom position to begin the third period. Wrestler B turns Wrestler A into near fall criteria for a three count, and while doing so a shoe lace of Wrestler A comes untied. The period comes to an end or wrestling action/imminent scoring has concluded.....the match will be stopped and Wrestler A is penalized for stalling, the staling penalty results in a penalty point awarded to Wrestler B....the score is now tied 2-2.....but Wrestler B earned a 2pt near fall during the wrestling action so the 2 pt near fall will now be awarded to Wrestler B. The score is now 4-2 in favor of Wrestler B and the match is over.

Scenario 5: Wrestler A is up 4-2 and takes the bottom position to begin the third period. Wrestler B turns Wrestler A into near fall criteria for a five count, and while doing so a shoe lace of Wrestler B comes untied. The period comes to an end or wrestling action/imminent scoring has concluded.....the match will be stopped and Wrestler B is penalized for stalling, the staling penalty results in a penalty point awarded to Wrestler A....the score is now tied 5-2 in favor of Wrestler A.....but Wrestler B earned a 3pt near fall during the wrestling action so the 3pt near fall will now be awarded to Wrestler B. The score is now a 5-5 tie. We go to overtime.

This is where Texas will be with our interpretation of this rule change and how we will use the sequence for awarding points....unless a FALL occurs which will trump any scenario, regardless of which wrestler's shoe comes off or laces come untied.