



Competition and Events Discipline Policy

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Introduction

British Wrestling (BWA) clearly details the level of conduct expected from all involved in the sport through the [Code of Conduct, Ethics and Responsibilities](#). Clubs and coaches have a responsibility to promote good conduct by members at competitions and events.

This policy applies to all members of the BWA as well as others actively involved in the sport of wrestling in the United Kingdom, including but not limited to wrestlers, coaches, officials, national, club and regional officers, volunteers and parents of (or those with parental responsibility for) members under 18 years of age.

The purpose of this policy is to set out a clear procedure for dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct, Ethics and Responsibilities at competitions and events.

Conduct at Competitions and Events

Each club, member, coach and official has a responsibility to comply with the code of conduct.

During competitions and events, breaches of these standards should be notified to the Competition Director/Official in Charge depending on how and where the conduct occurred. The Competition Director/Official in Charge may determine what sanctions, if any, are necessary and implement them.

Match Related Conduct

Match related conduct is dealt with at the discretion of the Official in Charge and delegated to the officials operating on each mat. Match related refers to all those involved in an individual match including wrestlers, coaches and any other corner official for each wrestler.

General Conduct

The Competition Director is responsible for dealing with all discipline related matters outside of those defined as 'Match Related' within the confines of the competition.

Complaints against Officials

United World Wrestling (UWW) Regulations set out the procedure for making and challenging decisions by officials during competitions, which may be adjusted from time to time by the BWA. The challenge process may not be in place at every competition.

The decision of the officials (scores awarded, declaring winner, etc) during a competition is final. An athlete or coach may not appeal such decisions.

Where a member wishes to complain about the conduct of officials, they should follow the process outlined in the [Judicial Code](#).

Sanctions

UWW Regulations set out the procedure for officials to sanction athletes, coaches and officials during competitions where they are in breach of regulations. The BWA chooses to implement these sanctions for all involved in competitions and events including spectators. The sanctions available on the day of competition or event are listed below;

- Verbal warning – offender warned that conduct is unacceptable
- Yellow Card (caution) – formal caution that conduct is unacceptable
- Red Card (elimination) – disqualification from the competition for athlete, coach or official
- Eviction from Venue – individual asked to leave the venue and not return

Should any individual receive two Yellow Cards during a competition (not necessarily during the same bout), they will receive a Red Card. In the case of spectators two Yellow Cards will result in Eviction from Venue.

All sanctions other than a Verbal Warning must be reported in writing following the event to the Sports Committee Discipline Panel.

Sports Committee Discipline Panel

The Sports Committee Discipline Panel will consist of a minimum of three members of the Sports Committee and a member of BWA staff. Members of the Committee will declare any conflict of interests ahead of the panel considering any reports.

The Sports Committee Discipline Panel will consider reports from competitions and events within 14 days of the incident or when the incident was reported.

Unless there is reasonable justification for not doing so, the person(s) subject to review should be informed that a review is taking place and be given adequate time to provide information of the incident in question.

The Sports Committee Discipline Panel upon reviewing the report from the Competition Director/Official In Charge and other evidence available to them, can determine that further sanctions may be imposed. The sanctions available to the panel are;

- Written advisory note of future conduct
- Written warning of future sanctions should incident reoccur
- Exclusion from future competitions for up to 3 months
- Suspension of membership for up to 3 months

- Down-grading or removal of qualification for up to 3 months
- Fine up to £250

Any sanction should be consistent with similar cases, but the Sports Committee Discipline Panel should take into consideration a person's previous record and behaviour.

Any sanction will be confirmed in writing.

In cases of egregious conduct, the Sports Committee Discipline Panel will refer the incident to a full Judicial Panel as part of the Judicial Code.

Records

All disciplinary actions and outcomes will be recorded by the BWA and held for four years. Records will be available to the Sports Committee Discipline Panel for consideration in future incidents.

Appeals

Appeals regarding sanctions imposed by the Sports Committee Discipline Panel should be made using the Judicial Code.