



FROM PINS TO PEN . . . AS I SEE IT!

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Few people know that in 1903 the Official Rules Guide for wrestling dominated two full pages of text. That's not even a third of a twig's worth of paper. Do you understand that the entire wrestling rules guide was covered in just

two pages? Everything was there from starting positions to illegal holds to guidelines for wrestling attire.

Once you opened the front cover of the guide, your manual obligation to the educational process was complete. Everything a wrestler or official needed to know was

right there, do's and don'ts, rights and wrongs, all economized into 17 paragraphs of script.

Of course this was all before 1905 and the creation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the establishment of our present day NCAA Wrestling Rules