

Wrestling Tiebreaker Procedure Wins Approval from Coaches

After several years of grappling with finding a fairer way to break ties in matches, the NCAA Wrestling Committee is satisfied that overtime procedures introduced last season are doing the job.

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Indianapolis and reviewed rules survey results indicating that more than 80 percent of coaches approve of the procedures, which were adopted at last year's annual rules meeting and used in regular season competition and at all three division championships.

In the procedure, at the end of a tied

regulation match, a one-minute sudden-victory period with both contestants in the neutral position. If no winner is determined at the end of the sudden-victory period, two 30-second tiebreakers are wrestled, with the choice of position awarded to the wrestler who scored the first offensive points (excluding escapes or penalty

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