

## Powers of the Center Referee

1. Match starts and ends only with his/her command (the timekeeper is the official time).
2. Has any final decision on any dispute on score.
3. Has the power to issue independent warnings and award penalty points to the offending competitors opponent without a majority decision as long as the issued penalty does not immediately affect the final outcome of the match. If the awarded point is at “**SUDDEN VICTORY**” or determines the winner of the match, it shall require a majority vote of the Judges.
4. Cannot overrule a majority point or penalty vote if a call for a judges vote has been requested
5. Has power to issue time outs. A competitor can request a time out, but it is the determination of the Center Referee to issue one.
6. Cannot award a point on his/her own.
7. Can elect to award a penalty point to offending competitors opponent or ask for a disqualification vote.
8. Must stop match with the command “**OUT OF BOUNDS**” when a contestant has both feet out of bounds. The Center Referee may not influence the Corner Judges by saying “This competitor cannot score because he/she was out of bounds”.
9. Must use the word “**CAUTION**” for any unofficial warning. After the first “caution” for any rules violation Center Referee shall award a penalty point to offending competitors opponent.
10. Must use the word “**WARNING**” for any official warning and award a penalty point to offending competitors opponent when the official Rules of Play have been broken after one (1) rules violation warning has been issued.
11. If the match is stopped on the Center Referees command, a point vote, penalty vote, or a penalty must be called or issued, unless match was stopped for injury or equipment.
12. Must award a penalty point to offending competitors opponent each occurrence of rules violation.
13. Must call for a majority vote for disqualifications.
14. Must stop time during penalty discussions, competitors slow re-entry into the ring, equipment repair and when examining contestant for injury.
15. Must have judges examine contestant who has received contact so as to determine degree of penalization when excessive contact is called. (A judge needs only to see the results of the suspected contact to cast a vote).