

Excessive Contact

Excessive contact is made when an opponent strikes with a force in excess of that necessary to have scored a point to the intended area and causes trauma or injury to the competitor.

Though it is largely a judgment call, indications that contact has been excessive may be assessed by the following reactions:

1. The appearance of redness, swelling, bruising or bleeding.
2. Visible snapping back of a competitor's head from the force of the blow delivered.
3. The distortion of the body from the force of a blow to the body.
4. A knockdown of an opponent where the fallen party neither stopped nor fell due to their own negligence.
5. A knockout of an opponent.