

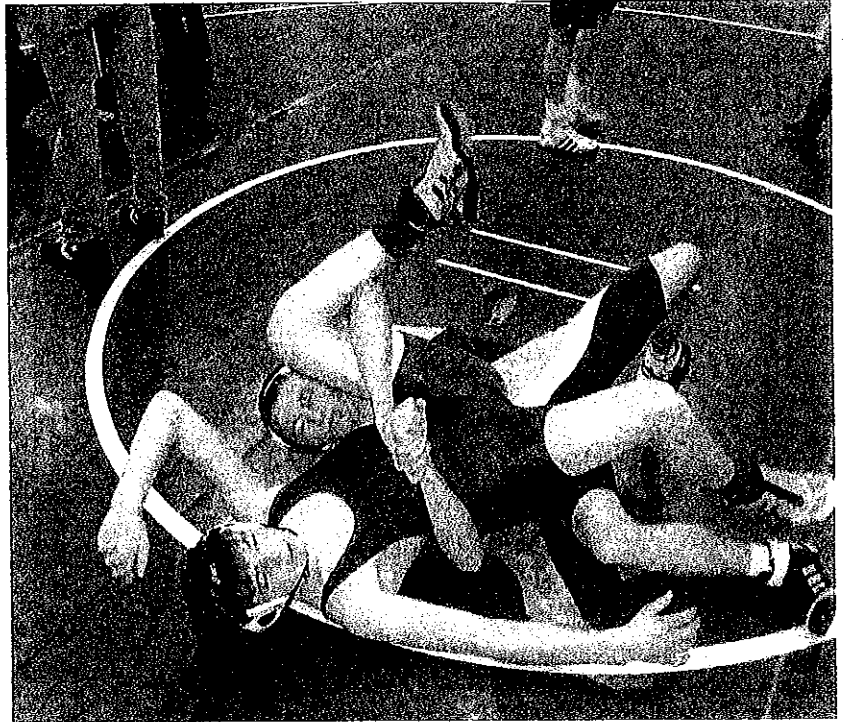
Legal or Illegal Cradle???? - Make the call and then read below.

The answer came from Jerry Diehl, of the National Federation.

Understand that this ruling is based on the fact that the wrestler, throwing the cradle, was awarded a takedown and then put on this cradle.

Some of us are still unsure of the ruling, so it is being sent to another

member of the rules committee. If this ruling changes, we will send you an update.



In the situation we discussed concerning the offensive wrestler encircling his opponent's body, with a leg of the defensive man included, still constitutes a technical violation as in Rule 7-3-4, page 27.

Obviously, if the arm were around the head this would be a cradle situation and we would not be having this conversation. But when the offensive man locks around the body other than from the feet or in a pinning combination, it is a technical violation. There is no difference in having an arm or leg trapped; it will unfairly negate the defensive opportunity to escape or reverse and that is what the rule is intended to penalize.

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