

NYS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SEEDING MECHANICS 2009-2010

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“The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee maintains the authority to make adjustments in tournament seeding, through the appeal process, when the purpose and objective of the seeding procedure has not been met”.

Beginning with the 2009-10 season it shall be mandatory that all coaches enter all rosters and all competitors wrestled using the NWCA database. They will no longer have the option to track data and results manually using last year’s NYS-SEED SHEET.

As season records are a component of determining “At-Large” candidates, the following guidelines should be followed when calculating wrestler’s records.

1. All matches supervised by a NYS approved official **must be entered into the NWCA database** (regardless of whether it is referred to as a varsity, junior varsity, exhibition or any other designation). Matches involving members of the same school team do not count *except* in tournaments. When applying for “At-Large” entries, **ONLY THE VARSITY RECORD** shall be used.

2. To be consistent on recording Individuals records:

Procedures for recording wins/losses on individuals records. **(REVISED 1/12/09)**

1-In a tournament when Wrestler A automatically advances to the next round due to a Forfeit by Wrestler B (when the match was never started).

-Wrestler A receives a win by forfeit on their record. Wrestler A should not show an opponent’s name and will not earn competition seeding points or earn a head to head advantage for the win.

-Wrestler B does not receive a loss on their record.

YOU CAN’T TAKE A LOSS ON YOUR RECORD IF THE MATCH NEVER STARTED.

(In addition: No wrestler will receive a loss if they were forced to forfeit because it would put them over the 5 match maximum number of matches limit)

ENTERING POST-SEASON COMPETITION

(Sectional Qualifiers, Divisionals, or Open Sectionals)

Each Section will run their own seeding meetings and qualifying tournament(s) to determine their Sectional Champs and placewinners.

1. No wrestler may be seeded in a Post-season Qualifying Tournament unless he has a printout of the **DISTRICT REPORT FORM from the NWCA database**. Sectional Chairmen will announce dates they are to be turned in as well as number of copies needed. **The sheet must be signed by both the coach and the wrestler to verify its accuracy.**

2. For Sectional Qualifiers/Divisionals and Sectional Seeding meetings: Sections have the option of using the NYS Point System for Competition Points or adopting their own point values. The **Sectional Seeding Competition Points** column is an optional column on the NWCA District Report Form printout.

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3. All Coaches must verify the points shown for each wrestler on the NWCA District Report Forms in the **NYS Seeding Competition Points column** based on the following table. As the post-season tournament has not yet started you will not know if you have defeated a current year: Sectional Champ or an “At-Large” Qualifier. The only points you are listing at this time are points for defeating a NYS placewinner in either D1 or D2 from last season.

NYS COMPETITION POINTS TABLE 2009-10

-A wrestler who defeats a NYS placewinner from either D1 or D2 last year will earn the points listed in the following table.

-A spreadsheet entitled: **Results-08-09-ALLSections** is available from your Sectional Chairmen or any NYS Wrestling Committee Member. This spreadsheet lists all Sectional and NYS Placewinners from last year, alphabetically by school. The points earned by beating one of them are shown.

-The maximum number of times you can earn Competition Points for beating the same wrestler has been capped at two victories. If you beat the same wrestler three times you will not earn points for the third victory (only for the first two)

-Wrestlers earn Competition points for defeating a wrestler who placed at the State last year, or who has qualified to wrestle at the States this year.

-Wrestlers will not get competition point values for beating Section Champs or At-Large Qualifiers when there are less than 12 teams in the wrestler’s Section. (They would earn the Competition Points if the wrestler from the Section with less than 12 teams, was a NYS place winner .(same procedure used for At-Large qualifiers).

-For 2009-10 no credit is given for defeating “Out of State” State placewinners as it was felt it would be too difficult to verify these points.

Last years NYS Tournament	COMPETITION POINTS earned for current year
1st Place	38
2nd Place	30
3rd Place	26
4th Place	22
5th Place	18
6th Place	14
Current years Sectional Tournament	COMPETITION POINTS earned for current year
Section Champ	10 *
“At-Large” winner	5 *

*- Points for Section Champs and “At-Large” winners will not be know until all Sectional tournaments have been concluded and all “At-Large” Qualifiers have been announced.

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Coaches of Sectional Qualifiers:

Once your Sectional Qualifiers/Divisionals are completed, coaches should update their **NWCA District Report Forms** to include wins and losses earned at the Qualifier (Divisional) for any wrestler who has qualified to continue to compete at Sectionals. Once again each Section will run their own seeding meetings to determine their Sectional seeding.

Coaches of Section Champs and possible “At-Large” Qualifiers:

BEFORE THE NYS TOURNAMENT SEEDING MEETING

Coaches must update their **NWCA District Report Forms** as follows for each Sectional Champ and for any possible “At-Large” Qualifier you think you may have (2nd or 3rd Sectional place winner)

- 1-Include wins and losses earned at the Sectional Tournament.
- 2- Coaches should now edit each Sectional Qualifier’s NWCA District Report Forms to make sure they do not print out any JV or exhibition matches listed: as they are not to be evaluated for State seeding. Each wrestlers final W-L Record will now be printed at the bottom of the form. **(THIS RECORD IS TO ONLY INCLUDE VARSITY MATCHES)**. Please verify the accuracy of each wrestler’s record.
- 3-Next, update the Post-Season Competition points column. Now that you know who the Section Champs are (from your own Section) you may have defeated one of them during the year at a dual meet or a tournament. If so, your wrestler is now entitled to 10 Competition points for beating them.
- 4-Coaches must also verify the Placement Points line of the: **NWCA District Report Forms** for each of their qualifiers, based on the following table.

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NYS PLACEMENT POINTS TABLE 2009-10

-Wrestlers earn Placement points for placing at the State last year, or for qualifying to wrestle at the States this year.

-Wrestlers receive only one point value from this table (the higher point value) with the following exception: In a situation where a wrestler qualifies for states and was a Place winner n the **Top 4 last year and a State Champion, two years prior**, they will receive Placement points from the chart for last year’s finish plus the additional 120 points for the previous State Championship two years prior.

-(If the wrestler was a State placewinner last year, they earn those points only, they do not also get points for being a Sectional Champ or “At-Large” Qualifier this year.

Last years NYS Tournament	PLACEMENT POINTS earned for current year
1st Place	120
2nd Place	80
3rd Place	60
4th Place	50
5th Place	40
6th Place	30
7th Place	25
Winner of the sometimes required match due to a Federation wrestler placing in the Top 6 last year	

Current years Sectional Tournament	PLACEMENT POINTS earned for current year
Returning Qualifier NYS Qualifier in '09 & '2010	19 *
Section Champ '109	18 *
“At-Large” winner '10	14 *

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At this point the GRAND TOTAL point value at the bottom is **NOT** totaled as you are awaiting results of the other Sections to see if any of your State Qualifiers will be receiving any additional Competition Points for beating an Out-of-Section State Qualifier(s).

Sectional Chairmen:

Before the NYS Tournament Seeding Meeting:

1-Collect one **NWCA District Report Form** for each Sectional Champ and for each possible “At-Large qualifier. At this point the GRAND TOTAL point value at the bottom is **not** totaled as you are awaiting results of the other Sections to see if any of your State Qualifiers will be receiving any additional Competition Points for beating any Out-of-Section State Qualifier(s).

2-Sectional Chairs (or their designee) should verify ALL submitted forms for any entries made to the NYS SEEDING Competition Points column of the **NWCA District Report Forms** using the **Results-08-09-ALLSections** spreadsheet to verify data. Please initial in the right margin for each of these point values to indicate to the NYS Seeding Committee that these values have been double checked.

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A.S.A.P. or by midnight on Sunday 2/14/10:

Sectional Chairmen use the data from the collected **NWCA District Report Forms** to submit their “At-Large” reporting forms to Jeff Cuilty-S9. All Sectional placewinners (1st-6th or as many places as you wrestle-back to) are to be listed but only the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place wrestlers need to have their data filled in.

Tuesday: 2/16/10:

Jeff Cuilty-S9 will use the submitted data to determine the “At-Large Qualifiers” and submit to Bill Kays-S3 for verification

Wednesday: 2/17/10:

Announcement of “At-Large Qualifiers” will be made to all Sectional Chairmen who will in turn notify Coaches, Athletic Directors, and wrestlers.

A **Qualifiers List** showing all qualifiers at each weight will be sent to the Chairmen.

1-Chairmen, or their designee, will use the **Qualifiers list** and go back to each of the collected **NWCA District Report Forms** and add on any final Competition Points earned for defeating an “Out-of-Section” Champ or “At-Large” Qualifier. It is recommended that Chairmen forward the **Qualifiers list** to all Coaches involved (as they should know who their wrestlers beat during the year). Once the coach’s see the list they can contact the Chairmen to verify that the Chairman, or their designee has added the correct points for their wrestler.

2-Chairmen or their designee must now total the Competition Points (from the regular and post season) and the Placement Points to determine a GRAND TOTAL point value for each qualifier.

3-Chairmen or their designee must now fax completed and totaled: **NWCA District Report Forms** to the designated number for use by the Seeding committee. Please then call to verify that all sheets were received. **FAX TO: 518-690-0775 Call to Verify at: 518-744-0227**

Thursday: 2/18/10:

NYS Seeding Committee and Head Scorer will meet in Albany at: 8:00 a.m. at the NYSPHSAA office to apply the seeding criteria (attached), seed, and create the brackets. Brackets will be distributed to Chairs as soon as they are completed. **All Sectional Chairs (or their designee) are welcome to attend.**

Thursday 2/25/10:

Competitors arrive. NYSWC meeting held at **4:00p.m.** (prior to Sectional practice times) to make any final adjustments needed to the brackets.

Friday/Saturday 2/26-27/10:

Weigh-ins, final brackets distributed. Wrestling begins.

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NYS TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied to each weight class by the NYS Seeding Committee on the Wednesday prior to the NYS Tournament. All Sectional Chairmen or their designees encouraged to attend the seeding meeting. The meeting will be run by a designee of the NYS Wrestling Chairman.

Procedure I: Initial Point Ranking

1.-Returning state place winners will automatically be placed as the first seed and remain in the top position, unless another wrestler on the board can jump them with a Head to Head win

2.All remaining wrestlers will be listed in rank order from the wrestler with the highest number of points to the wrestler with the lowest number of points. **All wrestlers will have earned a minimum of 5 points for At-Large Qualifiers or 10 points for Section Champs.** (Wrestlers with 5 or 10 points who have a head-to-head or common opponent advantage over any ranked opponent will be listed at the bottom of the ranking list.) Any wrestler with a head to head over a wrestler who is eligible to be seeded will them self automatically be eligible to be seeded. .

3.Eight wrestlers per weight class will be seeded. If a weight class does not have enough seedable wrestlers earning in excess of 16 points, then less than eight will be seeded. Additional seeding criteria should not be invented to try and get enough seeds. (Example: Not enough 96 pounders may have in excess of 5 points as many of them do not have any prior year places). If two wrestlers have the same point values for the #8 spot. That weight will seed 9 wrestlers.

Procedure II Head-To-Head Competition

1. Defaults and Disqualifications count.

2. The winner receives the loser's quality points, plus a double (++) edge over that opponent.

3. We will start the head-to-head evaluation with the wrestler who has the highest number of quality points from Procedure I. The second-ranked wrestler has the first opportunity to advance on head-to-head competition over the top-ranked wrestler. The third-ranked wrestler follows and so forth in the order of Procedure I rank. However, **a wrestler may not move over an opponent to whom he has lost.**

4. In head-to-head situations where opponents met twice, the most recent win takes precedence.

5. Where opponents met an odd number of times, the wrestler with the best record in these matches will receive the higher seed.

6. This will establish a new quality point ranking.

7. Note that whenever possible, procedures are to be applied immediately in a proper priority order. For example, if a wrestler is prevented from using a head-to-head because of a block, and that block is removed by a succeeding common opponent procedure, then the wrestler who is no longer blocked will immediately exercise his head-to-head advantage (prior to completing the common opponent procedure).

Example:

It is important to remember that each seed is established one-at-a-time beginning with number one and proceeding in descending order. The NYS Seeding Mechanics puts the names of all seed-worthy wrestlers up simultaneously. By working from the top downward the highest ranking wrestlers will have first chance at the top seeds, but each lower ranked wrestler will still have a chance to move up in rank order turn.

For example:

ORIGINAL RANKING =	1. Jones	100 points
	2. Smith	98 points
	3. Williams	84 points
	4. Brown	30 points
	5. Stevens	12 points
	6. Matthews	6 points

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Williams has a head-to-head over Jones. Smith cannot block Williams. Matthews has a common opponent over Smith and a head-to-head over Jones, but Williams has a head-to-head over Matthews. If we start from the bottom upward, Matthews stays at number six even though he has criteria over the top two point bearers because he is blocked by Williams. By working from the top downward, Williams moves to the number one spot where he belongs. Matthews is then free to move over Smith and Jones.

SEEDING FROM BOTTOM UP

1. Williams
2. Jones
3. Smith
4. Brown
5. Stevens
6. Matthews

SEEDING FROM TOP DOWN

1. Williams
2. Matthews
3. Jones
4. Smith
5. Brown
6. Stevens

Common Opponents have been eliminated in the criteria.

Procedure III First Tie-Breaker

1. If a tie exists between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, go back to the relative ranking of the tied wrestlers from procedure II (final head-to-head ranking). For example, wrestlers ranked 3 through 6 after Procedure I are now tied in quality points for second after Procedure II. As a group they are all ranked behind wrestler number 1 but ahead of wrestler number 2. Number 1 is the first seed, number 2 is the sixth seed, and the remaining wrestlers are separated according to their final relative head-to-head rankings.

Procedure IV Second Tie-Breaker

1. If a tie remains between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, go back to the relative ranking of the tied wrestlers from Procedure I (original quality point ranking).

The language in Sections III and IV clarifies that returning to the quality point ranking of a previous procedure to break a tie only applies to the process of separating the specific wrestlers who are tied.

Procedure V Third Tie-Breaker

1. If a tie remains between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, the wrestler with the HIGHER winning percentage will earn the seed.

Procedure VI Committee Decision

1. If a tie remains between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, it is understood that the wrestlers in question are now deemed to be equal by criteria. The seeding director will decide the order of the tied wrestlers by drawing sticks (or other objects, but *not* by coin flip).

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2009-10 Starting points per NWCA 1/12/09 meeting:

D1=Section tba D2=Section tba

Procedure VII Bracket Development

1. At the Winter NYSWC meeting a draw will take place to determine a starting point for the non-seeded wrestlers. All sections will be placed in a hat and one Section number will be drawn. CHSAA will follow Section 11 and PSAL will follow CHSAA in the Section rank order.
 2. When the tournament is seeded: The eight seeded wrestlers will be placed on the appropriate lines.
 3. The starting point at each weight will be the same for both D1 and D2.
 4. The starting point for 96 lbs will be the Section# drawn at the winter meeting. The starting point for 103 lbs will be the Section # following the drawn number. Each weight class will go up by one section number.
 5. In situations where a Section has more than one entry, due to an At-Large qualifier, the lower wrestler will be placed first when that Section # comes up. The At-Large line is placed before the Sectional Champ line.
 6. A wrestler will not wrestle another wrestler from their Section in the Round of 16.
 7. The unseeded wrestlers will then be placed on the unseeded line numbers with the starting-(drawn number) on Line #2. If a conflict exists, the next available Section # will be used then the Section # removed due to the conflict will be immediately put back into the draw at the next available line.
- EXAMPLE: A=Champ B=At-Large: D2 Wt Class Seeds are:
 1st=S1, 2nd=S2, 3rd=S3, 4th=S4, 5th=S5, 6th=S6, 7th=S7, 8th=S8
 If Drawn Section =9, then following bracket is prepared
 Unseeded wrestlers are:
 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, P, 1B, 3B

Seed#1=S#1

Line #2= **S#9B**

Line #3= **S#10**

Seed#8=S#8

Seed#5=S#5

Line #6= **S#11B**

Line #7= **S#P**

Seed#4=S#4

Seed#3=S#3

Line #10= **S#1B**

Line #11= **S#3B**

Seed#6=S#6

Seed#7=S#7

Line #14= **S#9A**

Line #15= **S#11A**

Seed#2=S#2

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Procedure VIII Appeals

1. If logic can substantiate the fact that an error in seeding procedure has occurred, a coach can present his case to his Sectional Chairman who will in turn present the case to the NYS Seeding Committee at the Thursday NYSWC meeting preceding the tournament.

If a wrestler scratches from the State Tournament:

If the wrestler who scratches was seeded in Top 8, the remaining 7 seeded wrestlers will be rotated upward to take the spot of the scratched wrestler. The weight class will NOT be re-seeded. The spot of the 8th seed will now become a BYE. If because of this new rotation, two wrestlers from the same section are now scheduled to meet in the first round, the Section # of the non-seeded wrestler will be flipped with the Section # of the non-seeded wrestler right below them.

If the wrestler who scratches was not seeded, the line they were on will become a Forfeit.

If the seeded wrestler who scratches, is replaced by another wrestler, the rotation of the remaining 7 seeded wrestlers will occur. The remaining 9 lines of the bracket will be redone starting with the same Section # on Line 2 that was originally used at that weight. The replacement wrestler will now be included as the lowest ranked wrestler in that Section. (In other words, if the Section with a replacement wrestler has an At-Large qualifier, the replacement wrestler will be inserted into the bracket when their section number comes up (before the At-Large qualifier is inserted).

Wrestlers who change Divisions from one year to the next:

When a D1 wrestler moves to D2 (or vice versa) they are treated the same with respect to earning Competition points and Placement points.