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TO: SECTIONAL ATHLETIC COUNCILS  
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FROM: NYS WRESTLING COMMITTEE

DATE: **ADOPTED: OCTOBER 101, 2011**

RE: PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING **2017-18** "AT LARGE" ENTRIES  
FOR NYS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The same basic format that was initiated in the 2006-07 season for selection of "At-Large" qualifiers will be used again in **2017-18**.

The procedure to select four wildcards at each weight class in both Division One and Division Two is listed below.

**HISTORY OF THE REQUEST FOR "AT-LARGE" QUALIFIERS:**

The main goal of the change in format was to fill the 4 Bys at each weight class in both D1 and D2, to make it more equitable for each wrestler in the tournament. The change now allows some of our most qualified wrestlers (who are in the same Section as the best wrestler in the state) to also be able to compete. This format allows for multiple entries from each section at certain weight classes. It could now be possible for a section to have 3 entries at a weight class instead of just one. The format thus allows for increased participation under a multiple-entry format. The format allows two wrestlers from the same section to advance to the NYS finals. It is now possible for one Section to place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State at the same wt class.

**GOAL OF FILLING THE WILDCARDS:**

The committee wants the four wildcards to be the next best available wrestlers who have not yet qualified for the tournament. It does not matter what section they are from. It is possible for a Section to have two wildcards at one given weight class and none at any of the others. It is possible for one Section to have a wildcard at every weight class and another Section to have no wildcards. The reverse could happen in the next year.

**FORMULA FOR DETERMINING THE WILDCARDS:**

The Wrestling Committee finalized the exact formula with their **09/16/14** Conference Call. Wildcard applicants will earn points in four ways:

1-**Current season Record:** Difference between wins and losses.

**(A Maximum of 35 points is allowed).**

2-**Placement Points** based on prior year Sectional and State place finishes.

(Placement points tables were re-established in 2012-13)

3-**Power points** based on the past 6 year history of how many place-winners your Section has had at the NYS tournament. The Power point scale will be adjusted on an annual basis to always reflect the most recent six years.

Top 4 Sections: Earn +10, Middle 4: +5, Bottom 4: do not earn any.

**(Beginning with 2007-08: the Section's Highest placer at each weight is the one who earns the Section their points).**

4-**Competiton Points:** 6 pts for defeating a Federation State Champ, 5 points for a runner up, 4 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 pts for 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 pts for 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 pt for 6<sup>th</sup>. Wrestlers earn the points every time they beat a Federation place winner.

5-A **Tie-Breaking criteria** has been developed if total points are the same.

(See attached Charts for Items 2,3,4 and 5)



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**1-CURRENT SEASON RECORD:**

For **2017-18**: In an effort to “level the playing field” for teams that don’t have the ability to schedule as many tournaments as others: the maximum point value that can be earned for the difference in wins and losses for the current season record will be **35 points**.

**2-PLACEMENT POINTS used in “AT LARGE” calculations**

Some teams wrestle “easier” schedules and their wrestlers will have the chance to accumulate more victories than teams with “tougher schedules. To balance out the victory criteria wrestlers will earn Placement Points for placing in their Sectional tournament this year or in prior years and for placing in the NYS Tournament in prior years. Based on the charts on the next page, only one placement-point value per year should be selected.

Ex: A returning Section Champ who placed 4th in NYS last year is defeated in their Sectional final and places 2<sup>nd</sup>. They earn 55 placement points for their higher State place (not 55 points + their Sectional point value)

In **2012-13** the Placement point tables were adjusted. Now each Section is given a Level: A,B,C, or D. The theory is that the more schools that are in your section, the larger the Sectional Tournament bracket will be and a larger bracket should earn more points than those in a small bracket. (Points earned for placing at states remain unchanged).

**Step 1: Determine each Sections Level**

The level for each **DIVISION** section will be determined as follows:

Based on the number of schools with wrestling teams using current year BEDS.

	<b>D1</b>	<b>D2</b>
<b>Level A</b>	<b>11% &amp; above</b> the Divisions total schools	11% & above the Divisions total schools
<b>Level B</b>	6% & above, but below <b>11%</b>	6% & above, but below 11%
<b>Level C</b>	4% & above, but below 6%	4% & above, but below 6%
<b>Level D</b>	Below 4% of the Divisions total schools	Below 4% of the Divisions total schools

In the event the Federation schools are able to apply for an At-large berth the following Levels will apply: **Division 1: PSAL= A, CHSAA = C Division 2: PSAL= D**

<b>DIVISION 1 -2017-18-BEDS</b>			
<b>SECTION</b>	<b># of Schools</b>	<b>% of Schools</b>	<b>Level</b>
11	42	19.18%	<b>A</b>
8	42	19.18%	<b>A</b>
1	34	15.53%	<b>A</b>
5	20	9.13%	<b>B</b>
2	20	9.13%	<b>B</b>
6	17	7.76%	<b>B</b>
3	17	7.76%	<b>B</b>
9	14	6.39%	<b>B</b>
4	10	4.57%	<b>C</b>
10	3	1.37%	<b>D</b>
7	0	0.00%	<b>N/A</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>219</b>	100.00%	

<b>DIVISION 2 -2017-18-BEDS</b>			
<b>SECTION</b>	<b># of Schools</b>	<b>% of Schools</b>	<b>Level</b>
5	48	20.69%	<b>A</b>
3	37	15.95%	<b>A</b>
2	35	15.09%	<b>A</b>
6	35	15.09%	<b>A</b>
4	27	11.64%	<b>A</b>
1	15	6.47%	<b>B</b>
9	11	4.74%	<b>C</b>
11	10	4.31%	<b>C</b>
8	7	3.02%	<b>D</b>
7	5	2.16%	<b>D</b>
10	2	0.86%	<b>D</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>232</b>	100.00%	

2-Placement Points (continued):

Step 2: Selecting your **Sectional Point Values** from the following tables:

<b>LEVEL A</b> <b>D1: SECTIONS: 1,8,11,P</b> <b>D2: SECTIONS: 2,3,4,5,6</b>	5YrsAgo	4YrsAgo	3YrsAgo	2YrsAgo	Last Yr	This Yr
6th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	5	5
5th Place-Section =	0	0	0	5	10	10
4th Place-Section =	0	0	5	10	15	15
3rd Place-Section =	0	5	10	15	20	20
2nd Place-Section =	5	10	15	20	25	25
1st Place-Section =	10	15	20	25	30	N/A

<b>LEVEL B</b> <b>D1: SECTIONS: 2,3,5,6,9</b> <b>D2: SECTIONS: 1</b>	5YrsAgo	4YrsAgo	3YrsAgo	2YrsAgo	Last Yr	This Yr
6th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	5	5
4th Place-Section =	0	0	0	5	10	10
3rd Place-Section =	0	0	5	10	15	15
2nd Place-Section =	0	5	10	15	20	20
1st Place-Section =	5	10	15	20	25	N/A

<b>LEVEL C</b> <b>D1: SECTIONS: 4,C</b> <b>D2: SECTIONS: 9,11</b>	5YrsAgo	4YrsAgo	3YrsAgo	2YrsAgo	Last Yr	This Yr
6th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	5	5
3rd Place-Section =	0	0	0	5	10	10
2nd Place-Section =	0	0	5	10	15	15
1st Place-Section =	0	5	10	15	20	N/A

<b>LEVEL D</b> <b>D1: SECTIONS: 10</b> <b>D2: SECTIONS: 7,8,10,P</b>	5YrsAgo	4YrsAgo	3YrsAgo	2YrsAgo	Last Yr	This Yr
6th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
5th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Place-Section =	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st Place-Section =	0	5	10	15	20	N/A

**2-Placement Points (continued):**

**Step 2:** Selecting your **State Point Values** from the following table:

<b>NY State Place</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
6th Place-NY State	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	N/A
5th Place-NY State	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	N/A
4th Place-NY State	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	N/A
3rd Place-NY State	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	N/A
2nd Place-NY State	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>	N/A
1st Place-NY State	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>	N/A

**“Premier” wrestlers from D2-Level D:**

**—Adopted 09/16/14**

Beginning with the 2014-15 season in an attempt to identify “Premier” wrestlers from D2-Level D who may be qualified to earn an At-Large berth, but are currently prohibited by the current structure of the Sectional Point Value tables, the following procedure will be in effect.

**A “Premier” wrestler from D2-Sections 7,8 or 10 will be identified as follows:**

- 1-They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Section for the current season.**
- 2-They had 5 or less total losses on their final record (including post-season)**
- 3-They had 25 or more wins than losses on their final record (including post-season)**

**Once identified the “Premier” wrestler will use this Level D Sectional Point Value Table for Premier Wrestlers.**

<b>LEVEL D PREMIER WRESTLERS D2: SECTIONS: 7,8,10,P</b>	<b>5YrsAgo</b>	<b>4YrsAgo</b>	<b>3YrsAgo</b>	<b>2YrsAgo</b>	<b>Last Yr</b>	<b>This Yr</b>
6th Place-Section =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
5th Place-Section =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
4th Place-Section =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
3rd Place-Section =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
2nd Place-Section =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
1st Place-Section =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Federation wrestlers who meet all three criteria listed above for “Premier Wrestlers” can be included in the At-Large procedure. CHSAA Premier wrestlers will use their normal LEVEL C chart, PSAL wrestlers will use their normal Level A chart for D1 and this Level D (chart above) for D2.**



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**3- POWER POINTS - BASED ON 6 PRIOR YEARS –Adopted 1/13/06**

Some Sections are stronger than others. Wrestlers from the stronger Sections should earn positive “Power Points”. Some Sections are weaker than others. Wrestlers from the weaker Sections should not earn “Power Points”. To determine the “stronger” and “weaker” sections results of NYS place-winners were tabulated over the past 6 years.

Placing 6<sup>th</sup> in NYS earned the Section 1 point, 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 4 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 pts., and 1<sup>st</sup> = 6 pts. Total points earned by Sections over the past 6 years are listed to the right of the Sections Number. Since each Division has 12 Sections competing in it “Positive Power Points” are awarded to the Top 4 Strongest Sections and the 4 Middle Sections: with No “Power Points” awarded to the 4 Sections who ended at the Bottom as the 4 Weakest Sections. **At weight classes where two wrestlers from the same Section competed, the highest placer is the one who earns the placement points.**

The PowerPoint result tables are as follows: *(includes 2017 NYS Tournament results)*

<b><i>DIVISION ONE</i></b>	<b>ADD</b>
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SECTION 11 = 387 points	+10
SECTION 8 = 240 points	+10
SECTION 5 = 220 points	+10
SECTION 1 = 197 points	+10
SECTION 2 = 148 points	+5
SECTION 9 = 122 points	+5
SECTION 6 = 97 points	+5
CHSAA = 79 points	+5
SECTION 3 = 71 points	0
SECTION 4 = 62 points	0
PSAL = 38 points	0
SECTION 10 = 0 points	0
SECTION 7 = N/A points	N/A

<b><i>DIVISION TWO</i></b>	<b>ADD</b>
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SECTION 3 = 348 points	+10
SECTION 5 = 278 points	+10
SECTION 4 = 254 points	+10
SECTION 6 = 252 points	+10
SECTION 2 = 143 points	+5
SECTION 8 = 86 points	+5
SECTION 11 = 83 points	+5
SECTION 1 = 67 points	+5
SECTION 7 = 51 points	0
SECTION 10 = 32 points	0
PSAL = 32 points	0
SECTION 9 = 13 points	0
CHSAA = N/A points	N/A



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## **4-COMPETITION POINTS:**

**—Adopted 10/12/10**

To give incentive for wrestlers to wrestle better opponents during the season, Competition points will now be added to the At-Large formula to encourage wrestlers to attempt to beat quality competition.

A list of returning NYS Place winners from **2015-16** will be provided to all Chairmen for distribution to all coaches. The spreadsheet will have a column called “NYS At-Large” with the following point values for all returning NYS placewinners:

<b>Federation State Place 2016-17</b>	<b>Competiton Points</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>1</b>

-It will not matter if the wrestler that is defeated is a D1 or D2 wrestler.

If a wrestler beats someone on the list (NYS Placewinner), they will earn the points shown.

-7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers are NOT considered placewinners and you will NOT earn competition points for defeating them.

-Wrestlers earn the points every time they beat a placewinner. (If they beat the same Place winner twice, they get the competition points both times)

-Defeating a Federation State place winner by forfeit does NOT earn competition points



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**“At Large” Tie Breaking Criteria**

(Adopted 1/13/06)

**FEDERATION ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLYING FOR “AT LARGE’s:**

Federation wrestlers can apply for At-Large berths in the following situations:

- 1-A Federation wrestler places 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Sectional tournament **and** they were a returning NYS place winner from the year prior.

**PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATING THE “AT LARGE’s:**

At the conclusion of each Sectional Tournament, the Section Chairman will forward the necessary data on both the second and third place finisher at each weight class. The formula will be applied and the data will be sorted. The Top Four point earners at each weight will earn the “At Large” berths with the following exceptions:

\*-A Tie-Breaking criteria has been developed if total points are the same.

**“At Large” Tie Breaking Criteria:**

Should wrestlers accumulate the same number of “At Large” points, the tie will be broken using the following criteria:

- 1- Head to Head \*
- 2- State Bonus Points Earned
- 3- Sectional Bonus Points Earned
- 4- Most Pins in the current season
- 5- Most Tech Falls in the current season
- 6- Most Major Decisions in the current season.
- 7- Coin Flip

A win by forfeit does **not** count as a Head-to-Head win for any tie-breaking criteria.

In the possible event where **the #3 place-winner from a Section earns more points than the #2 place-winner from the same Section**, the following procedure will apply:

- 1- If the **#3 wrestler, did not lose to the #2 wrestler at the Sectional Tournament**, no changes are needed and #3 earns the “At Large” ahead of #2. *(unless they met during the season where Item #3 below will then apply)*
- 2- If the **#3 wrestler, lost to the #2 wrestler at the Sectional Tournament**, they will not be able to go ahead of #2 (even though they have more points than #2) unless #2 “carries #3 along with them:

In this situation, if #2 happens to already have enough points to be one of the four “At Large’s” (as does #3) then they both can go.

If #2 did not accumulate enough points to be one of the four “At Large’s”, then #3 will be removed from consideration (even though they have enough points). The next highest point earner will take the spot of the #3 wrestler just removed.

- 3- **New for 2015-16:** If #2 and #3 met at the Sectional tournament, then Item 2 above applies. **But if #2 did not face #3 at the Sectional tournament, but #2 did have a head to head advantage over #3 (from matches during the season), then this head to head advantage blocks #3 from going ahead of #2 for an At-Large berth, (even though #3 may have had more points than #2).**



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## “At Large” Appeals

### **TIME FRAME FOR ANNOUNCING AT-LARGE WINNERS:**

Every effort will be made to announce the At-Large winners the first thing in the morning on the Wednesday after Sectionals.

The winners of the At-Large berths will be emailed and the info can be shared with wrestling coaches and Athletic Directors.

(This will be an “Unofficial” spreadsheet and should **NOT** yet be shared with the press or posted on websites). The spreadsheet will list the At-Large Participants by Section/School as well as by Division/Wt Class. Only wrestlers listed as A1-A4 will be in the tournament.

Wrestlers listed in red, as A5 and A6 will be the alternates (in case A1-A4 have to drop out).

This spreadsheet will be titled “Unofficial”.

Sectional Chairmen will have until 5:00 pm on that Wednesday to appeal any mathematical errors or any errors in applying the At-Large Criteria.

Any coach who feels an error has been made must contact their Sectional Chairman in time for them to make the appeal by 5:00 pm Wednesday.

**Unfortunately, if an appeal is upheld a wrestler who was told they qualified, may have to be removed.** A finalized spreadsheet will be sent after 5:00 pm labeled as “OFFICIAL”

### **APPEAL PROCESS:**

Chairmen only will receive a “CONFIDENTIAL” spreadsheet that shows the calculations for the winners of this year’s “AT LARGE” berths to the NYS tournament. If a coach has a question, Chairmen can use the spreadsheet to explain how the berths were awarded at a certain weight. This spreadsheet will be for Chairmen only.

### **No appeal will be considered for:**

- A mistake in a won/loss record prior to the start of post season. (Athletes signed off on their TrackWrestling sheets stating that their records were correct)
  - Coaches had the responsibility of reporting any prior Sectional or State places and At-Large Competition points to Chairmen before the At-Large spreadsheets were submitted.
- No additional Competition points will be added to final point values at this time.

### **Appeals will only be considered for the following:**

- A discrepancy in a won/loss record based on post season matches from Sectional or sectional qualifier entered in error.
- Mathematical errors in calculating total points.
- Errors in applying the At-Large Criteria.

### **FINALIZE AT-LARGE WINNERS:**

An e-mail will be sent after 5:00 pm Wednesday announcing that the At-Large’s are then official.

**You MUST wait for the 5:00 p.m. e-mail before announcing to the press.**