

4.057 Regional Seeding Procedures

It shall be the responsibility of the regional wrestling host to invite the coaches of the participating schools to a seeding meeting on Wednesday prior to the date of the event. No team shall be allowed to participate in the regional without official entries submitted at the regional seeding meeting. Schools not in attendance shall have nothing to say regarding seeding. Any wrestler who is seeded must have at least eight (8) varsity matches completed in order to be a seeded wrestler. Wrestlers who do not have at least 8 varsity matches before the seeding meeting shall not be seeded and must be drawn into their respective weight bracket. Eight (8) contestants in each weight class shall be seeded from entries on the Regional Entry Form in the following manner:

- (a) Head-to-head competition;
- (b) Record against common opponents;
- (c) Overall record of **VARSIITY** matches--include matches wrestled regardless of the weight class;
- (d) Vote by the coaches if the eight seeds cannot be determined through steps a through c above.

NOTES:

- No re-seeding shall be done after all 19 weight classes have been seeded.
- If a weight class has fewer than eight competitors, only the wrestlers who meet the minimum number of varsity matches(8) that are needed to be seeded shall be seeded.
- If a weight class has more than 8 wrestlers but fewer than 8 meet the minimum number of varsity matches determined to be able to be seeded, then only those wrestlers who meet the minimum number of varsity matches needed to be seeded are seeded and the remaining number of wrestlers in that weight class are ALL placed by draw. For example, if the 100 lb. weight class has 12 wrestlers entered but only five of the 12 wrestlers have wrestled 8 varsity matches, then only those five wrestlers will be seeded and the remaining seven wrestlers are all drawn into the bracket.
- It is the intent of the seeding process that only varsity matches shall be considered for the purpose of seeding. Wrestlers must have eight varsity matches completed in order to be seeded.

In the above procedure, if (a) determines all eight seeds, go no further. If it does not, go to (b). If this determines remaining seeds, go no further. If not, go to (c), then (d).

Once the seeds have been determined, no switching of seeds is permitted. This includes wrestlers from the same school who are seeded that are in the same bracket. On the day of the meet, wrestlers may be switched if it is necessary to balance the brackets when a seeded wrestler scratches.

After the eight seeds have been placed on the bracket chart and the byes drawn in order by seed, the remaining wrestlers shall be placed by draw. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top bracket and seeds #2, #3, #6, #7 in the bottom bracket with the exception noted above.

If an individual bracket has more than 16 wrestlers, the following procedure shall be used to seed the wrestlers:

Eight wrestlers shall be seeded using the criteria established. Once the schools of those 8 wrestlers are determined, at least one wrestler from the remaining schools shall have one of their two wrestlers drawn into the 16 man bracket. The remaining wrestlers shall then be drawn into the pigtail matches. Wrestlers who lose the pigtail match are eliminated from the regional and will not be placed in the wrestleback. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top half of the bracket and seed #2, #3, #6, and #7 shall be placed in the bottom half of the bracket.

Teams without contestants listed on a Regional Entry Form at the seeding meeting shall be disqualified from regional competition--see By-Law 3.013.

The sectional meet shall be organized on the basis of regional results. The state meet shall be organized on the basis of sectional results.

Illustrations for Section 4.057

The following are provided for illustrative purposes only and are neither binding nor to be construed as having the effect of the By-laws or Constitution of this organization. In the event of a conflict, whether actual or believed, between an illustration contained in this section and any by-law or constitutional provision then in effect, the by-law or constitutional provision, as interpreted by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 1.420 of the Constitution of this organization, shall control.

Q. A school has two wrestlers in the 135 lb. weight class. One wrestler receives the 2nd seed and the other wrestler receives the 3rd seed. Is it permissible to move the 3rd seeded wrestler to the top bracket?

A. No. The seeded wrestlers shall always remain in the exact spot where they were seeded.

