



SEEDING PROCEDURES & CRITERIA FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

PROCEDURES – ALL CLASSIFICATIONS: The seeding meeting for all classifications will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2009, at 8 a.m. in the OSAA office in Wilsonville.

1. In each weight class determine up to a maximum of six seeded wrestlers for 6A, 5A, 4A and 3A, and up to a maximum of four seeded wrestlers for 2A/1A.
2. Place seeded wrestlers on the bracket in accordance with the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book.
3. Placement of byes and pigtails.
 - a. In 3A and 2A/1A byes are randomly drawn into the bracket according to the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book.
 - b. In 6A, 5A and 4A pigtails are randomly drawn into the bracket following the process outlined in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book for drawing byes into a bracket (i.e., pigtails will be evenly distributed throughout the bracket).
 - c. **EXCEPTION:** Certain seeding situations may force pigtails into certain sections of a bracket.
4. Draw in the remaining district champions. Note that a district champion cannot meet another district champion prior to the championship quarterfinals.
5. Draw in the remaining number two wrestlers from each district.
 - a. Wherever possible, the number one and number two wrestlers from each district will be separated into opposite semifinal brackets.
 - b. **EXCEPTION: A seeded wrestler's position on the bracket shall take precedence over the separation of the district champion and the district runner-up in the same semifinal bracket.**
6. Draw in the remaining third-place finishers from each district, except in 2A/1A where there are only two entrants per district.

CRITERIA – ALL CLASSIFICATIONS: *In establishing the bracket for each weight classification, it is necessary to determine those competitors worthy of a seeded position.*

1. In order to qualify for one of the six or less seeded positions for 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A or 2A/1A, the following procedure shall be used:
 - a. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH DISTRICT MEET DIRECTOR TO INDICATE ALL PARTICIPANTS FROM HIS/HER DISTRICT WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SEEDED POSITION. The State Seeding Committee will **NOT** be held accountable for failing to consider an individual for whom information has not been supplied.
 - b. From the information supplied, the seeded participants in each weight classification are to be determined and are to be placed on the bracket according to the drawing procedure illustrated in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book, Rule 10-4.
2. For 2007 through 2009 only, the table shown below may need to be used to determine the meaning of "current classification". Beginning in 2010, "current classification" exclusively means the one-to-one mapping of the classifications introduced in 2007; e.g., 6A-to-6A, 5A-to-5A, etc.

<u>2009 Classification</u>	<u>2006 Classification</u>
6A	4A
5A	4A
4A	3A
3A	3A
2A/1A	2A/1A

3. To begin the seeding process, group all prior state place winners into the following groups:
 - a. OSAA State place winners from the prior year.
 - b. OSAA State place winners from two years prior.
 - c. State place winners from another state from the prior year. Verification of place finish is required from the state of origin.
 - d. Any other prior state place winners (e.g., OSAA State place winners from three years ago, out-of-state place winners from two years ago, etc.). All wrestlers in this category are ineligible to be seeded.
4. Within each of the groups identified in the last step, group the potential seeds in the following place finish groups:
 - a. First, second and third place winners.
 - b. Fourth, fifth and sixth place winners.
 - c. Seventh and eighth place winners.
5. The following priority system will be used to determine the seeding order when more than one wrestler falls within one of the sub-groups created in step 4. The higher seed will be awarded to the wrestler who is:
 - a. Within the current classification being seeded and who:
 - 1) Is returning in the same weight class. If more than one, rank by place finish.
 - 2) Has moved down one or more weight classes. (The higher seed(s) will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.) If more than one, rank by place finish.
 - 3) Has moved up one or more weight classes. (The higher seed(s) will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.) If more than one, rank by place finish.
 - b. From one of the other classifications, with priority given **first** to the classification, from highest (6A) to lowest (2A/1A) and, if necessary, who:
 - 1) Is returning in the same weight class. If more than one, rank by place finish.
 - 2) Has moved down one or more weight classes. (The higher seed(s) will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.) If more than one, rank by place finish.
 - 3) Has moved up one or more weight classes. (The higher seed(s) will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.) If more than one, rank by place finish.
6. Available seeds are now assigned, based on the prioritized list created in steps 3 through 5. An example appears below to help illustrate the process.
 - a. **Example:** Seeding the 140-lb. weight class at the 5A level, the following wrestlers have previously placed in a state tournament:
 - 1) Adams: OSAA 5A, 1st-140 last year
 - 2) Davis: OSAA 5A, 3rd-140 last year
 - 3) Franklin: OSAA 4A, 1st-112 three years ago
 - 4) Johnson: OSAA 5A, 1st-135 last year
 - 5) Jones: OSAA 4A, 1st-135 last year
 - 6) Nelson: Washington 3A, 5th-135 two years ago
 - 7) Palmer: OSAA 6A, 1st-135 last year
 - 8) Roberts: OSAA 4A, 6th-140 two years ago
 - 9) Smith: OSAA 3A, 5th-125 two years ago
 - b. Apply step 3 to create the following groups:
 - 1) OSAA State place winners from the prior year: Adams, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Palmer
 - 2) OSAA State place winners from two years prior: Roberts, Smith
 - 3) State place winners from another state from the prior year: None

- 4) Ineligible: Franklin because he placed in the OSAA State tournament more than two years ago, and Nelson because although he placed in another state's tourney, he didn't place last year.
 - c. Apply step 4 to create the following ranked sub-groups within the main groups created in the last step:
 - 1) OSAA State place winners from the prior year:
 - a) First, second, third: Adams, Davis, Johnson, Jones, Palmer
 - 2) OSAA State place winners from two years prior:
 - a) Fourth, fifth, sixth: Roberts, Smith
 - d. Apply step 5 to finalize the seed order:
 - 1) OSAA State place winners from the prior year; First, second, third:
 - a) Adams: Current classification (5A) and returning in same weight class (140); higher place finish (1st vs. 3rd).
 - b) Davis: Current classification (5A) and returning in same weight class (140); lower place finish (3rd vs. 1st).
 - c) Johnson: Current classification (5A) and moved up one or more weights (moved up from 135).
 - d) Palmer: Other classification (6A) with priority to higher classification (6A vs. 4A).
 - e) Jones: Other classification (4A) with priority to higher classification (4A vs. 6A).
 - 2) OSAA State place winners from two years prior; Fourth, fifth, sixth:
 - a) Roberts: Other classification (4A) with priority to higher classification (4A vs. 3A).
 - b) Smith: Other classification (3A) with priority to higher classification (3A vs. 4A).
 - e. Therefore, seeds would be:
 - 1) Adams: OSAA 5A, 1st-140 last year
 - 2) Davis: OSAA 5A, 3rd-140 last year
 - 3) Johnson: OSAA 5A, 1st-135 last year
 - 4) Palmer: OSAA 6A, 1st-135 last year
 - 5) Jones: OSAA 4A, 1st-135 last year
 - 6) Roberts: OSAA 4A, 6th-140 two years ago
 - 7) Smith: OSAA 3A, 5th-125 two years ago
 - f. Note: This method gives priority to year of place finish, classification, **grouped** place finish and weight class. The premium is on classification and weight class.
4. Seeding Committee: Any situations that are not covered by the above criteria will be resolved by the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament Seeding Committee.