



## All Classifications

### **SEEDING CRITERIA AND BRACKET DRAWING PROCEDURES**

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The following criteria and procedures are applicable to all classifications:

1. For classifications with at least 16 qualifiers there will be eight wrestlers seeded in each weight class. The 2A/1A and 3A classifications will have four wrestlers seeded in each weight class, the Girls 5A/6A classification will have three wrestlers seeded in each weight class, and the Girls 4A/3A/2A/1A will have two wrestlers seeded in each weight class.
2. All seeded positions to the maximum will be awarded and the seeds may come from a combination of Special District Champions, Special District Runners-up and other returning state place finishers as outlined in the criteria and procedures described below.
3. Seeded positions will be determined using the criteria listed below.
  - A. Special District Champions, returning state place finishers and all other Special District Runners-up in each weight class will be grouped in pools.
  - B. Each criterion within a pool will be applied to the entire pool. When a criterion separates the pool, thereby creating the next set of seeded wrestlers, the pool will be regrouped and the criterion applied in descending order.
  - C. This process will continue until all criteria have been exhausted within a pool.
  - D. Once all of the criteria within a pool have been applied to determine a seeded rank within the pool, the rankings shall determine the next seed positions to be awarded.
  - E. This process shall continue until all of the seeded positions have been awarded (eight for classifications with at least 16 qualifiers and four for classifications with less than 16 qualifiers).
4. Initial awarding of seeds should disregard any bracket distribution provisions, as they are addressed separately and only after determining the initial seeding of a bracket.
5. In counting the number of wins against an opponent within any of the criteria, more wins than losses against an opponent shall count as a single win over that opponent, regardless of the number of matches won against that opponent.
  - A. For example, if A has beaten B twice and lost to B once, this is counted as a single win over B, or if A has beaten B four times, this is still counted as a single win.
  - B. However, "splits" shall not be counted as a win or a loss for either wrestler; i.e., if A and B have each beaten each other an equal number of times.
6. While head-to-head competition is considered the highest seeding criterion within any pool, it does not stand on its own if used as the first criterion in a seeding/ranking scenario. Therefore, it will always be the last criterion applied within any pool or sub-pool.
  - A. For example, if A beat B and C beat D, there isn't a way to compare A and C solely on the basis of the head-to-head competition.
  - B. However, if other criterion is used to rank the pool first and then apply the head-to-head criterion, the head-to-head criterion has meaning. Using the same example, if other seeding criterion initially ranks the pool as B, D, C, A, then when the head-to-head criterion is applied the final ranking will become A, B, C, D.
7. **SEEDING CRITERIA**
  - A. **Pool 1:** Composed of all Special District Champions. **EXCEPTIONS:** For 2023 within the 6A classification only four of the seven Special District Champions will receive a Pool 1 ranking. The three lowest ranked wrestlers within this pool will be pooled with the seven #2 finishers to create Pool 2. For 2023 within the 2A/1A classification only one wrestler from the three Special District Runner Ups will receive a Pool 1 ranking. This wrestler will be advanced with the Special District Champions to comprise Pool 2, and the other two wrestlers in the pool will not be seeded.

**1) Criterion 1: State placement in immediately prior year.**

- a) To begin the seeding process, create a pool of all of the immediately prior year's place winners and rank them by their place finish in any state's high school individual championships, regardless of the state and classification.
- b) The following priority system will be used to determine the ranking order when more than one wrestler has the same place finish. The higher rank will be awarded to the wrestler who is:
  - (1) Returning in the same weight class. If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 6 to determine rank amongst those returning in the same weight class.
  - (2) Has moved down one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 6 to determine rank amongst those who have moved down the same number of weight classes.
  - (3) Has moved up one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 6 to determine rank amongst those who have moved up the same number of weight classes.

**2) Criterion 2: State Placement two years prior to current year. (Not used in 2A/1A, as their pool 1 consists of Special District Runner Ups)**

- a) Rank any remaining currently unranked Special District Champions by their place finish in any state's high school individual championships two years prior to the current year, regardless of the state and classification.
- b) The following priority system will be used to determine the seeding order when more than one wrestler has the same place finish. The higher seed will be awarded to the wrestler who is:
  - (1) Returning in the same weight class. If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 3 through 6 to determine rank amongst those returning in the same weight class.
  - (2) Has moved down one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 3 through 6 to determine rank amongst those who have moved down the same number of weight classes.
  - (3) Has moved up one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 3 through 6 to determine rank amongst those who have moved up the same number of weight classes.

**3) Criterion 3: Common opponent shared by all remaining unranked wrestlers in this pool.**

- a) In order for this criterion to even be used, all of the remaining unranked wrestlers in this pool must have a common opponent amongst all of them, and none of the wrestlers are returning state placers.
- b) If they do, create a pool from the remaining unranked Special District Champions that has more wins than losses over the common opponent.
- c) If more than one qualifier is in the pool, apply Criterion 4 through 6 to determine a rank amongst the members of this pool.

**4) Criterion 4: Total varsity season wins.**

- a) In order for this criterion to even be used, all of the remaining unranked wrestlers in this pool must have a common opponent amongst all of them, none of the wrestlers are returning state placers, and common opponents fails to rank the wrestlers involved.
- b) Rank all remaining currently unranked Special District Champions by their total varsity season wins.
- c) If more than one qualifier has the same number of wins, create sub-pools of those with the same number of wins, and then to each sub-pool apply Criterion 5 and 6 to determine a rank amongst the members of each sub-pool.

5) Criterion 5: Varsity season winning percentage.

- a) This criterion will only be invoked whenever pools or sub-pools from all of the first four criterion fail to create a natural ranking order.
- b) Rank all members of the pool or sub-pool from said criterion by their varsity season winning percentage.
- c) If more than one of the members of the pool or sub-pool under consideration has the same winning percentage, apply Criterion 6 to determine the final rank of the members.

6) Criterion 6: Random draw.

- a) This criterion will only be invoked whenever pools or sub-pools from all of the preceding five criterion fail to create a natural ranking order.
- b) Final ranking of all members of the pool or sub-pool from said criterion shall be determined by a random draw amongst all members of the pool or sub-pool.
- c) Note: This would mean that two or more wrestlers under consideration have the same returning state championship place finish with the same weight class movement in both of the two prior years, the same results against common opponents, and identical season records. The probability of all of these conditions being met is extremely low, yet it is still possible.

7) Criterion 7: Head-to-head victories over those wrestlers in this pool.

- a) Once an initial ranking is created from Criterion 1 through 6, create a sub-pool of the Special District Champions with head-to-head wins over one or more wrestlers within this pool.
- b) The pool should be ranked in the order of each sub-pool member's current ranking as initially determined by Criterion 1 through 6.
- c) Select the highest ranked qualifier from the sub-pool created in the last step.
  - (1) This qualifier will take the ranked position currently assigned to his highest ranked head-to-head opponent, provided that position is higher than the one this wrestler currently occupies.
  - (2) The displaced opponent, and all other wrestlers currently ranked below that wrestler, will progressively move down one ranked position.
  - (3) If the qualifier currently under consideration doesn't change rank positions, move to the next qualifier in the sub-pool and repeat the previous two steps.
- d) Repeat Step C until no seeds change position in a single pass through those steps.
  - (1) It is possible for "round robin" situations to arise amongst three or more qualifiers under this criterion. This will usually become readily apparent by the third or fourth pass through Step C and is evidenced by an inability to obtain a final order amongst the wrestlers in question.
  - (2) When this occurs, the rankings prior to that point shall be re-established and no further changes to the rankings that include wrestlers involved in the "round robin" shall occur.
  - (3) However, any remaining head-to-head considerations of wrestlers currently ranked lower than those involved in the "round robin" shall be considered in repeat applications of Step C.

8) When a final ranked order of the Special District Champions has been achieved within this pool, seeds will be assigned in rank order to the members of this pool

9) Seeds determined from this pool are final; i.e., no wrestlers from any of the remaining pool(s) may displace the seeds already established in this pool.

10) If all of the required seeds for a classification have been reached, the seeding process for that classifications is concluded at this point.

**B. Pool 2:** Composed of returning state place finishers who are not Special District Champions. This pool can include any wrestler qualifying for the OSAA State Championship who was not a Special District Champion, regardless of the wrestler's qualifying place finish in their respective Special District tournament. **EXCEPTIONS: For 2023 the 6A classification Pool 2 will combine the remaining three unseeded Special District Champions and the seven Special District second place finishers to determine seeds #5-#8. For 2023 the 2A/1A classification Pool 2 consists of the three Special District Champions and the Special District Runner Up who advanced from Pool 1.** This pool does not apply to the 3A and Girls classifications.

**1) Criterion 1: State placement in immediately prior year.**

- a) To begin the seeding process, create a pool of all of the immediately prior year's place winners and rank them by their place finish in any state's high school individual championships, regardless of the state and classification.
- b) The following priority system will be used to determine the ranking order when more than one wrestler has the same place finish. The higher rank will be awarded to the wrestler who is:
  - (1) Returning in the same weight class. If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 6 to determine rank amongst those returning in the same weight class.
  - (2) Has moved down one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 5 to determine rank amongst those who have moved down the same number of weight classes.
  - (3) Has moved up one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 5 to determine rank amongst those who have moved up the same number of weight classes.

**2) Criterion 2: State Placement two years prior to current year. (2A/1A ONLY)**

- a) Rank any remaining currently unranked Special District Champions by their place finish in any state's high school individual championships two years prior to the current year, regardless of the state and classification.
- b) The following priority system will be used to determine the seeding order when more than one wrestler has the same place finish. The higher seed will be awarded to the wrestler who is:
  - (1) Returning in the same weight class. If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 3 through 6 to determine rank amongst those returning in the same weight class.
  - (2) Has moved down one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 3 through 6 to determine rank amongst those who have moved down the same number of weight classes.
  - (3) Has moved up one or more weight classes.
    - (a) The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b) If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 3 through 6 to determine rank amongst those who have moved up the same number of weight classes.

**3) Criterion 2: Common opponent shared by all remaining unranked wrestlers in this pool.**

- a) In order for this criterion to even be used, all of the remaining unranked wrestlers in this pool must have a common opponent amongst all of them.
- b) If they do, create a pool from the remaining unranked Special District Champions that has more wins than losses over the common opponent.
- c) If more than one qualifier is in the pool, apply Criterion 3 through 5 to determine a rank amongst the members of this pool.

**4) Criterion 3: Total varsity season wins.**

- a) Rank all remaining currently unranked members of the pool or sub-pool by their total varsity season wins.
- b) If more than one qualifier has the same number of wins, create sub-pools of those with the same number of wins, and then to each sub-pool apply Criterion 4 and 5 to determine a rank amongst the members of each sub-pool.

**5) Criterion 4: Varsity season winning percentage.**

- a) This criterion will only be invoked whenever pools or sub-pools from all of the first three criterion fail to create a natural ranking order.

- b) Rank all members of the pool or sub-pool from said criterion by their varsity season winning percentage.
  - c) If more than one of the members of the pool or sub-pool under consideration has the same winning percentage, apply Criterion 5 to determine the final rank of the members.
- 6) Criterion 5: Random draw.
- a) This criterion will only be invoked whenever pools or sub-pools from all of the preceding four criterion fail to create a natural ranking order.
  - b) Final ranking of all members of the pool or sub-pool from said criterion shall be determined by a random draw amongst all members of the pool or sub-pool.
- 7) Criterion 6: Head-to-head victories over those wrestlers in this pool.
- a) Once an initial ranking is created from Criterion 1 through 5, create a sub-pool of those wrestlers with head-to-head wins over one or more wrestlers within this pool.
  - b) The pool should be ranked in the order of each sub-pool member's current ranking as initially determined by Criterion 1 through 5.
  - c) Select the highest ranked qualifier from the sub-pool created in the last step.
    - (1) This qualifier will take the ranked position currently assigned to his highest ranked head-to-head opponent, provided that position is higher than the one this wrestler currently occupies, and as long as said opponent is not from the same Special District as the qualifier under consideration. (Note: This "protects" a Special District Runner-up from being seeded behind the third or fourth place finisher from the same Special District.)
    - (2) The displaced opponent, and all other wrestlers currently ranked below that wrestler, will progressively move down one ranked position.
    - (3) If the qualifier currently under consideration doesn't change rank positions, move to the next qualifier in the sub-pool and repeat the previous two steps.
  - d) Repeat Step C until no seeds change position in a single pass through those steps.
    - (1) It is possible for "round robin" situations to arise amongst three or more qualifiers under this criterion. This will usually become readily apparent by the third or fourth pass through Step C, and is evidenced by an inability to obtain a final order amongst the wrestlers in question.
    - (2) When this occurs, the rankings prior to that point shall be re-established and no further changes to the rankings that include wrestlers involved in the "round robin" shall occur.
    - (3) However, any remaining head-to-head considerations of wrestlers currently ranked lower than those involved in the "round robin" shall be considered in repeat applications of Step C. When a final ranked order of the combined members of Pool 1 and Pool 2 has been achieved, seeds will be assigned in rank order to the members of the combined pools.
- 8) Seeds determined from this pool are final; i.e., no wrestlers from the remaining pool may displace the seeds already established in this pool.
- 9) If all of the required seeds for the classification have been reached, the seeding process is concluded at this point.
- C. **Pool 3:** Composed of any remaining Special District Runners-up who were not members of Pool 2; i.e., Special District runners-up who are not returning state place winners from the immediately previous year. This pool does not apply to the 3A, 2A/1A or Girls classifications.
- 1) Criterion 1: Common opponent shared by all wrestlers in this pool.
- a) In order for this criterion to even be used, all of the wrestlers in this pool must have a common opponent amongst all of them.
  - b) If they do, create a pool from the pool members that has more wins than losses over the common opponent.
  - c) If more than one qualifier is in the pool, apply Criterion 2 through 4 to determine a rank amongst the members of this pool.
- 2) Criterion 2: Total varsity season wins.
- a) Rank all remaining currently unranked members of the pool or sub-pool by their total varsity season wins.
  - b) If more than one qualifier has the same number of wins, create sub-pools of those with the same number of wins,

and then to each sub-pool apply Criterion 3 and 4 to determine a rank amongst the members of each sub-pool.

**3) Criterion 3: Varsity season winning percentage.**

- a) This criterion will only be invoked whenever pools or sub-pools from all of the first two criterion fail to create a natural ranking order.
- b) Rank all members of the pool or sub-pool from said criterion by their varsity season winning percentage.
- c) If more than one of the members of the pool or sub-pool under consideration has the same winning percentage, apply Criterion 4 to determine the final rank of the members.

**4) Criterion 4: Random draw.**

- a) This criterion will only be invoked whenever pools or sub-pools from all of the preceding three criterion fail to create a natural ranking order.
- b) Final ranking of all members of the pool or sub-pool from said criterion shall be determined by a random draw amongst all members of the pool or sub-pool.

**5) Criterion 5: Head-to-Head victories over those wrestlers in any pool.**

- a) Once an initial ranking is created from Criterion 1 through 4, create a sub-pool of those wrestlers with head-to-head wins over one or more wrestlers within this pool.
- b) The sub-pool should be ranked in the order of each sub-pool member's current ranking as initially determined by Criterion 1 through 4.
- c) Select the highest ranked qualifier from the sub-pool created in the last step.
  - (1) This qualifier will take the ranked position currently assigned to his highest ranked head-to-head opponent, provided that position is higher than the one this wrestler currently occupies, and as long as said opponent is not from the same Special District as the qualifier under consideration.
  - (2) The displaced opponent, and all other wrestlers currently ranked below that wrestler, will progressively move down one ranked position.
  - (3) If the qualifier currently under consideration doesn't change rank positions, move to the next qualifier in the sub-pool and repeat the previous two steps.
- d) Repeat Step C until no seeds change position in a single pass through those steps.
  - (1) It is possible for "round robin" situations to arise amongst three or more qualifiers under this criterion. This will usually become readily apparent by the third or fourth pass through Step C, and is evidenced by an inability to obtain a final order amongst the wrestlers in question.
  - (2) When this occurs, the rankings prior to that point shall be re-established and no further changes to the rankings that include wrestlers involved in the "round robin" shall occur.
  - (3) However, any remaining head-to-head considerations of wrestlers currently ranked lower than those involved in the "round robin" shall be considered in repeat applications of Step C.

**6) 6A and 2A/1A Classification only:**

Under no circumstances will a Special District runner up be seeded ahead of the champion **from the same Special District**. If this occurs, the wrestlers will be re-ranked with the Special District runner-up seeded directly after the Special District champion. As an example, assume the wrestlers in the pool are Region A#1, Region B #1, Region C #1 and Region B #2. When the criteria are applied, A #1 is seeded first, B #2 is seeded second, C #1 is seeded third, and B #1 is seeded fourth. The wrestlers will be re-ranked so that the two region champions move up one seed, and B #2 will end up the fourth seed.

- 7) When a final ranked order of the combined members of all pools has been achieved, seeds will be assigned in rank order to the members of the combined pools. This will become the final seed order.

**8. 6A Pool 4 and 2A/1A Pool 4: Wildcard Qualifying Procedure**

**A.** Determination of qualifying regional #4 wrestlers in the 6A classification and regional #3 wrestlers in the 2A/1A classification.

**1) Criterion 1: Follow the leader**

- a) Follow the leader principal will be used to create a ranked order (e.g., #4 wrestler from the league with the designated #1 seed will be the #1 ranked #4 wrestler in this pool, etc.)

**2) Criterion 2 – State placement in immediately prior year.**

- a)** To begin the seeding process, create a pool of all of the immediately prior year’s place winners and rank them by their place finish in any state’s high school individual championships, regardless of the state and classification.
- b)** The following priority system will be used to determine the ranking order when more than one wrestler has the same place finish. The higher rank will be awarded to the wrestler who is:
  - (1)** Returning in the same weight class. If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 6 to determine rank amongst those returning in the same weight class.
  - (2)** Has moved down one or more weight classes.
    - (a)** The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b)** If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 5 to determine rank amongst those who have moved down the same number of weight classes.
  - (3)** Has moved up one or more weight classes.
    - (a)** The higher rank will go to the wrestler(s) who has moved the fewest number of weight classes.
    - (b)** If more than one qualifier meets this criterion, apply Criterion 2 through 5 to determine rank amongst those who have moved up the same number of weight classes.

**3) Criterion 3 - Head-to-head victories over those wrestlers in this pool.**

- a)** Once an initial ranking is created from Criterion 1 and 2 create a sub-pool of wrestlers with head-to-head wins over one or more wrestlers in the pool
- b)** The pool should be ranked in the order of each sub-pool member’s current ranking as initially determined by Criterion 1 and 2
- c)** Select the highest ranked qualifier from the sub-pool created in the last step.
  - (1)** This qualifier will take the ranked position currently assigned to his highest ranked head-to-head opponent, provided that position is higher than the one this wrestler currently occupies.
  - (2)** The displaced opponent, and all other wrestlers currently ranked below that wrestler, will progressively move down one ranked position.
  - (3)** If the qualifier currently under consideration doesn’t change rank positions, move to the next qualifier in the sub-pool and repeat the previous two steps.
- d)** Repeat Step C until no seeds change position in a single pass through those steps.
  - (1)** It is possible for “round robin” situations to arise amongst three or more qualifiers under this criterion. This will usually become readily apparent by the third or fourth pass through Step C and is evidenced by an inability to obtain a final order amongst the wrestlers in question.
  - (2)** When this occurs, the rankings prior to that point shall be re-established and no further changes to the rankings that include wrestlers involved in the “round robin” shall occur.
  - (3)** However, any remaining head-to-head considerations of wrestlers currently ranked lower than those involved in the “round robin” shall be considered in repeat applications of Step C.

**9.** With the seeding complete, attention will then be turned to the 2022 OSAA Bracket Composition and Drawing Procedures.

## **BRACKET DRAWING PROCEDURES**

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Once the seeds have been established for a weight class in a classification, the remaining unseeded wrestlers will be drawn into the bracket using the following procedures. The differences between classifications are due to the varying number of qualifiers, the varying bracket sizes and other stated desires to separate qualifiers of different Special District place finishes.

### **1. GENERAL STATEMENTS:**

- A. Each classification was granted the freedom to define their own bracket distribution methods. Therefore, bracket composition may be different between classifications.
- B. All classifications agreed that there will be no change in the seeded position of any wrestler in an attempt to achieve Special District distribution within any bracket; i.e., seeded position has priority over Special District distribution.
- C. These bracketing provisions shall remain in effect with no additional alterations through the 2023 OSAA Wrestling State Championships.
- D. From this point forward in this document, "SD" will be used to represent "Special District."

### **2. EACH 6A WEIGHT CLASS:**

- A. With a total of 24 qualifiers, comprised of three qualifiers from each SD, and three #4 qualifiers the bracket will be a standard OSAA 32-person bracket. **Note: The process that will be used to identify the three #4 qualifiers that will advance to the Championships is outlined in the 2022 Seeding and Bracketing Procedures information.**
- B. In accordance with NFHS rules, assign each seed to their requisite bracket line.
- C. In accordance with NFHS rules, byes shall be equally distributed throughout the bracket.
  - 1) Due to the total number of entrants, two byes shall be placed in each quarterfinal bracket.
- D. Quarterfinal bracket distributions of qualifiers.
  - 1) The top eight seeds will occupy the appropriate line in each quarter bracket.
- E. Final bracket composition is **highly** variable, depending upon position of the championship first round matches, the SD place finish of the seeds in each quarterfinal bracket and the SDs those seeds represent.
  - 1) Once seeded wrestlers are determined and placed on the appropriate bracket line if the #1 and #5 seeds are from the same SD then the #5 and #6 seeds will switch designated bracket lines.
  - 2) It is possible that qualifiers from the same SD will be paired together in the first round of competition, although every effort will be made to avoid this.
- F. Remaining sixteen unseeded qualifiers will be randomly drawn to the remaining available bracket lines.
  - a) Every effort will be made to obtain the most equal distribution of **both** SD representatives **and** SD place finishers as possible.

### **3. EACH 5A and 4A WEIGHT CLASS** (grouped together due to identical number of SDs and qualifiers):

- A. With a total of 16 qualifiers, the bracket will be a standard OSAA 16-person bracket based on four qualifiers from each SD.
- B. In accordance with NFHS rules, assign each seed to their requisite bracket line.
  - 1) Quarterfinal bracket composition. Each quarterfinal bracket will have one SD champion, one SD runner-up, one SD third-place finisher and one SD fourth-place finisher.
  - 2) Final bracket composition.
    - a) Final bracket composition is **highly** variable, depending upon the SD place finish of the seeds in each quarterfinal bracket and the SDs those seeds represent. Therefore, what follows is the "Goal State" of each bracket, which may not be achievable based on the SD and/or the SD place finish represented by the seeded wrestlers.
      - (1) No more than one of any of the four possible SDs **and** no more than one of any of the four possible SD place finishes represented within it; i.e., each quarterfinal bracket has one SD champion, one SD runner-up, one SD third-place finisher and one SD fourth-place finisher, **each** from a different SD.
      - (2) **Simultaneously**, the SD champion and SD runner-up from each SD will be separated into **opposite** semifinal brackets.
    - 3) "Goal State" **will not** be achievable in any scenario where any two seeded wrestlers in a semifinal bracket represent the same SD; e.g., #1 and #8 seed represent the same SD.
      - a) Every effort will be made to obtain the most equal distribution of **both** SD representatives **and** SD place finishers as

possible.

- b) Recognize also that any unequal distribution of SDs in one semifinal bracket, and possibly one or both quarterfinal brackets within a semifinal bracket, **must** be reflected in at least one other quarterfinal bracket. For example, if the regional champion and runner up from a SD are in the same half bracket due to seeding, there **MUST** be a champion and runner up from another SD in the other half bracket.
- 4) Each quarterfinal bracket shall be comprised of a SD champion, runner-up, third-place finisher and fourth-place finisher, each from a different SD. Distribution of place finisher representation has priority over distribution of SD representatives; i.e., each quarterfinal bracket will always contain a SD champion, a SD runner-up, a SD third-place finisher and a SD fourth-place finisher.
- 5) Qualifiers from the same SD will not be paired together in the first round of competition.
- 6) Once seeded wrestlers are determined and placed on the appropriate bracket line if the #1 and #5 are from the same SD then the #5 and #6 seeds will switch designated bracket lines.
- 7) Once the place finish and SD distribution has been determined, the remaining unseeded wrestlers shall be randomly drawn, to the greatest extent possible, to remaining available bracket lines that satisfy the composition requirements stated above.

**4. EACH 3A WEIGHT CLASS:**

- A. With a total of twelve qualifiers, the bracket will be a standard OSAA 16-person bracket based on three qualifiers from each SD.
- B. Also In accordance with NFHS rules, assign each seed to their requisite bracket line. The #1 seed will wrestle in bout #1, the #2 seed in bout #8, the #3 seed in bout #5 and the #4 seed in bout 4.
- C. The regional runners-up and third place finishers will be placed in the opposite semifinal bracket from the champions from the same region, and the runners up and third place finishers will be not be placed in the same quarterfinal bracket.
- D. The regional #3 wrestlers will be randomly placed in the bracket as to not be placed in a quarterfinal bracket with anyone else from their region, and the opponents for the bout listed in part B will be determined. It is possible that a regional champion and regional runner-up or two regional runners-up will wrestle in the first round.

**5. EACH 2A/1A WEIGHT CLASS:**

- A. With a total of ten qualifiers, the bracket will be a standard OSAA 16-person bracket based on three qualifiers from each SD and one wild card qualifier.
- B. In accordance with NFHS rules, assign each seed to their requisite bracket line.
- C. The regional runners-up will be randomly placed in the opposite semifinal brackets from the champions from the same region if the seeding allows.
- D. The regional #3s and the wild card will be placed in such a way that all three qualifiers from the same special district are not in the same semifinal bracket.

**6. EACH GIRLS WEIGHT CLASS:**

- A. With a total of eight qualifiers, the bracket will be a standard 8-person bracket.
- B. Regional champions and runners up will be in opposite semifinal brackets.