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TO: SECTIONAL ATHLETIC COUNCILS  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS and WRESTLING COACHES

FROM: NYS WRESTLING COMMITTEE

DATE: **ADOPTED: OCTOBER 11, 2011**

RE: PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING 2011-12 "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 2011-12.

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 11/9/06

Conference Call. Wildcard applicants will earn points in three ways:

1-**Current season:** Difference between wins and losses. (**Beginning with the 2007-08 tournament: a Maximum of 45 points is allowed**).

2-**Bonus Points** based on prior year Sectional and State place finishes. (**must have 12 or more teams with rosters of 15 or more to earn these points**)

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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Table 1:

***BONUS 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 Bonus 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 bonus-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 2nd (assuming more than 12 schools). They earn 55 bonus points (not 55+25 points)

Sectional Bonus Points are only earned for 2nd-6th place when there are: **12 teams with 15 or more certified wrestlers.** Based on initial weight certification rosters (completed within the first 14 days of the season) the number of teams with 15 or more certified wrestles is listed below. **Numbers in red indicate Divisions within sections that would earn no Sectional Bonus Points for places 2nd-6th**

<b>TEAMS WITH ROSTERS AT 15+ PER SECTION – BY DIVISION 2011-12</b>		
<b>SECTION</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>D2</b>
1	36	12
2	19	29
3	19	30
4	9	33
5	23	38
6	23	31
7	None	4
8	42	5
9	15	8
10	2	2
11	44	8
CHSAA	13	None
PSAL	43	6

**BONUS POINTS** will be earned for **2011-12** as follows:

### **12 or More Qualifying SCHOOLS PER DIVISION**

<b>Sectional Place</b>
6th Place-Section
5th Place-Section
4th Place-Section
3rd Place-Section
2nd Place-Section
1st Place-Section

5 yrs ago	4 yrs ago	3 yrs ago	2 yrs ago	Last year	This year
2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
0	0	0	0	5	N/A
0	0	0	5	10	N/A
0	0	5	10	15	N/A
0	5	10	15	20	20
5	10	15	20	25	25
10	15	20	25	30	N/A

<b>NY State Place</b>
6th Place-NY State
5th Place-NY State
4th Place-NY State
3rd Place-NY State
2nd Place-NY State
1st Place-NY State

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
15	20	25	30	35	N/A
25	30	35	40	45	N/A
35	40	45	50	55	N/A
45	50	55	60	65	N/A
55	60	65	70	75	N/A
65	70	75	80	85	N/A

### **Less than 12 Qualifying SCHOOLS per DIVISION**

<b>Sectional Place</b>
6th Place-Section
5th Place-Section
4th Place-Section
3rd Place-Section
2nd Place-Section
1st Place-Section

5 yrs ago	4 yrs ago	3 yrs ago	2 yrs ago	Last year	This year
2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
10	15	20	25	30	N/A

<b>NY State Place</b>
6th Place-NY State
5th Place-NY State
4th Place-NY State
3rd Place-NY State
2nd Place-NY State
1st Place-NY State

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
15	20	25	30	35	N/A
25	30	35	40	45	N/A
35	40	45	50	55	N/A
45	50	55	60	65	N/A
55	60	65	70	75	N/A
65	70	75	80	85	N/A



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**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 (for D2 only the last 3 yrs as that is their total length of existence at this time) 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:.

**DIVISION ONE** *(includes 2011 NYS Tournament results)*

	<b>ADD</b>
SECTION 11 = 327 points	+10
SECTION 8 = 236 points	+10
SECTION 5 = 228 points	+10
SECTION 2 = 213 points	+10
SECTION 1 = 154 points	+5
SECTION 9 = 145 points	+5
SECTION 4 = 125 points	+5
SECTION 6 = 122 points	+5
SECTION 3 = 88 points	0
CHSAA = 73 points	0
SECTION 10 = 10 points	0
PSAL = 10 points	0
SECTION 7 = N/A points	<b>N/A</b>

**DIVISION TWO** *(includes 2011 NYS Tournament results)*

	<b>ADD</b>
SECTION 5 = 367 points	+10
SECTION 4 = 297 points	+10
SECTION 3 = 294 points	+10
SECTION 6 = 253 points	+10
SECTION 2 = 180 points	+5
SECTION 7 = 91 points	+5
SECTION 1 = 76 points	+5
SECTION 10 = 47 points	+5
SECTION 11 = 33 points	0
SECTION 8 = 24 points	0
SECTION 9 = 12 points	0
PSAL = 1 points	0
CHSAA = N/A points	<b>N/A</b>



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## **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 Placewinners from **2010-11** 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 2010-11</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

**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

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.
- 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.