

# NYS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SEEDING MECHANICS 2012-2013

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“The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee maintains the authority to make adjustments in tournament seeding, through the appeal process, when the purpose and objective of the seeding procedure has not been met”.

It is mandatory that all coaches enter all rosters and all competitions wrestled using the NWCA database.

As season records are a component of determining “At-Large” candidates, the following guidelines should be followed when calculating wrestler’s records.

1. All matches supervised by a NYS approved official must be entered into the NWCA database (regardless of whether it is referred to as a varsity, junior varsity, exhibition or any other designation). Matches involving members of the same school team do not count *except* in tournaments. When applying for “At-Large” entries, **ONLY THE VARSITY RECORD** shall be used.

2. To be consistent on recording Individuals records:

Procedures for recording wins/losses on individuals records.

Wins and losses for Forfeits must be recorded consistently throughout the state by following the new procedures outlined in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Program Booklet 2012-13 under the section titled: Wrestling Forfeitures

### **ENTERING POST-SEASON COMPETITION**

(Sectional Qualifiers, Divisionals, or Open Sectionals)

**Each Section will run their own seeding meetings and qualifying tournament(s) to determine their Sectional Champs and placewinners.**

1. No wrestler may be seeded in a Post-season Qualifying Tournament unless he has a printout of the **DISTRICT REPORT FORM from the NWCA database**. Sectional Chairmen will announce dates they are to be turned in as well as number of copies needed. **The sheet must be signed by both the coach and the wrestler to verify its accuracy.**

2. For Sectional Qualifiers/Divisionals and Sectional Seeding meetings: Sections have the option of using the NYS Point System for Competition Points or adopting their own point values. The **Sectional Seeding Competition Points** column is an optional column on the NWCA District Report Form printout.

#### **Coaches of Sectional Qualifiers:**

Once your Sectional Qualifiers/Divisionals are completed, coaches should update their **NWCA District Report Forms** to include wins and losses earned at the Qualifier (Divisional) for any wrestler who has qualified to continue to compete at Sectionals. Once again each Section will run their own seeding meetings to determine their Sectional seeding.

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## Coaches of Section Champs and possible “At-Large” Qualifiers:

### BEFORE THE NYS TOURNAMENT SEEDING MEETING

Coaches must update their **NWCA District Report Forms** as follows for each Sectional Champ and for any possible “At-Large” Qualifier you think you may have (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sectional place winner)

- 1-Include wins and losses earned at the Sectional Tournament.
- 2- Coaches should now edit each Sectional Qualifier’s NWCA District Report Forms to make sure they do not print out any JV or exhibition matches listed: as they are not to be evaluated for State seeding. Each wrestler’s final W-L Record will now be printed at the bottom of the form. **(THIS RECORD IS TO ONLY INCLUDE VARSITY MATCHES)**. Please verify the accuracy of each wrestler’s record.
- 3-**Do not print** the updated forms until approximately 3:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the State Seeding meeting, as the NWCA database has to update the Competition and Placement point values. These values cannot be updated until the At-Large winners are announced (on the Wednesday prior to the seeding meeting). Most Sections will hold a group practice on this Thursday for the purpose of printing the new forms.

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## NYS COMPETITION POINTS TABLE

**2012-13**

-A wrestler who defeats a NYS placewinner from either D1 or D2 last year will earn the points listed in the following table.

-A spreadsheet entitled: **Results-11-12-ALLSections** is available from your Sectional Chairmen or any NYS Wrestling Committee Member. This spreadsheet lists all Sectional and NYS Placewinners from last year, alphabetically by school. The points earned by beating one of them are shown.

-The maximum number of times you can earn Competition Points for beating the same wrestler has been capped at two victories. If you beat the same wrestler three times you will not earn points for the third victory (only for the first two) **Exception: If the wrestler you beat was a State Place winner, you would earn the Competition Points EVERY time you beat them (and would not be limited to just twice)**

-Wrestlers earn Competition points for defeating a wrestler who placed at the State last year, or who has qualified to wrestle at the States this year.

-No credit is given for defeating "Out of State" State placewinners as it was felt it would be too difficult to verify these points

**-Wrestlers will not get competition point values for beating Section Champs or At-Large Qualifiers when there are less than 12 teams (with rosters of 15 or less) in the wrestler's Section.** (They would earn the Competition Points if the wrestler from that Section, was a NYS place winner .(same procedure used for At-Large qualifiers).

Wrestlers do not earn Competition Points for defeating **D1 Sections: 4,7, or10**

or for defeating **D2 Sections: 7,8,9,10,11, PSAL**

Last years NYS Tournament	COMPETITION POINTS earned for current year
<b>1st Place</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>4th Place</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>5th Place</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>6th Place</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Place*</b>	<b>10</b>
*This round is not always contested but a list of both wrestlers who reached the round will be supplied.	
Current years Sectional Tournament	COMPETITION POINTS earned for current year
<b>Section Champ</b>	<b>10 *</b>
<b>"At-Large" winner</b>	<b>5 *</b>

\*- Points for Section Champs and "At-Large" winners will not be know until all Sectional tournaments have been concluded and all "At-Large" Qualifiers have been announced.

### Wresters who change Divisions from one year to the next:

When a D1 wrester moves to D2 (or vice versa) they are treated the same with respect to earning Competition points and Placement points.

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## NYS PLACEMENT POINTS TABLE 2012-13

-Wrestlers earn Placement points for placing at the State last year, or for qualifying to wrestle at the States this year.

-Wrestlers receive only one point value from this table (the higher point value) with the following exception: In a situation where a wrestler qualifies for states and was a Place winner in the **Top 4 last year and a State Champion, two years prior**, they will receive Placement points from the chart for last year's finish plus the additional 120 points for the previous State Championship two years prior.

-(If the wrestler was a State placewinner last year, they earn those points only, they do not also get points for being a Sectional Champ or "At-Large" Qualifier this year.

Last years NYS Tournament	PLACEMENT POINTS earned for current year		
	Same Wt or up 1 wt class from last year	Up 2 wt classes from last yr	Up 3 or more wt classes from last yr
<b>1st Place</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>4th Place</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>5th Place</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>6th Place</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Place</b> This round is not always contested but a list of both wrestlers who reached the round will be supplied.	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>

Current years Sectional Tournament	PLACEMENT POINTS earned for current year
<b>Returning Qualifier</b> NYS Qualifier in '12 & '2013	<b>19 *</b>
<b>Section Champ '10</b>	<b>18 *</b>
<b>"At-Large" winner '10</b>	<b>14 *</b>

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## Sectional Chairmen:

### **Thursday Before the NYS Tournament Seeding Meeting:**

1-Once the NWCA updates their database to include the At-Large Qualifiers, (usually around 3:00 pm), each coach with a competitor in the tournament will have to re-print their NWCA District report forms. It is recommended that all participants practice at the same site on this day, so that this can be done as a group. Chairmen must collect one **NWCA District Report Form** for each Sectional Champ and for each possible "At-Large qualifier. At this point the GRAND TOTAL point value at the bottom is totaled. Chairmen. Point values of all competitors listed on the **NWCA District Report Forms must be verified** using the **Results-11-12-ALLSections** spreadsheet

2-Sectional Chairs (or their designee) will have received two spreadsheets:

NYSTourn-SeedList-By **WeightClass-MASTER-2012-13** and

NYSTourn-SeedList-By **Section-MASTER-2012-13**

The **ByWeight Class** worksheet should be copied and given to each coach with a competitor.

#### **Coaches should:**

1-Enter their wrestlers Place Point total, Competition Point total and Grand total (from their NWCA forms).

2- List the S# and School Abbreviation of any wrestlers in the weight class that their wrestler has beaten in Head-To-Head competition.

3-Turn in the Worksheet and the NWCA District Report form to the Chairman (or designee)

## Sectional Chairmen:

### **Friday Before the NYS Tournament Seeding Meeting (by 8:00 pm):**

#### **Chairmen (or their designee) should:**

1-Copy the Point values for Place Points and Competition Points and total points and any Head To Heads listed: from each individual **ByWeight Class** worksheet to the **BySection** worksheet.

2-E-mail the BySection worksheet to Jeff Culty (Section 9) so that it can be combined with the worksheets of all the other Sections so that the data for each weight class will be able to be distributed to those attending the seeding meeting on Saturday.

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## NYS TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied to each weight class by the NYS Seeding Committee on the Wednesday prior to the NYS Tournament. All Sectional Chairmen or their designees **MUST** attend the seeding meeting. The meeting will be run by a designee of the NYS Wrestling Chairman.

### **Procedure I: Initial Point Ranking**

**1.-Returning state champs will automatically be placed as the first seed** and remain in the top position, unless another wrestler on the board can jump them with a Head to Head win

**2. Returning Place winners (top 3) will automatically be placed as next available seeds and remain in the next position, unless another wrestler on the board can jump them with a Head to Head win.**

**3.**All remaining wrestlers will be listed in rank order from the wrestler with the highest number of points to the wrestler with the lowest number of points. **All wrestlers will have earned a minimum of 5 points for At-Large Qualifiers or 10 points for Section Champs.** (Wrestlers with 5 or 10 points who have a head-to-head or common opponent advantage over any ranked opponent will be listed at the bottom of the ranking list.) Any wrestler with a head to head over a wrestler who is eligible to be seeded will them self automatically be eligible to be seeded. .

**4.Eight wrestlers per weight class will be seeded.** If a weight class does not have enough seedable wrestlers earning in excess of 16 points, then less than eight will be seeded. Additional seeding criteria should not be invented to try and get enough seeds. (Example: Not enough 99 pounders may have in excess of 14 points as many of them do not have any prior year places). If two wrestlers have the same point values for the #8 spot. That weight will seed 9 wrestlers.

### **Procedure II Head-To-Head Competition**

**1.** Defaults and Disqualifications count.

**2.** The winner receives the loser's quality points, plus a double (++) edge over that opponent.

**3.** We will start the head-to-head evaluation with the wrestler who has the highest number of quality points from Procedure I. The second-ranked wrestler has the first opportunity to advance on head-to-head competition over the top-ranked wrestler. The third-ranked wrestler follows and so forth in the order of Procedure I rank. However, **a wrestler may not move over an opponent to whom he has lost.**

**4.** In head-to-head situations where opponents met twice, the most recent win takes precedence.

**5.** Where opponents met an odd number of times, the wrestler with the best record in these matches will receive the higher seed.

**6.** This will establish a new quality point ranking.

**Common Opponents have been eliminated in the criteria.**

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**Examples:**

It is important to remember that each seed is established one-at-a-time beginning with number one and proceeding in descending (top down) order. The NYS Seeding Mechanics puts the names of all seed-worthy wrestlers up simultaneously. By working from the top downward the highest ranking wrestlers will have first chance at the top seeds, but each lower ranked wrestler will still have a chance to move up in rank order turn.

For example:

- ORIGINAL RANKING =
1. A 105 points
  2. B 90 points
  3. C 65 points
  4. D 58 points
  5. E 50 points
  6. F 49 points
  7. G 40 points
  8. H 19 points

Scenario #1:	Seed	
H has a Head-to-Head over A	1	<b>H</b>
B,C,D,E,F, G have not beaten H	2	A
	3	B
<b>Result:</b>	4	C
H moves to #1	5	D
	6	E
	7	F
	8	G

Scenario #2:	Seed	
H has a Head-to-Head over A	1	A
B,C,D,E,F have not beaten H	2	B
G has beaten H	3	C
	4	D
<b>Result:</b>	5	E
H is blocked by G and can't move	6	F
	7	G
	8	<b>H</b>

Scenario #3:	Seed	
H has a Head-to-Head over A	1	A
C,D,E,F,G have not beaten H	2	B
B has beaten H	3	<b>H</b>
<b>Result:</b>	4	C
H moves to #3 can't jump A	5	D
because is blocked by B, but	6	E
can jump C,D,E,F and G	7	F
	8	G

Scenario #4:	Seed	
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
	6	
	7	
	8	

Wrestlers not in the Top 8 original ranking:

A wrestler that did not have enough points to rank in the original Top 8 can still earn a seed if they have a Head-To-Head over someone in the Top 8 and are not blocked by another wrestler not in the Top 8 who has more points than they do.

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## **Procedure III First Tie-Breaker**

1. If a tie exists between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, go back to the relative ranking of the tied wrestlers from procedure II (final head-to-head ranking). For example, wrestlers ranked 3 through 6 after Procedure I are now tied in quality points for second after Procedure II. As a group they are all ranked behind wrestler number 1 but ahead of wrestler number 2. Number 1 is the first seed, number 2 is the sixth seed, and the remaining wrestlers are separated according to their final relative head-to-head rankings.

## **Procedure IV Second Tie-Breaker**

1. If a tie remains between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, go back to the relative ranking of the tied wrestlers from Procedure I (original quality point ranking).

The language in Sections III and IV clarifies that returning to the quality point ranking of a previous procedure to break a tie only applies to the process of separating the specific wrestlers who are tied.

## **Procedure V Third Tie-Breaker**

1. If a tie remains between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, the wrestler with the HIGHER winning percentage will earn the seed.

## **Procedure VI Committee Decision**

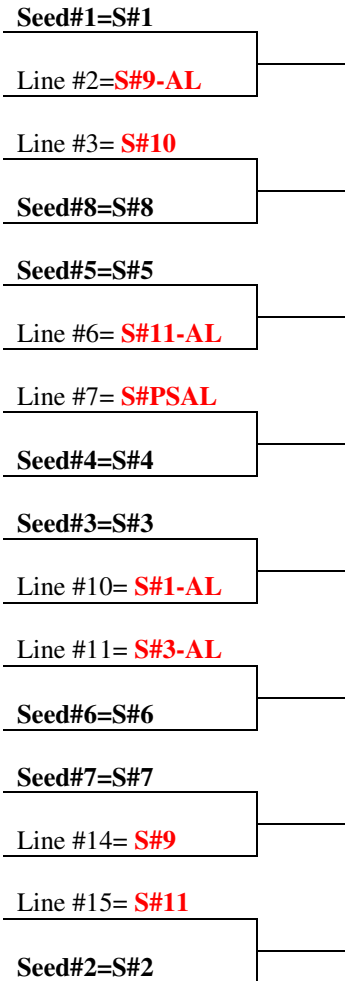
1. If a tie remains between or among wrestlers for a specific seed, it is understood that the wrestlers in question are now deemed to be equal by criteria. The seeding director will decide the order of the tied wrestlers by flipping a coin (if the tie is between just 2 wrestlers) or by drawing sticks (or other objects if the tie is between more than 2 wrestlers).



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## Procedure VII Bracket Development

1. The NYS Rotations document will no longer be used.
2. When the tournament is seeded: The eight seeded wrestlers will be placed on the appropriate lines.
3. The non-seeded wrestlers will be inserted randomly into the bracket using the tournament program software.
4. The tournament software will be programmed so that a wrestler will not wrestle another wrestler from their Section in the Round of 16. (in rare instances they could meet if they were seeded #8 and #9 by criteria).
5. The Blind Draw will determine all non-seeded wrestlers. If a Section has two non-seeded wrestlers they both are entered in the Blind Draw and it is possible that the Section Champ ends up wrestling a higher seeded wrestler than the At-large wrestler.



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## **Procedure VIII Appeals**

If logic can substantiate the fact that an error in seeding procedure has occurred, a coach can present his case to his Sectional Chairman who will in turn present the case to the NYS Seeding Committee at the Thursday NYSWC meeting preceding the tournament.

After hearing the appeal, each of the NYS Chairmen will have a vote.

Division One appeals will be represented by Sections: 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10, and 11

Division Two appeals will be represented by Sections: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 8,9,10, and 11

For an appeal to be upheld a majority vote is required. The Section making the appeal has a right to vote.

## **Tournament replacements/substitutions:**

Each Section has the right to determine who their representative is at each weight class.

In the event that a Sectional Champion cannot participate, the Section has the choice as to who the replacement wrestler will be ...runner-up etc. (if the Section Champ cannot participate, and Sectional runner-up is already in (via an At-Large) then the next available At-Large wrestler would be entered. If the Section does not wish to enter a replacement wrestler, then the next available At-Large qualifier at that weight class will be entered into the tournament.

If a wrestler does not make weight, and the Section does not have a replacement wrestler available: the A5 or A6 At-Large wrestler can be entered into the tournament. If the A5 is not present, the A6 can be moved in. They must make weight and have a proper uniform to be able to participate. Should the A5 or A6 become available, they will be given an extra fifteen minutes from the official end of weigh-ins for their Division to show up at the scale, weigh-in and be entered into the tournament. If A5 or A6 is not available, a BYE will be entered.

## **Rules for bracket revisions in the event of scratches or replacements:**

If the wrestler who scratches was not seeded, the line they were on will become a Forfeit.

If the wrestler who scratches was seeded in Top 8, the remaining 7 seeded wrestlers will be rotated upward to take the spot of the scratched wrestler. The weight class will NOT be re-seeded. The spot of the 8<sup>th</sup> seed will now become a BYE. If because of this new rotation, two wrestlers from the same section are now scheduled to meet in the first round, the Section # of the non-seeded wrestler will be flipped with the Section # of the non-seeded wrestler right below them.

If the seeded wrestler who scratches, is replaced by another wrestler, the remaining 7 seeded wrestlers will be rotated upward to take the spot of the scratched wrestler. **The remaining 9 lines of the bracket will be randomly redrawn (using the NYS tournament software).**