

# Information for Sectional Wrestling Meet Hosts

Thank you for accepting the task of hosting a sectional wrestling meet. You will find it is a great experience. The reward is seeing the joy, fun, and excitement of the wrestlers as they attempt to make it to the IESA state wrestling finals!

Good preparation for your sectional meet should allow it to run smoothly and successfully.

The sectional meet is scheduled for Saturday **March 4**. **Please note, the starting time for all sectionals is 9:00 a.m.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **OFFICIALS:** The IESA has hired the officials necessary for your meet. Included in your mailing will be the names and contact information for the four officials assigned to work your sectional. Please be sure to call the officials assigned to your sectional and inform them the starting time and be prepared to pay the officials the day of the meet. Each official should be paid \$175.
2. **AWARDS:** The sectional plaques and ribbons will be sent to you from our supplier, A & M Products, Princeton, IL. The first and second place teams receive plaques. The first, second, third and fourth place individual in each weight class will receive a ribbon. If you do not receive the plaques from our supplier within two weeks of your sectional, please contact the IESA Office. Bracket boards will be sent to you from our supplier. The bracket boards should be awarded to the champion of each weight class. You will receive a package from the IESA Office. **DO NOT ORDER ANY BRACKET BOARDS. BE SURE TO GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL WINNER THE BRACKET BOARD ALONG WITH HIS MEDAL.**
3. All teams should be notified of the exact site. If making any changes from previous information, be sure to notify all schools and officials. Include in your information the starting time for weigh-ins and the time when actual wrestling will begin.

## SECTIONAL ENTRIES AND PAIRINGS

1. The listing of sectional qualifiers will be available online after **Monday, February 27**. As the host, you will have access to this information. There are four regionals that "feed" your sectional and three wrestlers from each weight class in each regional advance to the sectional. For your sectional, there will be a total of 12 wrestlers in each weight class.
2. **SEE ENCLOSED SAMPLE BRACKET FOR SAMPLE PAIRINGS.** The first number is the regional number and the second number is the place...so a 1-2 would mean the second place wrestler from regional #1; 3-1 would be the first place wrestler from regional #3.

Sectional pairings will be released after the regional and will be different for each weight class.

Please note:

- Sectional A will have regionals 1, 2, 3, 4; pairings will reflect 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, etc.
- Sectional B will have regionals 5, 6, 7, 8; pairings will reflect 5-1, 6-1, 7-1, 8-1, etc;
- Sectional C will have regionals 9, 10, 11, 12; pairings will reflect 9-1, 10-1, 11-1,12-1, etc;
- Sectional D will have regionals 13, 14, 15, 16; pairings will reflect 13-1, 14-1, 15-1, 16-1, etc.

3. There shall be a minimum rest period of 30 minutes between matches for each wrestler.
4. Each student shall be limited to wrestling in the weight class in which they qualified at the regional meet. The wrestler must make scratch weight. For example, an 85 lb. wrestler can weigh a maximum of 85 lbs. A wrestler who fails to make weight the day of the sectional meet must be scratched. They cannot move to a higher weight class. If a wrestler does not make weight, they are out of the sectional meet.

**NO STATE SERIES HOST SHALL MAKE A WEIGHT SCALE AVAILABLE TO CHECK WEIGHT BEFORE THE ACTUAL WEIGH-INS BEGIN. NO TEAM MAY WEIGH-IN UNTIL THE HEAD OFFICIAL ASSIGNED BY THE IESA OFFICE IS PRESENT. HOST SCHOOLS IN PARTICULAR MUST ADHERE TO THIS RULE.**

***No school may bring a scale to the sectional site to check weight. A school that checks their weight upon arriving at the sectional site will be disqualified from competing if the head official on site is a witness to the checking of weight.***

5. *Should a wrestler need to scratch during sectional week for injury, illness, or ineligibility, it shall be the responsibility of the principal or coach of the wrestler who is scratching to notify the IESA Office that an alternate may be necessary. The IESA office will then contact the alternate.*

If there is a wrestler who advances from regional to sectional but scratches prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the sectional, the following criteria will determine who takes the spot in the sectional:

- a. The first alternate shall be the wrestler in the regional who was defeated in the 3rd place match.
- b. The second alternate shall be the wrestler who won the most matches in the regional championship bracket but failed to qualify as a third place winner or as the first alternate.

*Scratches of wrestlers advancing to the sectional must be reported by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the sectional in order for the alternate to advance. Scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on that Thursday will not be replaced. There are no substitutions for injury, illness, or ineligibility the morning of the sectional meet.*

***If there is a scratch during the week, the web listing for your sectional contestants will be updated. There are no replacements for scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday preceding the sectional.***

5. Weight classes shall be as follows: 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 119, 126, 135, 145, 155, 167, 185, 215, and 275.

**6. There is no cross bracketing at the sectional level**

### **HIRING OF OFFICIALS**

1. Officials for your sectional will be hired and assigned by the IESA Office. You will receive their signed contracts about two weeks before the meet.

2. Payment of \$175.00 each is the **required** payment for the four mat officials. Officials should be paid the day of the tournament.

### **SELECTION OF VOLUNTEERS**

1. For all other positions necessary in the running of your sectional wrestling meet, it is recommended that volunteer workers be secured. Request assistance from the participating schools if needed. Please make sure everyone knows the rules for the position they will be working.
2. Assign the duties to all workers ahead of time and send to all in writing. The following workers are recommended:
  - Head scorer
  - Official scorer at each table
  - Match timekeeper at each table
  - Students for moving bout cards to tables and back to head scorer, to post results, and for miscellaneous tasks as needed
  - Announcer
  - Awards personnel

### **EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

1. Let all schools know of any equipment that they may need to provide for you such as time clocks, mats, etc.
2. The following is a list of recommended equipment and supplies that you will need to provide:

Current National Federation Wrestling Rule Book  
IESA Wrestling Terms and Conditions

Two or more certified scales for weigh-in---**\*\*\*You must use a digital scale \*\*\***

Floor mats (Three mats are required)

Time clock for each mat table (Preferably visible throughout the gymnasium)

Scoreboard or flip chart for each mat table

Public Address system

Two master bracket sheets for each weight class for scoring and display purposes

Bout cards--Be sure to use the software from Preferred Educational Software

Leg bands for each mat

### **DETAILS FOR MEET DAY**

1. Call coaches together for final scratches. Since there are no replacements for scratches reported after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday preceding the sectional, any coach who reports a scratch the day of the meet will forfeit that spot. That wrestler's spot will not be replaced but you should advance wrestlers from the regional in the bracket (see below).
2. All competitors must weigh in and make the weight at which they qualified. If a wrestler fails to make the required weight, they can **NOT** move up to the next weight class and must be scratched. In cases where a wrestler fails to make weight or a wrestler is scratched the day of the meet, the other wrestlers from the regional of the scratched wrestler shall be advanced in their brackets, if possible. For example, the 1st place

wrestler from a given regional does not make weight and has to scratch. The 2nd place wrestler from that regional moves to the 1st place slot and the 3rd place wrestler from that regional moves to the 2nd place slot.

3. Mat officials will check hair and fingernails of all contestants at weigh-ins.
4. At the recommendation of the wrestling advisory committee and approved by the IESA Board of Directors, weigh-ins at the state series may be conducted by team rather than by weight class. Digital scales must be used for weigh-ins.
5. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS AN IESA STATE SERIES ACTIVITY AND THAT YOU MUST CONDUCT THIS SECTIONAL WITH TOTAL IMPARTIALITY. PLEASE DO NOT DO ANY SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS OF YOUR SQUAD MEMBERS, FLASHING LIGHTS, SMOKE, ETC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION TO HELP US CREATE AS EQUITABLE A SETTING AS POSSIBLE.**

### **FINANCES**

1. Sectional financial report form is included. Admission prices at the sectional level are \$3.00 for K-8 students and senior citizens and \$7.00 for Adults and High School Students.

### **T-SHIRT SALES**

Merchandise pertaining to IESA Wrestling will be sold at your site. This has been approved and mandated by the IESA Board of Directors. The only merchandise that will be shipped to your site is t-shirts. A reconciliation form will also be sent so that you can accurately report sales, money collected, etc. A sample of that form is included. This is only a sample. The official form will come with the T-shirts.

The IESA merchandise vendor is The Cubby Hole. The Cubby Hole will either personally attend and sell the merchandise at your site, or they will ship the merchandise to you and you will need to sell the merchandise at your contest. Either way, you will receive a percentage of the sales. The Cubby Hole will contact you and make all of the necessary arrangements.

### **POST-MEET DETAILS**

**Enter the sectional results on-line at the IESA website immediately at the conclusion of the meet, and no later than 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. Please see the enclosed instructions.**

1. Send a copy of your meet results to all participating schools in your sectional.
2. As soon as possible and no later than two weeks after completion of the tournament, submit your financial report with payment to the IESA Office.
3. Please be sure all wrestlers advancing to the state finals are aware that the tournament will be held at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb on Friday and Saturday, [March 10 & 11](#).

## **OTHER WRESTLING BY-LAWS**

1. The host school shall not make its wrestling event areas available to the visiting teams for practice sessions other than that designated in written instructions prior to the beginning of the scheduled meet time.
2. The displaying of signs, banners, or placards at tournament games is prohibited. Local tournament managers should not permit these devices to be brought into the playing areas.
3. All mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from playing areas for all tournament play. Tournament managers should not permit spectators to bring megaphones, radios, or tape players, etc. into the playing area of any state tournament series contest.
4. If players or representatives of any school entered in a tournament are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or other visiting schools, such as breaking or damaging lockers, etc., destruction to other teams' equipment, buses, etc., such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in repairing or replacing such property or equipment.
5. Local tournament managers may permit the radio broadcasting of the tournament provided the sponsors of the broadcasts are not manufacturers, distributors, or advertisers of tobacco or alcoholic beverages, political or religious groups, or of any other products or services which might reflect unfavorably upon the school or the Association.
6. Video-taping will be permitted but will never be used in any official capacity.
7. Athletic uniforms may not show any commercial or non-school advertising other than the manufacturer's and must be in accordance with NFHS rules. Warm-ups may include commercial advertising.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO NATIONAL FEDERATION WRESTLING RULES**

The latest National Federation of State High School Association rules shall govern the rules of play for all athletic activities with the following exceptions: [Numbers in parentheses indicate National Federation rule numbers.]

Weight classes shall be as follows: 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 119, 126, 135, 145, 155, 167, 185, 215, and 275. [4-4-1]

Wrestling singlets must conform to rule 4-1-1. "Universal" style singlets are prohibited. [4-1-1]

Weigh-in time period may begin two and one-half hours prior to the beginning of a meet. [4-5-3]

Weigh-ins must be conducted in accordance with NFHS rule 4-5-7. Contestants may NOT weigh-in nude. [4-5-7]

The following time limits shall apply to all state series matches and are recommended for regular season dates and tournaments:

Regular match, Championship Bracket, Consolation and Wrestlebacks [6-1-1]

(1) First period--one minute

(2) Second and third periods--one and one-half minutes

### Overtime

In regular season and tournament competition, the overtime period shall be conducted as follows:

If the score is tied at the end of the three periods, the wrestlers will wrestle an overtime period which will be a maximum of one minute in length. Both wrestlers will be in the neutral position. The wrestler who scores the first point(s) will be declared the winner. If no winner is declared by the end of the 1 minute overtime period, a 30 second tiebreaker will be wrestled. Choice for position is given to the wrestler who scores the first point in the regulation match. The opponent of a wrestler who receives an unsportsmanlike penalty will have choice in the 30 second tie-breaker period. (unsportsmanlike supersedes first points scored) The wrestler who scores the first point in the tiebreaker will be declared the winner. If no scoring occurs in 30 seconds the offensive wrestler will be declared the winner and one match point is added to the offensive wrestler's score. If the points earned in the overtime period or tiebreaker involve a takedown or reversal straight to the back, the match shall continue until the near fall or fall situation has concluded [6-1-7]

There are no weight/growth allowances. All regular season contests (duals and tournaments) as well as the IESA state series shall be limited to the maximum weight in each weight class with no extra growth allowance permitted. Wrestlers must make scratch weight at every weigh-in except as noted below. [4-4-4].

Four places shall be scored at sectionals and six at the state final meet. [9-2]

Weigh-ins for the state series may be conducted as a team as opposed to weight class. [4-5-3]

### **ADVANCEMENT TO THE STATE MEET**

1. The winners of first, second, third, and fourth places in each weight class in the sectional meet advance to the state meet.
2. The IESA Office must be notified of any wrestlers who qualify for the state meet who will be scratched from the state meet as soon as possible after the sectional so replacements may be contacted.

### **TEAM SCORING**

First place--14 points

Second place--10 points

Third place--7 points

Fourth place--4 points

Advancement in all championship bracket matches--2 points

Advancement in all consolation bracket matches--1 point

Fall, disqualification, default, or forfeit--2 points

Technical fall--1½ points

Major decision (Winning by 8 to 14 points)--1 point

When a wrestler receives a bye and wins their next match, advancement and match points are doubled. Example: Wrestler A receives bye in preliminary round and pins opponent in quarterfinals. For this, Wrestler A receives a total of eight points, four for advancement and four for fall. This is a doubling of normal points. If Wrestler A does not win the quarterfinal match, they receive no advancement points for the preliminary or quarterfinal rounds. Winning in a **placing** match is **not** an advancement. See the enclosed scoring sheet for Byes and Bonus Points.

## **AWARDS**

1. A plaque shall be awarded to the first and second place teams. All schools shall be eligible for the sectional team award.

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2. When presenting the individual awards at the sectional level, host schools should present the awards to the weight classes as they are completed. For example, two weight classes have completed their championship bouts. The place winners for those two classes are then seated in the awards area while the next two championship bouts are taking place. At the conclusion of those two championship matches, awards are then presented to the first two championship bouts that were completed. Do not wait until the very end to award all 19 weight classes at one time.

3. Ribbons will be given to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finisher in each weight class. A bracket board shall also be given to each weight class winner. Do not order bracket boards. The IESA Office will order the boards for you and they will be shipped to your school.



# IESA WRESTLING

## SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT BRACKETS & PAIRINGS

### CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

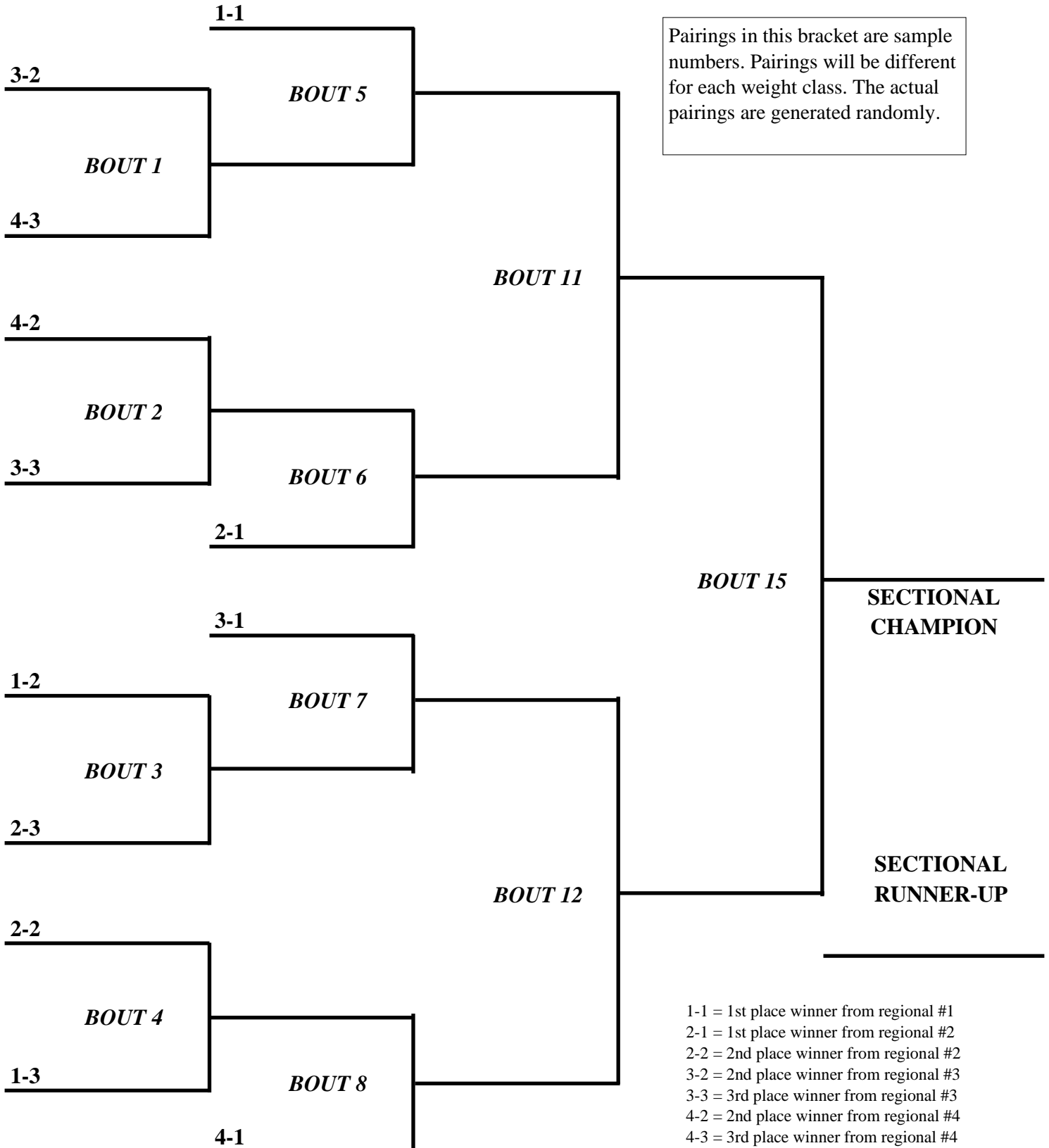
FOLLOW THE LEADER FORMAT

First Round

Quarter-Final Round

Semi-Final Round

Final Round



- 1-1 = 1st place winner from regional #1
- 2-1 = 1st place winner from regional #2
- 2-2 = 2nd place winner from regional #2
- 3-2 = 2nd place winner from regional #3
- 3-3 = 3rd place winner from regional #3
- 4-2 = 2nd place winner from regional #4
- 4-3 = 3rd place winner from regional #4





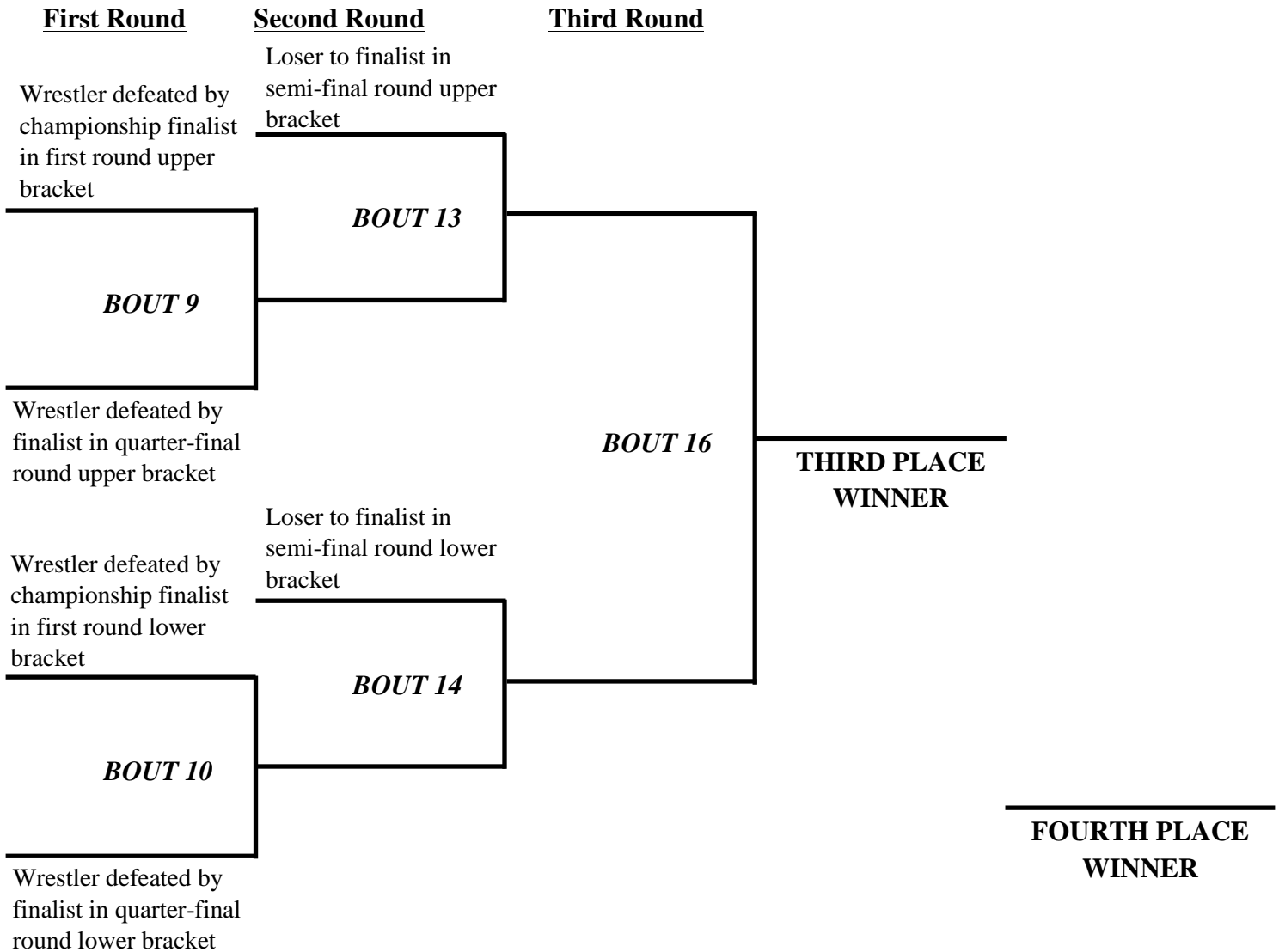
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## SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT BRACKETS & PAIRINGS

### CONSOLATION BRACKET

FOLLOW THE LEADER FORMAT

### Wrestlebacks - for wrestlers defeated by the two finalists



**NOTES**

1. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers advance to the state meet.
2. The only way there would be a bye in the 1st round of the championship bracket would be if fewer than 4 wrestlers advance from one regional, if a wrestler fails to make weight on the day of the sectional, or a wrestler scratches.
3. Pairings will be different for each weight class. As you review the pairings for the championship bracket 1-1 would refer to the first place wrestler from regional #1; 2-1 would refer to the first place wrestler from regional #2; 3-1 would refer to the first place wrestler from regional #3; 4-1 would refer to the first place wrestler from regional #4; 1-2 would refer to the second place wrestler from regional #1; 2-2 would refer to the second place wrestler from regional #2; 3-2 would refer to the second place wrestler from regional #3; 4-2 would refer to the second place wrestler from regional #4 and so on.
4. There will be a bye in the first round of the wrestlebacks if the wrestlers in the first round of the Championship Bracket do not advance to the finals.