

## **Regional Seeding Procedures**

It shall be the responsibility of the regional wrestling host to invite the coaches of the participating schools to a seeding meeting on Wednesday prior to the date of the event. No team shall be allowed to participate in the regional without official entries submitted at the regional seeding meeting. Schools not in attendance shall have nothing to say regarding seeding. Before seeding begins, each regional has the responsibility to determine the minimum number of *varsity* matches needed for a wrestler to be seeded. **Eight** contestants in each weight class shall be seeded from entries on the Regional Entry Form in the following manner:

- (a) Head-to-head competition;
- (b) Record against common opponents;
- (c) Overall record of **VARSITY** matches--include matches wrestled regardless of the weight class;
- (d) Vote by the coaches if the eight seeds can not be determined through steps a through c above.

### NOTES:

- No re-seeding shall be done after all 19 weight classes have been seeded.
  
- If a weight class has fewer than eight competitors, only the wrestlers who meet the minimum number of varsity matches that were needed to be seeded shall be seeded.
  
- If a weight class has more than 8 wrestlers but fewer than 8 meet the minimum number of varsity matches determined to be able to be seeded, then only those wrestlers who meet the minimum number of varsity matches needed to be seeded are seeded and the remaining number of wrestlers in that weight class are ALL placed by draw. For example, if the 100 lb. weight class has 12 wrestlers entered but only five of the 12 wrestlers have the minimum number of varsity matches needed to be seeded (as agreed upon by the coaches the night of the seeding meeting), then only those five wrestlers will be seeded and the remaining seven wrestlers are all drawn into the bracket.
  
- It is the intent of the seeding process that only varsity matches shall be considered for the purpose of seeding. At the regional seeding meeting, coaches will determine the minimum number of varsity matches that are needed to be seeded. Wrestlers who do not have that minimum number of varsity matches, can never be seeded higher than a wrestler who has attained the minimum number of varsity matches. For example, the coaches decide that a wrestler has to have at least 10 varsity matches in order to be seeded. One wrestler in the 126 lb. wt. class has a 16-1 record heading into regionals but only four of the 17 matches were wrestled at the varsity level with the other 13 matches wrestled at the j.v. level. Another wrestler is 1-12 at the same weight class but all matches were varsity matches. The wrestler with the 16-1 record CANNOT be seeded. That wrestler must be a draw because he has not met the minimum number of varsity matches agreed to by the coaches before the start of the seeding meeting. The wrestler with the 1-12 varsity record may be seeded.

In the above procedure, if (a) determines all eight seeds, go no further. If it does not, go to (b). If this determines remaining seeds, go no further. If not, go to (c), then (d).

Once the seeds have been determined, no switching of seeds is permitted. This includes wrestlers from the same school who are seeded that are in the same bracket. On the day of the meet, wrestlers may be switched if it is necessary to balance the brackets when a seeded wrestler scratches.

After the eight seeds have been placed on the bracket chart and the byes drawn in order by seed, the remaining wrestlers shall be placed by draw. Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top bracket and seeds #2, #3, #6, #7 in the bottom bracket with the exception noted above.

If an individual bracket has 17 wrestlers in a given weight class bracket, the following procedure shall be used to seed the wrestlers:

Seed 8 wrestlers.

Draw 7 wrestlers into the 16 man bracket.

Be sure that at least one wrestler from each school is drawn into the 16 man bracket.

This will leave two wrestlers who must wrestle in a pigtail match. The winner of the pigtail match will then face the number one seeded wrestler. The loser of the pigtail match is eliminated and does not advance even if the wrestler who won the pigtail match should defeat the number 1 seeded wrestler.

Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top half of the bracket and seed #2, #3, #6, and #7 shall be placed in the bottom half of the bracket.

See the 17 man bracket at the following link:

[http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR\\_RegBracketExample\\_17-Man.pdf](http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR_RegBracketExample_17-Man.pdf)

If an individual bracket has 18 wrestlers in a given weight class bracket, the following procedure shall be used to seed the wrestlers:

Seed 8 wrestlers.

Draw 6 wrestlers into the 16 man bracket.

Be sure that at least one wrestler from each school is drawn into the 16 man bracket.

This will leave four wrestlers who must wrestle in a pigtail match Set up the pigtail matches so the winner of one of the first pigtail match will face the number one seeded wrestler in the top half of the bracket and the winner of the other pigtail match will face the number two seeded wrestler in the bottom half of the bracket.

The losers of the pigtail matches are eliminated and do not advance even if the wrestler who won the pigtail match should defeat their next opponent.

Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top half of the bracket and seed #2, #3, #6, and #7 shall be placed in the bottom half of the bracket.

See the 18 man bracket at the following link:

[http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR\\_RegBracketExample\\_18-Man.pdf](http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR_RegBracketExample_18-Man.pdf)

If an individual bracket has 19 wrestlers in a given weight class bracket, the following procedure shall be used to seed the wrestlers:

Seed 8 wrestlers.

Draw 5 wrestlers into the 16 man bracket.

Do NOT try and get one wrestler from each school in the 16 man bracket like you do if you have 17 or 18 wrestlers in a bracket.

This will leave six wrestlers who must wrestle in a pigtail match Set up the pigtail matches so the winner of the first pigtail match will face the number one seeded wrestler in the top half of the bracket; the winner of the second pigtail match will face the number two seeded wrestler in the bottom half of the bracket; and the winner of the third pigtail match will wrestle the number 3 seeded wrestler which is also in the bottom half of the 16 man bracket.

The losers of the pigtail matches are eliminated and do not advance even if the wrestler who won the pigtail match should defeat their next opponent.

Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top half of the bracket and seed #2, #3, #6, and #7 shall be placed in the bottom half of the bracket.

See the 19 man bracket at the following link:

[http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR\\_RegBracketExample\\_19-Man.pdf](http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR_RegBracketExample_19-Man.pdf)

If an individual bracket has 20 wrestlers in a given weight class bracket, the following procedure shall be used to seed the wrestlers:

Seed 8 wrestlers.

Draw 4 wrestlers into the 16 man bracket.

Do NOT try and get one wrestler from each school in the 16 man bracket like you do if you have 17 or 18 wrestlers in a bracket.

This will leave eight wrestlers who must wrestle in a pigtail match Set up the pigtail matches so the winner of the first pigtail match will face the number one seeded wrestler in the top half of the bracket; the winner of the second pigtail match will face the number two seeded wrestler in the bottom half of the bracket; the winner of the third pigtail match will wrestle the number 3 seeded wrestler which is also in the bottom half of the 16 man bracket; and the winner of the 4th pigtail match will wrestle the number 4 seeded wrestler in the top half of the bracket.

The losers of the pigtail matches are eliminated and do not advance even if the wrestler who won the pigtail match should defeat their next opponent.

Seeds #1, #4, #5, and #8 shall be placed in the top half of the bracket and seed #2, #3, #6, and #7 shall be placed in the bottom half of the bracket.

See the 20 man bracket at the following link:

[http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR\\_RegBracketExample\\_20-Man.pdf](http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-BWR_RegBracketExample_20-Man.pdf)