

2025 Sectional Wrestling Tournament Guidelines

COACHES TIMELINE:

1. Monday, February 10, 2025 – 6:00 PM – All Team Rosters must be entered online at Boutmasters.
2. All Rosters will be Emailed to the Tournament Directors of each Sectional Site by Boutmasters.
3. Girls: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - **Seeding Meeting** held at HS (6:30pm) A wrestler is considered entered in a particular weight class when you submit his OPC sheet. Please bring the following to the seeding meeting:
 - a. Weigh in Roster from NWCA Program – **Then you can give a Seeding Roster to the coach, do not give Rosters to the Coaches before this.**Boys: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - **Seeding Meeting** held at HS (6:30pm) A wrestler is considered entered in a particular weight class when you submit his OPC sheet. Please bring the following to the seeding meeting:
 - b. Weigh in Roster from NWCA Program – **Then you can give a Seeding Roster to the coach, do not give Rosters to the Coaches before this.**
4. Wednesday 12th (Girls), Thursday 13th (Girls & Boys), Friday 14th (Boys), Any roster changes and/or corrections should be sent to the Tournament Director. (any substitutions will not be seeded). **There will be no changes accepted after Friday 12:00 Noon.**
5. Saturday, February 15th – Girls *Skin Checks 8:45AM, Weigh in 9:00AM, Wrestling commences 10:00AM*
AA *Skin Checks 7:45AM, Weigh in 8:00AM, Wrestling commences 9:00AM*
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SEEDING MEETING PROCEDURE

1. Each wrestler entered will be seeded by their tabulated APB in descending order (highest APB to lowest APB) Wrestlers will then be placed in proper position on the bracket. The winner of all Head to Head matches of adjoining seeds (ie 5&6, 3&2 etc.) will be the higher seed. Seeding the wrestlers will allow for a replacement if one of the wrestlers fails to qualify or withdraws. Additional wrestlers *may not* be added, only substitutes. **ENTRIES ARE CLOSED FOR A WEIGHT CLASS WHEN DECLARED CLOSED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR/DESIGNEE.**
2. To be seeded using the average points per bout figure, a wrestler must have wrestled a minimum of:
 - a. 10 bouts for a first or second seed **
 - b. 8 bouts for a third or fourth seed**
 - c. 6 bouts for a fifth or sixth seed****The required number of bouts are not needed if an injury prevented competition.
3. Coaches Challenge Procedure
 - a. Initial seeding will be by APB **and** Head to Head if adjoining seeds (ie 5&6, 3&2 etc.) Ask the coaches if there are any adjoining seeds that have wrestled Head to Head this season and move the winner of the head to head to the higher seed. Seeds that are adjoining seeds will be switched before seeding a weight class and are the only head to a head match results that will result in a seeding change.
 - b. Verify APB of each wrestler involved to be accurate.
 - c. Challenges will start with the #1 seed. If there are no challenges - no one can challenge seed #1 later.
 - d. Go to the second seed and follow through all seeds.
 - e. A challenge can move a wrestler **no more than 3 places except if your wrestler had an injury**. If your challenge moves your wrestler to an adjoining seed that you have a head to head with, the head to head winner moves to the higher seed.

- f. Ask the coach of the challenged seed if he accepts the challenge, if he accepts the challenge move the wrestler to the challenged seed and all seeds move down one position, if he does not accept the challenge, allow the two coaches 30 seconds to state their rationale for the challenged seed. Remember the initial seeding uses APB and head to head.
- g. Both coaches should be excused for a vote.
- h. Remaining coaches, with a wrestler entered in that weight class, shall vote whether to grant or refuse the challenge.
- i. Only one challenge per weight class per coach.
- j. Seeding points for out of state wrestlers must be verified as accurate by the coach who has declared them. All out of state points must be challenged at the seeding meeting.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitution is permitted before the start of any tournament. Substitutions are to be for *reason of illness or injury only*. When a substitute is entered in the sectional round, the lower seeds will all move up and the substitute will wrestle in the last bracket that was vacated by the movement of the seeds. All substitutions must be made prior to the close of the initial weigh in for that tournament. No substitutions once weigh-ins have been closed. All substitutions must be made with the approval of the wrestling chairman and/or the site director.

INJURY WITHDRAWAL FROM **ALL POST SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

There is **NO MEDICAL FORFEIT**.

If a wrestler wants to withdraw or default during the match from a post season tournament due to injury and return in a later round or the following week:

- a. An onsite doctor, or trainer if a doctor is not on site, **MUST** verify in writing that the wrestler is withdrawing due to an injury (if he is defaulting during or withdrawing after the match).
- b. For the wrestler to reenter the tournament in a later round or the following week, a **doctor's** approval in writing that he can return to competition **MUST** be submitted to the tournament director and approved by him.

SCHOOLS TRAINER

If a school brings their own trainer, they may sit with the onsite trainers during his school's wrestler's match. He **MAY NOT** sit in the corner with the coaches.

Postseason Substitute Seeding Guidelines

Sectionals: After the seeding meeting until weigh ins – all substitutes will be seeded last and everyone will move up one seed.

Districts: Coach must Notify AA-Sean Lesh by 5PM Friday or AAA-Brad Keeney by 5PM Thursday if a wrestler is withdrawing from the tournament, and a substitute will be contacted by them to replace him. If it is after 5PM Friday (AA) Thursday (AAA), he will not be replaced and the withdrawing wrestlers spot in the bracket becomes a Forfeit.

AA: (pre-set brackets ie 2-1 vs 4-3) If a wrestler drops out before weigh ins, all substitutes will be seeded last from their section and everyone from their section will move up one seed in the bracket. If no substitute is entered, a bye will be entered into the seed of the wrestler who dropped out.

AAA: (Pattern brackets) If a wrestler drops out before weigh ins, all substitutes will be seeded last from their section and everyone from their section will move up one seed in their section. If no substitute is entered, a bye will be entered into the seed of the wrestler who dropped out.

Regionals: Coach must Notify AA-Sean Lesh by 5PM Friday or AAA-Brad Keeney by 5PM Thursday if a wrestler is dropping out of tournament, and a substitute will be contacted by them to replace him. If it is after 5PM Friday (AA) Thursday (AAA), he will not be replaced and the withdrawing wrestlers spot in the bracket becomes a Forfeit.

AA: (pre-set brackets ie 2-1 vs 4-3) If a wrestler drops out before weigh ins, all substitutes will be seeded last from their district and everyone from their district will move up one seed in the bracket. If no substitute is entered, a bye will be entered into the seed of the wrestler who dropped out. If regionals are run by a district other than District III, we will follow the guidelines they send out.

AAA: (Pattern brackets) If a wrestler drops out before Thursday by 5PM redraw the brackets, if a wrestler drops out before weigh ins, all substitutes will be seeded last from their section and everyone from their section will move up one seed in their section. If no substitute is entered, a bye will be entered into the seed of the wrestler who dropped out.

For all Post Season Tournaments:

If a Wrestler drops out of the Sectional tournament before weigh ins and no substitute is entered into the tournament, the wrestlers spot in the first round of the championship and the first round of the consolation bracket becomes a **Bye**, not a **Forfeit**. In all following rounds of the Post Season Tournament (Districts, Regionals) and open spot is a **Forfeit because it is a continuing tournament**.