

Southwest District Sectional Tournament Seed Meeting Guidelines

Seed Meeting: May be conducted any time after 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 23rd to a minimum of 15 minutes after the start of weigh-ins.

- A. All entries and seeding criteria must be submitted via baumspage.com before 7:00 PM on the Thursday before the Sectional tournaments. (February 23, 2023)
- B. **After 7:00 PM Thursday, all wrestlers are locked into the weight class as submitted.** The only exceptions will be for those scenarios outlined in Section 10.3 of the OHSAA Individual Tournament Regulations.
- C. Up to six wrestlers in each class will be seeded if credentials warrant. Once a wrestler is nominated for seeding, they cannot be withdrawn from the seed by the coach. (Board Action) Sectional tournaments conducting the seed meeting on Thursday evening shall designate an alternate wrestler.
- D. The Seed Nomination List will only include wrestlers that meet the OHSAA Seeding Criteria.
 - a. Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a .500 record or better but fewer than 12 matches to the seed nomination list by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.
 - b. Coaches will have an opportunity to review the information submitted and report any errors to the tournament manager.
 - c. A wrestler may only be added to, or deleted from, the list if there was an error in reporting his credentials.
- E. Seeding will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. Returning state placer (1-3) at any weight class.
 - b. Returning state placer (4-8) at any weight class. A “New” (Freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 25 wins and has defeated a wrestler listed above him on the list and has a higher winning percentage than the returning state placer will be seeded above the returning state place winner at any weight class (4-8). *The coach must e-mail the credentials to the manager.
 - c. Returning district placer (1-6) at any weight class. A “New” (Freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 20 wins and has defeated a wrestler above him on the list and has a higher winning percentage than the returning district place winner will be seeded above the returning district place winner at any weight class (1-6).

Tie-breakers:

1. The higher placer at each level earns the higher seed.
 2. If two or more wrestlers have identical place finishes, the wrestler returning at the same weight earns the higher seed.
 3. Previous year's tournament place finish **MUST** have been at an OHSAA tournament. A returning placer can be from Division I, II, or III.
- d. Current overall record (12-match minimum and .500 or better winning percentage).
1. If there is a tie in winning percentage the wrestler with the most wins will receive the higher seed.
 2. If that does not break the tie, a coin-flip will determine the seed.
- e. Challenges will be permitted on the following grounds: (1) head-to-head competition and (2) higher placement at the same weight class at common tournaments (See paragraphs "E. b. & c." above for OHSAA automatic seed adjustment criteria).
1. Each challenge to a seed nomination will be addressed separately.
 2. Head-to-head competition takes precedence over higher placement at the same weight class at common tournaments and will be addressed first if there are two or more challenges to one seed nomination.
 3. Disposition of each challenge to a seed nomination will be made by a vote of all coaches or concession by the coach of the nominated seed under challenge.
 4. If a challenge is successful, the challenged seed will drop to the next lowest seed. All seeds below the challenged seed will correspondingly drop to the seed immediately below them.
- F. The brackets may be drawn during the meeting assuming all wrestlers entered in the weight class will make weight and clear skin check.
- a. The bracket will not be official until the weigh-in is finished.
 - b. If the bracket has been printed, published through electronic means or otherwise made available for review and a seeded wrestler drops out or fails to make weight:
 1. Seeded wrestlers will be rotated up to their appropriate line, and the replacement for the seeded wrestler, who dropped out of the tournament, will be placed on the line of the alternate (if designated).
 2. Non-seeded wrestler's lines on the bracket will become byes if a bye is legal.
 3. If a bye is not permitted, a coin flip (or series of flips) will determine which line will become a bye, and which wrestler must be moved to make the bracket legal.
 - c. If the bracket has not been printed the entries will be adjusted and the bracket will be redrawn.