

SWDAB Sectional Tournament Seed Meeting Guidelines

Seed Meeting: May be scheduled after 7:30 PM on Thursday before the Sectional and no later than 15 minutes after the start of weigh-ins. (Northwestern Sectional during 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 25, 2027)
- 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 Once a wrestler is nominated for seeding, they cannot be withdrawn from the seed by the coach. Sectional tournaments conducting the seed meeting on Thursday or Friday shall designate an alternate wrestler.
- D. The Seed Nomination List will only include wrestlers that meet the OHSAA Seeding Criteria.
1. Coaches will have an opportunity to review the information submitted and report any errors to the tournament manager.
 2. A wrestler may only be added to, or deleted from, the list if there was an error in reporting his credentials.
 3. Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a .500 or better record 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.
 - a. Documentation should include records, last season information, etc. to support the nomination.
 - b. Prior to seeding the weight class, all requests for the nomination of seeds will be evaluated and approved or rejected by a vote of the coaches.
- E. Seeding will be based on the following criteria: *There are no state placers from 2020.
1. Returning state placer (1-3) at any weight class.
 2. 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.
 3. 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).

4. Tie-breakers:
- a. If two or more wrestlers have identical place finishes, the tie shall be broken by the following criteria order: previous year state placement at any weight class, previous year district placement at any weight class, and then the current season winning percentage:
 - b. The higher placer at each level earns the higher seed.
 - i. Previous year's tournament place finish MUST have been at an OHSAA tournament. A returning placer can be from Division I, II, or III
 - c. If two or more wrestlers have identical place finishes, the tie shall be broken by the following criteria order: previous year state placement at any weight class, previous year district placement at any weight class, and then the current season winning percentage:
 - i. Won/Loss record (by percentage) from the current season (minimum of 12 matches).
 - ii. In the event of a tie in percentage, the wrestler with the most wins will receive the higher seed.
 - iii. If this does not break the tie, a coin-flip will determine the seed.

5. Challenges will be permitted on the following grounds: (1) head-to-head competition and (2) higher placement in the same weight class at a common tournament.
- a. Each challenge to a seed nomination will be addressed separately.
 - b. The 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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/published the entries will be adjusted and the bracket will be redrawn.