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The regulations for each of the sports recognized and regulated by the WIAA are contained in the three editions of SEASON REGULATIONS. The first edition covers fall sports (cross country, football, girls golf, boys soccer, girls swimming & diving, girls tennis and volleyball). The second edition covers winter sports (basketball, gymnastics, hockey, boys swimming & diving and wrestling). The third edition covers spring sports (baseball, boys golf, girls soccer, softball, boys tennis and track & field) and summer baseball.

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WIAA Calendar

Official for 2009-2010; Tentative for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Basketball (Girls)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20).....	November 18	November 17	November 16
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 21).....	November 26	November 25	November 24
Regionals (Division 1) (Week 36).....	March 9 & 13	March 8 & 12	March 6 & 10
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-4) (Week 36).....	March 9, 11 & 13	March 8, 10 & 12	March 6, 8 & 10
Sectionals (Week 37).....	March 18-19-20	March 17-18-19	March 15-16-17
State (Week 38).....	March 25-26-27	March 24-25-26	March 22-23-24
Basketball (Boys)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20).....	November 16	November 15	November 14
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 21).....	November 24	November 23	November 22
Regionals (Division 1) (Week 35).....	March 2 & 6	March 1 & 5	February 28 & March 3
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-4) (Week 35).....	March 2, 4, 6	March 1, 3 & 5	February 28, March 1 & 3
Sectionals (Week 36).....	March 11-12-13	March 10-11-12	March 8-9-10
State (Week 37).....	March 18-19-20	March 17-18-19	March 15-16-17
Wrestling			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20).....	November 16	November 15	November 14
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	November 27	November 26	November 25
Regionals.....	February 13	February 12	February 11
Team Sectionals.....	February 16	February 15	February 14
Individual Sectionals.....	February 20	February 19	February 18
Individual State (Week 34).....	February 25-26-27	February 24-25-26	February 23-24-25
Team State (Week 35).....	March 5-6	March 4-5	March 2-3
Boys Swimming & Diving			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20).....	November 16	November 15	November 14
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	November 24	November 23	November 22
Sectionals.....	February 12-13	February 11-12	February 10-11
State (Week 33).....	February 19-20	February 18-19	February 17-18
Gymnastics			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19).....	November 9	November 8	November 7
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	December 3	December 2	December 1
Sectionals.....	February 25-26-27	February 24-25-26	February 23-24-25
State (Week 35).....	March 5-6	March 4-5	March 2-3
Hockey (Boys and Girls)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19).....	November 9	November 8	November 7
Earliest Day for First Game.....	November 20	November 19	November 18
Regionals.....	February 16, 18 & 19	February 15, 17 & 18	February 14, 16 & 17
Sectionals.....	February 23, 26 & 27	February 22, 25 & 26	February 21, 24 & 25
State (Week 35) (Boys).....	March 4-5-6	March 3-4-5	March 1-2-3
State (Week 35) (Girls).....	March 5-6	March 4-5	March 2-3

WRESTLING

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
 - b. For purposes of skinfold measurements ONLY, students may be assembled as early as Monday, October 19 (see details on weight control program in No. 15 of SEASON REGULATIONS.)
 - c. Schools must use a certified scale for determining minimum weights and for competition. Beam scales must be certified annually, no earlier than the first day of school in August, or September, and no later than the school's first day of skinfold measurements, which may be October 19, or thereafter. Electronic scales must be recertified every three years.
 - d. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for up to 5 days which do not need to be consecutive for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
 - e. It is the philosophy of this Association that while athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport, no activity in which they are engaged should resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season. The one exception shall be in the summertime. Members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates and coaches in the summertime for purposes of instruction and/or competition for up to 5 days in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction. **Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.**
 - f. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the above:
 - (1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc.
 - (2) There are no restrictions relative to voluntary assembling of students during the summer in excess of the 5 unrestricted days **without school/coach involvement.**
 - (3) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime contact is as follows:
 - (a) Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded up to 5 days of unrestricted summertime coaching contact between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described above. The five days do not need to be consecutive.
 - (b) Coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session) in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described above.
- Note 1: Coaching contact outside of the five unrestricted days must be non-school sponsored opportunities.
 Note 2: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 20 (November 16). The season ends with the State Team Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 35 (March 6).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of ten different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The first seven days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when individual athletes may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition.

Wrestling

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school, or schools, may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, meets, or contests, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:
 - (1) Seven different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) There is no score in a book, or on a scoreboard.
 - (4) A format other than a normal match format is used.
- b. Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage. An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.
- c. A scrimmage does not count in a team's win/loss record.
- d. The scrimmage may be held any time during the regular season, or the WIAA tournament series.

Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams.

5. DATE OF FIRST MEET

The first meet may not be held before Friday, November 27.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. The maximum number of meets is 14. No more than seven of the 14 may be multiple-school meets (involving more than two teams). Except that a school may schedule double duals or triple duals beyond the maximum of seven multiple-school meets, BUT a double dual must replace two of the 14 allowed exposures and a triple dual must replace three of the 14 allowed exposures.

Note 1: JV teams may schedule a maximum of 8 multiple school events and may allow inclusion of additional schools in (JV) dual meets in effort to provide competition opportunity for all JV wrestlers.

Note 2: Conferences which experience low participation numbers at 2 or more conference member schools may apply to the WIAA to be allowed to modify maximums to include 8 multiple school events and 6 duals. The additional multiple school event must be held within the conference and involve only the same conference member schools.
- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. A female wrestler may participate in "female - only" meets, counting as one of her individual 14 exposures but not counting toward the team total.
- d. No meet may continue more than two days.
- e. No meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved in the rescheduled event has begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- f. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- g. Competition involving students not eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams (e.g. Grade 7-8 students) must be conducted at a time other than during the period (start to finish) of a meet.
- h. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. **A wrestler is not eligible to compete or participate in any pre-meet activity until they have had a minimum weight determined and the school has received a printout from the WIAA office so indicating.**
- b. A student is limited to representing his school one time in a dual meet, including varsity, nonvarsity, exhibitions and forfeits.
- c. No wrestler shall represent his school in more than one weight class in any meet or compete in more than five matches (championship or consolation) in any one day.
- d. A student participating at the nonvarsity level in a dual meet may wrestle a maximum of 15 minutes (not including overtimes) provided:
 - (1) No match is scheduled for longer than five minutes.
 - (2) Results of none of these matches are counted toward varsity records.
- e. A student may not participate in more than 14 meets, and no more than seven of the 14 may be **varsity level** multiple-school meets (involving total of more than two teams) except, as described in 6. a.
- f. If a wrestler is weighed in it is an official weigh-in for minimum weight gain/loss purposes. However, if a wrestler weighs in but does not compete (or receive a forfeit) the weigh-in alone is not counted against the wrestlers individual competition maximums.
- g. Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition or similar basis.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- a. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet).

- b. An athlete who is ineligible for participation due to flagrant/unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations or is ineligible for any other reason shall not be allowed in uniform or to participate in pre-meet warm-ups or any pre-meet activity, including weigh-ins, during the period of ineligibility. Violation of this provision will result in the deletion of all individual and team points for that weight class and the wrestler will be subject to suspension as outlined in 8.a. (above).

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT MEET SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- b. It is the responsibility of schools to eliminate pranks and/or mischief such as throwing things onto the mat area, or any other activity involving destruction and/or theft of game equipment and materials (season and WIAA tournament series).

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

One WIAA licensed official is required for all interscholastic competition.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all meets and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service.

These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.

13. UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

RULE 8-2-4 of WRESTLING RULES (NATIONAL FEDERATION) APPLIES: If a competitor is rendered unconscious, he shall not be permitted to continue after regaining consciousness, without the written approval of a physician. If a physician recommends an injured wrestler not continue, even though consciousness is not involved, he shall not be overruled.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

Note: For the 2009-2010 season the official weights to be used are: 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215 and 285 lb.

The official rules for all interscholastic competition are contained in the (a) current edition of WRESTLING RULES AND CASEBOOK AND MANUAL and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Weigh-ins must be conducted as outlined in the rule book in terms of length and time prior to wrestling. They must be shoulder-to-shoulder and within the specified time period.
 - (1) Weigh-in must be conducted shoulder-to-shoulder, within the specified weigh-in period by a WIAA licensed wrestling referee. An authorized female, preferably an adult shall weigh-in female wrestlers.
 - (2) Coaches are required to provide the referee a written line up prior to weigh-ins. All actual weights are to be recorded by the referee on the line-up card provided. Once a wrestler is weighed in, his weight is recorded, and the official signs the weigh-in sheet, at that time the weight becomes official and cannot be changed whether the wrestler wrestles or not. Anyone for whom an actual weight is not recorded is not eligible to wrestle.
 - (3) Copies of the weigh-in form are to be distributed as per instructions on the form.
 - (4) See 7% Rule for list of forms that must be available at weigh-ins (item (7) page 47).
- b. For interstate competition, the weigh-in rules of the host state are to be followed unless the rules of another state would cause a Wisconsin school to violate provisions of the 7% Rule and NFHS weigh-in provisions. In such cases Wisconsin schools must adhere to all NFHS and 7% rules.
- c. There is no penalty associated with lowering of shoulder straps.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Due to WIAA 7% wrestling weight control provisions, National Federation Rule 1-3-2a and b do not apply. (i.e., a. Weight certification by January 15; b. One half of weigh-ins must be at state tournament series weight.)
- b. With regard to the practice of dehydration:
 - (1) The use of laxatives, emetics, excessive food and fluid restriction, self-induced vomiting, hot rooms (exceeding 75 degrees), hot boxes, saunas and steam rooms is prohibited.
 - (2) The use of diuretics at any time is prohibited.
 - (3) Regardless of purpose, the use of vapor-impermeable suits (e.g., rubber or rubberized nylon) is prohibited. Violators shall be disqualified from the competition for which the weigh-in is intended. A second violation will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
- c. A maximum of 1 lb. allowance shall be granted for successive days of wrestling regardless of the number of successive events, or number of schools involved. The WIAA three day State tournament will be the only exception.

Note: The WIAA three day tournament will not include any additional growth allowance beyond the traditional 1 lb. per day unless the tournament is delayed or postponed due to weather.
- d. All weights recorded by the official on official weigh-in sheet remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not.
- e. It shall be considered unsportsmanlike to attempt to conceal a contagious skin condition. Any wrestler involved in such attempts shall not be allowed to wrestle that day. In addition, it could result in loss of eligibility of the wrestler and/or disciplinary action being taken against the coach.
- f. The on-mat official for varsity competition shall make the final determination relative to skin condition concerns for varsity matches.

The on-mat official for sub-varsity competition shall make the final determination relative to skin condition concerns for sub-varsity matches.
- g. Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-3-3 and 4-3-4.
- h. Seeding meetings shall not begin until weigh-ins are completed.
- i. The following modifications to injury time-outs will be used in all competition.
 - (1) In the absence of certified medical personnel, (physician and/or certified athletic trainer) all injuries to the head and neck involving the cervical column and/or nervous system will be covered by the same time frame as other injuries.
 - (2) When certified medical personnel are present, they have jurisdiction to extend the allowed time limit to a maximum of four minutes for evaluation of the injury, after four minutes, the athlete would be required to prepare without delay for continuation or default the match.
 - (3) A second occurrence of cervical column and/or central nervous system injury in the same match shall require the wrestler to default the match.

Note: When this provision is used, time consumed for the injury will in no way affect time used, or available, for other types of injuries.
- j. **JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS** scheduled to wrestle a dual meet may bring in an additional junior varsity team(s) when either of the two original teams has less than ten team members.
- k. Members of teams below the varsity level will not be penalized for failing to wear uniforms prescribed in the rules provided: 1) a reasonable attempt is made to conform to the regulations and 2) participant safety is not jeopardized. The WIAA office should be informed about questionable situations.

Note: Female wrestlers shall wear a female cut singlet or a legal, male singlet with a tight fitting short sleeved t-shirt in accordance with NFHS rules.
- l. For any matches at any level scheduled for 4 minutes or less, a thirty (30) minute rest period is required.
- m. **ESTABLISHING MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

Schools are required to follow the provisions of the weight certification program established by the Association for all wrestlers in Grades 9-12.

The establishment of a minimum wrestling weight based on 7% body fat for males and 12% for females will be mandatory for all senior high school wrestlers. The WIAA does not advocate that a wrestler's established minimum weight is the athlete's best weight, but simply the minimum weight at which the athlete will be allowed to compete.

 - (1) Establishing Minimum Weights
 - (a) Skinfold measurements will be utilized to determine each wrestler's body fat percentage.
 - 1) Each wrestler must pass a test to substantiate that they are at an acceptable level of hydration before they can have skinfold measurements taken. Details regarding the specific test to be used, the testing protocol, etc. will be provided to each wrestling school prior to the earliest date for measurements. Once a wrestler has reported for hydration testing they may not be withdrawn.
 - 2) Only measurements taken by health care professionals who have successfully completed the WIAA Skinfold Measurement Workshop will be accepted. Schools will receive a list of approved measurers. It is the responsibility of the school to contact a skinfold measurer from this list, and arrange a time to have the wrestling squad measured.

- 3) Measurements may not be taken after practice, or a workout. **If the measurer has reason to believe any of the wrestlers are in a dehydrated state, they shall refuse to measure such wrestler(s).**
 - 4) No senior high wrestler may compete or participate in pre-meet activities until the athlete has had a minimum weight determined, **and the school has received a printout from the WIAA on-line program so indicating.**
- (b) The lowest weight class a wrestler may compete at will be determined as follows:
- 1) If the predicted weight, at 7% body fat, is exactly that of one of the weight classes that shall be the wrestler's minimum weight class.
 - 2) If the predicted weight, at 7% body fat, falls between two weight classes, they must wrestle at the higher weight class.
 - 3) With documented (see Note below) parental permission, the wrestler may wrestle at the weight class in which their 7% predicted weight, less 2% of that weight, places them. **The deadline for parental permission is February 1.**
- Note: The official parental permission form provided by the WIAA office must be used. The school must have the completed form on file before the wrestler is allowed to compete at that weight.
- (c) **WIAA On-Line Minimum Weight Program Overview**
- The online minimum weight program allows coaches to get instant results regarding minimum weight as soon as the data is entered and submitted to the WIAA. Each school team has a designated team representative that will receive a username and password. That person is responsible for entering all the data associated with their team. During the measurement process, the measurer will record all the data on a duplicate form. One copy of that form will be given to the team representative and another copy will be taken by the measurer. The team representative can then enter the data and receive the results immediately. The team can use that data to determine an athlete's minimum weight class and date eligible at that weight (based on 1/2 lb. weight loss per day), but the data will still need to be verified by the measurer. Therefore when the data is submitted, the measurer will receive an email alerting them that the data is ready for review. The measurer will have 3 business days to review the data and either approve it or report the discrepancies they found to the WIAA. Wrestlers may compete as soon as the school has entered their measurement data and received the necessary minimum weight printout in return. However, if a discrepancy in data entry is found and an athlete wrestled at a weight class in which they were not eligible, they will be required to forfeit. Once they have completed this process, the measurer will sign their paper copy and mail it to the WIAA office.
- (2) **Time Period for Measurements**
- (a) Skinfold measuring may begin on the third Monday of October (October 19 for the 2009-10 season). Wrestlers may be measured on or following that date. **All wrestlers, including those coming out late, must have their minimum weight established and have received their minimum weight printout from the WIAA on-line program prior to any competition.**
 - (b) **The absolute deadline for submitting minimum weight skinfold measurement data on-line will be noon of the Tuesday prior to regional competition.**
 - (c) **If skinfold measurements occur after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight one time prior to being eligible for growth allowance.**
- (3) **Appeal Process**
- (a) Any wrestler may appeal their skinfold measurements or calculations. The steps of the appeal process are as follows: Step 1 must be completed within 14 days of the original measurement. Step 1 may be by-passed and only Step 2 performed (underwater weighing/DXA). The only prerequisite for using underwater weighing/DXA to appeal an original minimum weight measurement is that the underwater re-weigh/DXA must be done before the wrestler's first competition. Once a wrestler competes they are no longer able to access hydrostatic weighing/DXA as part of the appeal process.
 - Step 1: If dissatisfied with the results, the wrestler is re-measured by the same skinfold measurer. Measurements must be within 14 days of the original date of measurement. The wrestler chooses which measurement to accept (the original or the second measurement).
 - Note 1: For Step 1 Appeal, the wrestler must be re-weighed at time of appeal and weight recorded on the measurement log form. (The hydration test is not repeated.) If the wrestler exceeds 1/2 pound per day weight gain or loss from date of original measurement, the appeal will be rendered invalid. The wrestler's original weight will be used for calculations.

Note 2: Upon appeal, if an athlete's weight is higher than their original weight, their weight at the date of the appeal will be used to recalculate the date eligible for competition, based on 1/2 pound per day/weight loss from the date of appeal.

Step 2: If dissatisfied with the results the wrestler may choose to be hydrostatically weighed/DXA scanned to determine body fat percentage. Results obtained at this step are automatically accepted; the athlete has no choice.

*Wrestlers wishing to use this appeal must have their coach contact the re-weigh facility. Details are available on the school center site.

*Hydrostatic weighing/DXA facilities must be approved by the WIAA.

*Only the form made available by the WIAA office may be used for this step. Forms have been provided to all approved facilities.

***Step 2 (hydrostatic weighing/DXA used to appeal the wrestler's original minimum weight determination) must be performed prior to the wrestler's first competition.**

(4) **Underwater Weighing**

In addition to skinfold measurements a wrestler may be underwater weighed. Coaches must understand that there are two distinct time periods and sets of requirements for wrestlers seeking to be underwater weighed.

(a) Underwater Re-weigh/DXA via Appeal Process (detailed in Step 2 above):

If being underwater weighed/DXA scanned as provided in the minimum weight appeal process, to appeal the original skin fold measurement, the only prerequisite is that the underwater re-weigh/DXA must be done before the wrestler's first competition. Once a wrestler competes, they are no longer able to access underwater weighing/DXA as part of the **appeal process**. (See Appeal Process p. 46 #6).

(b) Underwater Re-weigh/DXA via Special Re-Weigh Provision:

Only wrestlers, who with parental permission are within two (2) pounds of a lower weight class as determined by their original skinfold measurement and minimum weight projection printout may be **hydrostatically re-weighed/DXA scanned** at any time during the season, up to 15 days prior to regionals (January 29, 2010), whether the athlete has competed or not.

Note 1: Hydrostatic weighing/DXA done at any time, whether as part of the existing appeal process or in accordance with this provision (2 b), shall be considered final and binding, with no further testing options available.

Note 2: This provision does not alter or restrict any other requirements pertaining to establishing a wrestlers minimum weight prior to competing or to the existing appeal process.

(5) **School Administration's Responsibilities for the Measurement Process**

(a) It is the school's responsibility to contact an approved measurer from the list provided by the WIAA.

(b) School Administration or their designee must take reasonable precautions to insure the accuracy and validity of their hydration testing procedure. Schools will be sent a list of suggestions to help them collect secure samples from each wrestler.

(c) The school must have available at the time of the skinfold measuring:

1) Material for testing each wrestlers state of hydration (A list of these materials will be mailed to each wrestling school along with information regarding the testing protocol).

2) A certified scale (certified after the start of school in the fall and no later than the school's first day of skinfold measurements, which may be October 19 or thereafter). Beam Scales must be certified annually. Electronic scales must be certified every three years.

3) Skinfold data forms.

4) A school official (e.g., A.D., coach, teacher) who will:

a) Assist with obtaining the weight of each wrestler.

b) Assist with the recording of all data.

5) An individual to administer the test to determine state of hydration of each wrestler. (e.g., school nurse, biology teacher)

(d) The school's coach, AD or their designee must enter data online.

(e) It is the skinfold measurer's responsibility to verify the on-line data within 3 days and then send the data sheets to the WIAA.

(f) **A wrestler is not eligible to wrestle until their school has received from the WIAA on-line processing program a printout with their name and minimum weight class indicated.**

(6) Growth Allowance

Growth allowance will be two pounds on December 25, and one additional pound on both February 1 and March 1.

Note: A wrestler IS NOT eligible for a weight class because of growth allowance and/or allowances for successive days wrestling, which bring a weight class up to their 7% minimum weight.

Note: If skinfold measurements occur after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight for one competition, in order to claim growth allowance in subsequent competition.

(7) Weight Loss Per Week

(a) A weight loss limit of one-half pound per day has been set. The projected earliest date to wrestle at the predicted minimum will be broken down into days. This date will appear on the printout received from the WIAA minimum weight program.

(b) A wrestler will not be allowed to wrestle at any time in a weight class that would require them to lose more than one-half pound per day from the original date of measurement or from one weigh-in (for competition) to another when they are changing weight classes. Coaches must be able to provide documentation of appropriate weight loss anytime a wrestler drops to a lower weight class (minimum of last two weigh-in sheets).

(c) The deadline for challenges regarding weight loss violations/procedures shall be two working days following the completion of all State Championships.

(8) During the regular season (non-WIAA tournament events), coaches are to have 7% printouts and all previous weigh-in sheets of wrestlers competing that day available for all coaches at weigh-ins. If a coach cannot, or does not produce them within two working days from the date of the meet, it shall be reported to the WIAA office by the opposing coach. A forfeiture shall be ordered for every wrestler for whom there is no printout and/or weigh-in sheet from previous meets. (See (5) (c) above.)

(9) Nutrition Education Program

While not mandatory, it is highly recommended that each school provide the nutrition education aspect of the program to wrestlers. Contact the WIAA for information/resources.

(10) Costs

All costs incurred for the initial skinfold measurement, hydration testing, appeal process, and nutrition education program are the responsibility of the school.

16. TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 32 (February 13).
- b. The maximum number of meets is 12, including practice/scrimmage with another school, and no more than four of the 12 may be multiple-school meets.
- c. The determination of weight classes for competition is left to the discretion of schools, and it is strongly recommended there be as many matches as available participants.
- d. The maximum weight differential, regardless of weight classes used, will be (1) 10 pounds for all weight classes through 145 pounds, (2) 12 pounds for all weight classes over 145 pounds and through 190 pounds and (3) 30 pounds for any wrestlers weighing more than 190 pounds. If the weight differential prevents a match over 190 pounds, there are no forfeit points involved. The maximum competitive weight is 285 lbs.
- e. First period is one-minute long and second and third periods two-minutes long each. The second and third periods may be shortened in (1) dual competition by mutual agreement and (2) multiple-school meets by majority sentiment.
- f. Conferences may adopt a twice-a-season weigh-in procedure in place of shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-ins prior to a match. This procedure does not apply to nonconference meets.

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams approved for combined Grade 8-9 teams.
- d. The maximum competitive weight is 285 lbs.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

Individual Tournament Series

1. **ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN THREE CLASSIFICATIONS (DIVISIONS 1, 2 AND 3).**
 - a. The largest 128 member schools sponsoring wrestling are in Division 1. Of the remainder, 50% are in each of Divisions 2 and 3.
 - b. If there are an uneven number of schools for Divisions 2 and 3, Division 3 will include one more school than Division 2.
 - c. Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
 - d. Competition by divisions (in two, three, and four division sports) will culminate with schools in Division 1 having twice as many qualifying teams/individuals as schools in other divisions except that ratio is altered in cross country and wrestling because of the unusual disparity in the number of schools in Divisions 2 and 3.
 - e. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to April 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced. (Effective: 2007-08 season.)
2. **THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:**
 - a. Schools are assigned to one of 16 regionals in each division on Saturday, February 13.
 - b. Sectional Qualifiers
The first four finishers in each weight division in Division 1, and the first two finishers in each weight division in both Divisions 2 and 3 in all regionals, qualify for one of eight sectionals in Division 1 and one of four sectionals in Divisions 2 and 3 on Saturday, February 20.
 - c. State Qualifiers
 - (1) The first two finishers in each weight division in Division 1 and the top three finishers in Divisions 2 and 3 in all sectionals qualify for the State Tournament.
 - (2) All wrestlers must weigh in all three days of the Sate Tournament.
 - (3) All wrestlers will compete all three days **except** 1st place sectional finishers in Divisions 2 and 3.
 - (4) Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be announced in the WIAA BULLETIN shortly after the regular season gets under way.
3. **RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION**

All specifications of No. 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (page 43) will apply with these additions:

 - a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets, or in more than 7 multiple school meets.
 - b. A school must participate in a minimum of four varsity meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
 - c. The WIAA office will furnish all participating schools an Individual Entry Form and necessary details to enter their athletes into the regional tournament using the Track Wrestling program.
Note: Line ups must be entered by midnight Thursday prior to the regional tournament. Head to head competition should be entered between midnight Thursday and midnight Friday.
 - (1) To list the names of wrestlers scheduled to compete in the regionals.

- (2) These forms may be used as a record/worksheet to reference when entering competitors' names into the tournament data program.
- (3) **These lists are tentative and changes may be made up to and on the day of competition.**
- (4) Records of each wrestler within the division in which he is entered must be indicated along with any other pertinent information (record in other weight classes, record against wrestlers in same regional, etc.) which may be useful for the determination of seeding at the coaches' meeting. See paragraphs (4) and (5) of seeding guidelines beginning on pages 50-52.
- (5) Schools must take to the regional to which their school is assigned:
 - (a) Copies of 7% printouts containing the most recent data on each wrestler that may be entered in the regional.
 - (b) Weigh-in sheets from all meets the team participated in during the two weeks prior to regionals.
- (6) **Coaches are required to name their final entries by weight class prior to the start of the seeding meeting, not necessarily at weigh-ins. These entries may be withdrawn, but may not be replaced or moved to another weight class.**
- (7) All weights recorded by the official on official weigh-in sheets remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not.
- (8) Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-3-3 and 4-3-4.
- (9) Regional tournament hosts may release their competition pairings to the public at the end of the seeding meeting.
- (10) After the regionals, there are no entry forms for schools to complete or forward relative to sectional and State competition.

d. Length of bouts

- (1) All regional and sectional championship matches including wrestlebacks will be six-minutes long – three two-minute rounds. **Regional consolation matches for 5th and 6th place shall be two minute first periods.**
- (2) All State tournament consolation and/or wrestleback matches will be five-minutes long – one minute first period.

e. Substitutions

- (1) There is a provision in the tournament program permitting replacement of a wrestler who has qualified from one level to the next but is unable to continue because of injury, illness, discipline or extenuating circumstances (excluding not making weight).
- (2) The provision extends ONLY to a) 5th place wrestler in Division 1 regional and third place wrestlers in Divisions 2 and 3 regionals and b) third place wrestlers in all Division 1 sectionals and c) fourth place wrestlers in all Divisions 2 and 3 sectionals.
- (3) There is no provision for moving up any other wrestlers.
- (4) Notification should be given as early as possible so the substitute can prepare. There is, however, no deadline. Substitution can be made up to weigh-in time.

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- (5) If substitution is necessary because a first place winner (regional-to-sectional or sectional-to-State) is unable to continue, the second place qualifier will move into the winner's position and the third place wrestler into the second place wrestler's position.
- (6) **If there is no substitute, the original placements stand.**
- (7) If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible substitute, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- (8) If a wrestler fails to make weight, his opponent receives a forfeit.
- (9) **A school is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the WIAA, the school of the substitute wrestler and the tournament host, in the event one of its qualifiers is unable to continue in the tournament program.**

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition - Saturday, February 13

Except for weigh-in, coaches' meeting, and opening round, no specific time schedule need be established by tournament manager. All regionals must follow a procedure in which starting time of finals is NOT determined UNTIL opening session has concluded. The reason for this procedure is the wide variance in such factors as number of entries per school, available mats, travel, urban-rural setting, etc. Managers must have two separate sessions of wrestling. Time schedules for weigh-ins and first session will be announced in the WIAA BULLETIN.

b. Tournament Pairings

Rule book instructions and instructions below apply.

Note: (1) All weight classes – even if there are four or less wrestlers – must be set up and scored as an eight wrestler bracket. Scoring must include appropriate points for all ensuing byes. (See d. (2) of SCORING)

(2) All divisions must conduct wrestleback matches to determine second place. (These matches are to be six minutes in length.) At the regional tournament a limited wrestleback shall be provided to D1 wrestlers only in cases where the 5th place finisher has not met the 4th place finisher.

c. Regional seeding Information and Procedures

- (1) Track wrestling shall be used for seeding of all regional tournaments.
- (2) Materials to have on hand: Computer, projector and screen.
 - a. Tournament host should provide to all coaches a list of participants by weight, not by team, with their records. For example, all 103 pound wrestlers should be listed not alphabetically but according to their record, with the best winning percentage listed first and the one with the poorest record listed last.
- (3) When drawing a bracket, every wrestler shall be seeded and all seeds are placed on the bracket.
- (4) General considerations.
 - (a) Do not start your meeting early unless all coaches are present and ready to start. The meeting must be conducted by a licensed WIAA wrestling official and they will have final authority.
 - (b) The seeding meeting is a working session and attendance should be limited to coaches and at the host's option, working media. The seeding meeting should not be open to spectators.

- (c) Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the head official will meet with each head coach in confidence and they shall verify their contestants / wt. class. This means they may alter their line up in any manner as long as the wrestler is eligible for that weight class. Coaches may not request to see nor may the official divulge other school's lineup changes during this process.
- (d) Final line up changes will now be announced by the head official prior to the start of the seeding meeting.
- (e) Any ground rules to be used that are not already entered into track wrestling must be established by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present with the official voting if there is a tie.
- (f) All coaches may appeal for a specific seed by using the following mechanisms:
 - 1) The coach making the appeal shall make a statement regarding factual information indicating a seed is justified.
 - 2) Any head coach present may either support or make a statement of disagreement regarding the request. His opinions should also be limited to factual information.
 - 3) A simple majority vote of the head coaches present and voting will prevail (a coach does not need to vote). A tie vote means the appeal lost. The head official may not vote on such appeals.
- (g) The following ground rules should be followed.
 - 1) Percentage win / loss records of a wrestler will be a basic consideration.
 - 2) All wrestlers are seeded. Those wrestlers with 10 or more matches will be seeded first. Those with less than ten matches will be seeded immediately following.
 - 3) The following criteria should be used to calculate record percentages.
 - a) A wrestle may not assume losses in order to build up their record to the minimum number of 10.
 - b) Only varsity experience shall be counted. It is considered varsity competition if either wrestling is representing his varsity. All varsity experience shall be counted regardless of the weight class the record was earned at.
 - c) Matches won by a forfeit shall be included in the win record of a wrestler. This would not apply if the whole team won by a forfeit. For example, the opposing team did not show up for the contest. Forfeit losses caused by an earlier default in a tournament shall not be included on a wrestler's record unless he returns to competition in that tournament.
 - d) All byes in the championship bracket or consolation bracket received during regular season tournaments will count as wins if the wrestler won his next match in the bracket.
 - e) Wins and losses resulting from defaults shall be included in a wrestler's record.
 - 4) A wrestler deserving a seed may not refuse nor request a lower seed (with the possible exception noted in 5c below).

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- 5) If a percentage tie exists, and the wrestlers have not met earlier in the season, the wrestler with the greater number of total matches receives the higher seed.
 - 6) If a percentage tie exists, and they have met earlier in the season, the outcome of that match will get the better seed. Also, if two wrestlers are consecutively seeded (such as 3 and 4) and they have met earlier in the season, the winner of that match will get the better seed.
 - 7) Excuses for losses, such as illness, are NEVER to be considered.
 - 8) The appeal mechanism as described above is always available.
 - 9) All wrestlers in a bracket will be seeded and when byes exist, the highest seed(s) will receive bye(s).
- (5) Some additional considerations that may be considered through the appeal mechanism.
- (a) In cases where a wrestler has wrestled far fewer times than another wrestler in his weight class, his record need not be considered best. For example, an 18 and 3 record may be considered better than a 9-1.
 - (b) The caliber of competition within which a record has been established may be considered. For example, some good records may have been earned at the expense of junior varsity type opposition.
 - (c) The basic objective of seeding is to place the best wrestlers so that they will advance the furthest in the tournament before they meet. With this in mind, coaches present may, by simple majority vote, do virtually anything they wish. An example of a mechanism that may help resolve a difficult situation is the following: If in a given weight class, there is one wrestler who is clearly superior to all others, he should be given the number one seed. If the next three wrestlers are very close in ability, rather than place one of them in the same half-bracket with the outstanding wrestler, it would be permissible to place these wrestlers in the lower half-bracket. In effect what this does is to allow them to decide the second best wrestler by actually wrestling one another. It would be advisable to identify the number two seed so that he would be placed in the quarter-bracket of the lower half away from the number three and four seeds. Such procedure would, of course, be done by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present.
- d. General seeding guidelines **not** using track wrestling (during the regular season, outside of regional competition).
- (1) Refer to the general considerations in c (4).
 - (a) modifications include:
 - 1) A simple majority vote by head coaches **or** the host school will determine the minimum matches necessary for a seed.
 - 2) All wrestlers may be seeded or records at .500 or better may be seeded.
 - 3) If .500 or better record is required, then seedable wrestlers will be seeded, byes will be drawn, then the unseeded wrestlers will be randomly drawn to fill in the remaining positions on the bracket.
 - 4) If all wrestlers are seeded, as in track wrestling, the highest seeded wrestler(s) will receive the byes.

e. Regional Bracket

Championship Matches

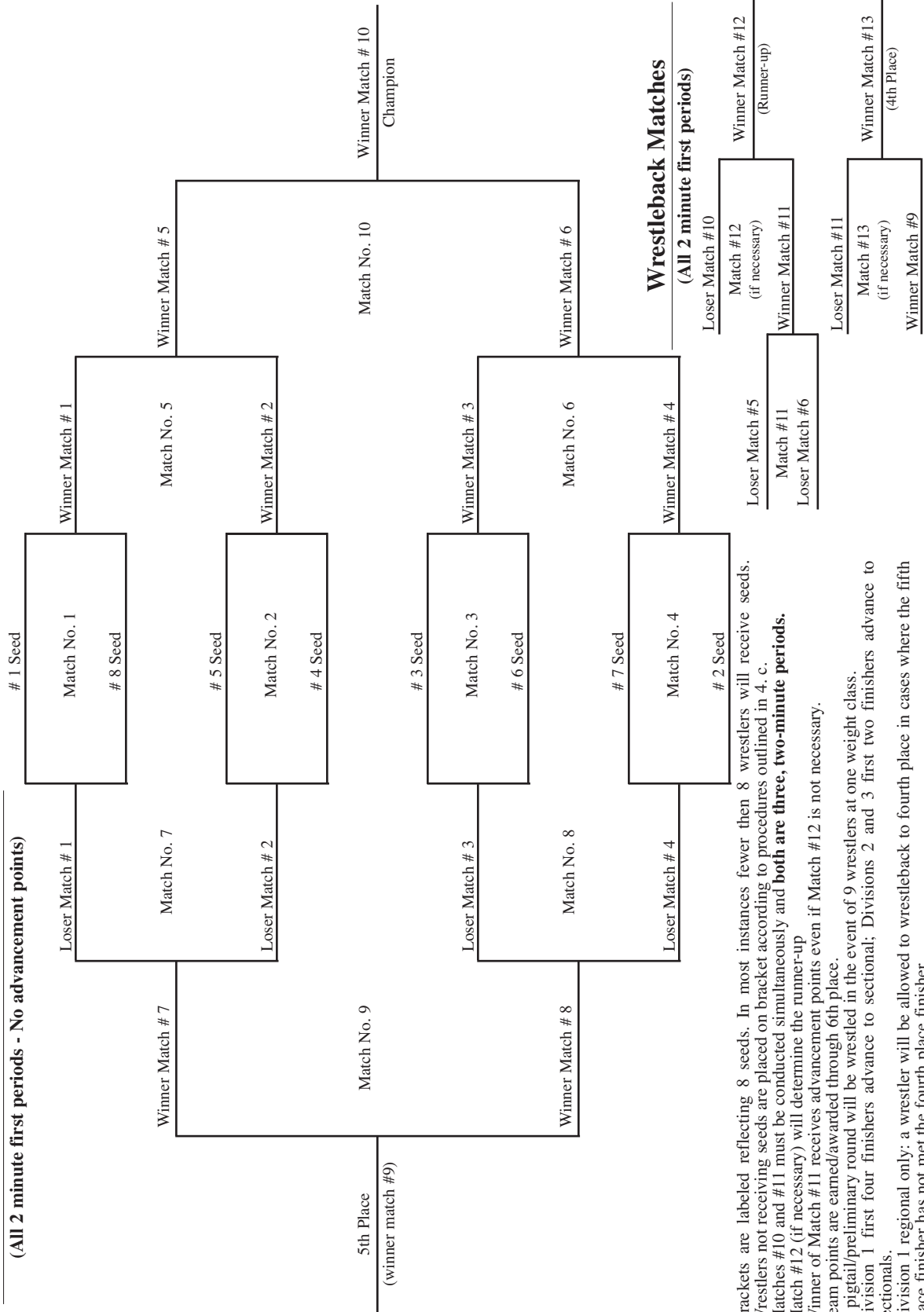
(All 2 minute first periods)

SEMIFINALS FINALS

QUARTERFINALS

Consolation Matches

(All 2 minute first periods - No advancement points)



- Note: 1. Brackets are labeled reflecting 8 seeds. In most instances fewer than 8 wrestlers will receive seeds. Wrestlers not receiving seeds are placed on bracket according to procedures outlined in 4. c.
2. Matches #10 and #11 must be conducted simultaneously and both are three, two-minute periods.
3. Match #12 (if necessary) will determine the runner-up
4. Winner of Match #11 receives advancement points even if Match #12 is not necessary.
5. Team points are earned/awarded through 6th place.
6. A pigtail/preliminary round will be wrestled in the event of 9 wrestlers at one weight class.
7. Division 1 first four finishers advance to sectional; Divisions 2 and 3 first two finishers advance to sectionals.
8. Division 1 regional only: a wrestler will be allowed to wrestleback to fourth place in cases where the fifth place finisher has not met the fourth place finisher.

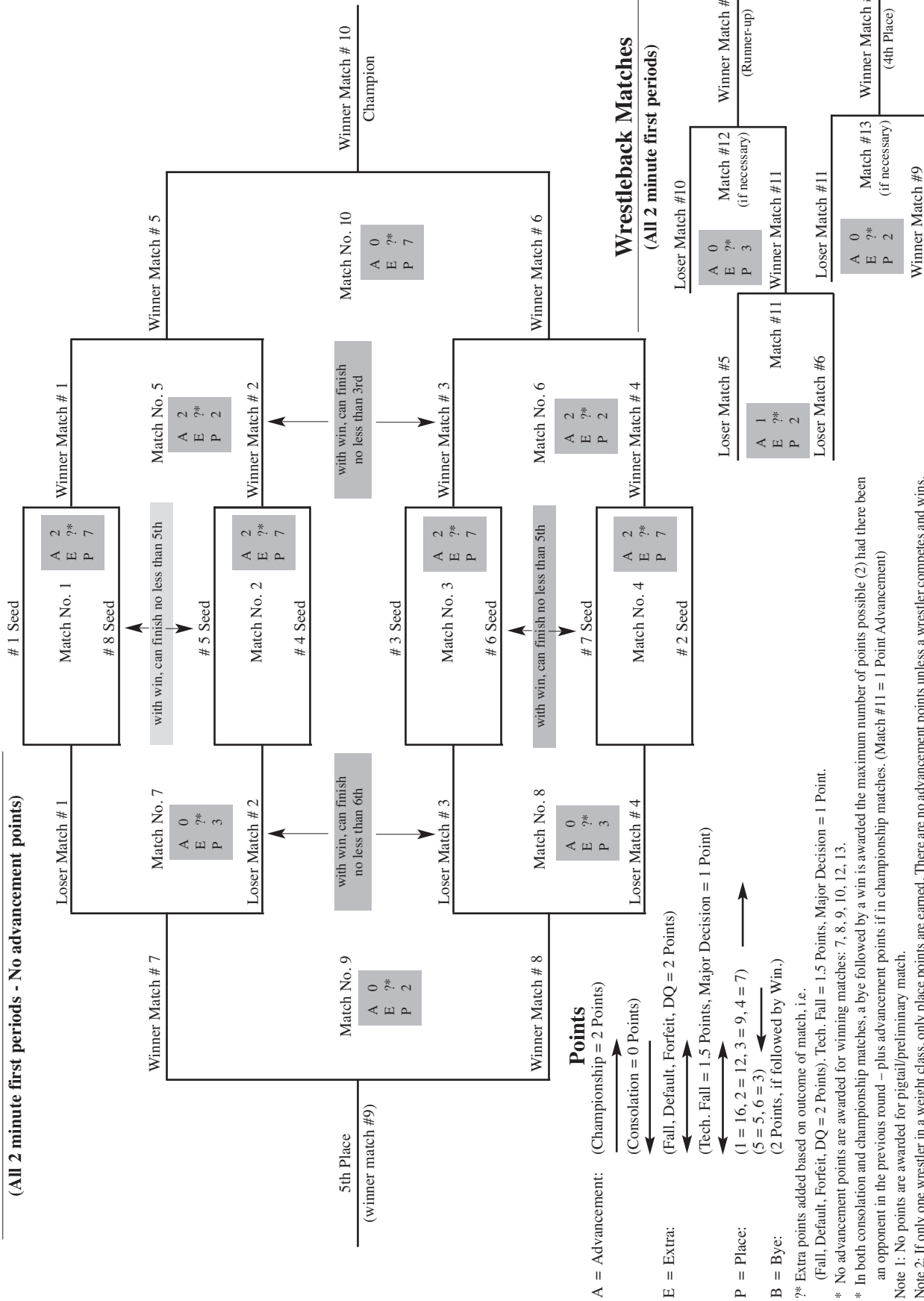
Scoring The Regional Tournament

Championship Matches

(All 2 minute first periods)

Consolation Matches

(All 2 minute first periods - No advancement points)



* Extra points added based on outcome of match, i.e. (Fall, Default, Forfeit, DQ = 2 Points). Tech. Fall = 1.5 Points, Major Decision = 1 Point.
 * No advancement points are awarded for winning matches: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13.
 * In both consolation and championship matches, a bye followed by a win is awarded the maximum number of points possible (2) had there been an opponent in the previous round – plus advancement points if in championship matches. (Match #11 = 1 Point Advancement)
 Note 1: No points are awarded for pigtail/preliminary match.
 Note 2: If only one wrestler in a weight class, only place points are earned. There are no advancement points unless a wrestler competes and wins.

f. Additional considerations

National Federation Rule #10 covers conduct of tournaments as well as bracketing situations.

g. SCORING

(1) Place points will be accumulated toward team total as follows:

- (a) 16 points to champion.
- (b) 12 points to runner-up.
- (c) 9 points to third-place wrestler (loser of wrestleback finals).
- (d) 7 points to fourth-place wrestler (loser of first wrestleback).
- (e) 5 points to fifth-place wrestler.
- (f) 3 points to sixth-place wrestler.

The team scoring the most points at the regional qualifies for the Team Tournament Program. Information on this program – including procedures to break ties in the event the regional has more than one team champion – can be found on pages 64 and 65.

(2) Additional points at the regional level will be scored on the basis of eight man brackets and accumulate as follows: **Note: No points are awarded for pigtail/preliminary matches.**

(a) Advancement points

- 1) Two points in championship flight competition and one point in wrestleback competition.
- 2) A wrestler receiving two successive byes will receive advancement points for each if he wins his next match.
- 3) Advancement point scoring for byes apply to the wrestleback bracket as well as the championship bracket.
- 4) An advancement point is awarded to the wrestler that wins the third place match in regional, even if a final wrestleback match is not necessary.
- 5) No advancement points are awarded for: Consolation Matches, Championship and final wrestleback matches in regional, or in a weight class with only one wrestler.

(3) Two points are awarded for each win by a fall, forfeit, default or disqualification.

(4) One point is given for each decision won by 8-14 points.

(5) One and one-half points are awarded for each win by a technical fall (15 points or more).

(6) In an incomplete bracket (anything less than eight) any wrestler receiving a bye will receive four points for his team if he wins his next match (two points for advancement and two points for lost potential pin). If he received two byes before his win, he will receive four points for each bye.

Note: Every wrestler is entitled to the opportunity to score as many points for his team as any other wrestler. It therefore becomes necessary to pay particular attention to situations involving byes. The following is offered to help clarify how to score these situations.

If a wrestler wins his first match, he is entitled to two advancement points and two pin points (a total of four points) for each bye he received before his win. If there are four wrestlers, each has received a bye in the first round (round of 8). If there are only three wrestlers, one has received two byes before his first match.

In the event there are only two wrestlers in the weight class, each has had two byes before they meet for the championship. The winner, therefore, is entitled to four advancement points and four pin points after winning the championship match. He would in addition earn first place points, as well as any points earned by a pin, technical fall, or major decision in the championship match. The loser in this situation is entitled only to second place points.

In a weight class with only one wrestler, only place points will be awarded. No advancement points are awarded unless a wrestler competes and wins.

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h. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will generally seek to contract officials based on the number of mats used at a tournament site, the number officials contracted will be equal to the number of mats used, plus one. The strength of the regional and number of participants will also be considered. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee -
Six teams - 3 officials = \$150 each / 4 officials = \$125 each; plus \$12 meal allowance.
Seven teams - 3 officials = \$175 each / 4 officials = \$130 each; plus \$12 meal allowance.
Eight teams - 4 officials = \$150 each / 5 officials = \$125 each; plus \$12 meal allowance.
- (3) Expenses - 40¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (4) Officials will be expected to travel in one car whenever practical.
One of the officials, as determined by the WIAA, will act as the head official and chairman of the coaches' meeting for purposes of determining the tournament draw.

i. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team.

j. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a meet.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host school - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - \$100, etc. Minimum of \$800.
 - (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) 25% to host school.
 - 2) 75% to WIAA.
- (2) Participating School Allowances
There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Ticket Prices

	Child/Student/Adult
All Sessions.....	\$5
Finals.....	\$4

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling regional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

 - (a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.
 - (b) Patrons arriving for the finals will be charged the price listed above.
 - (c) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.
- (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Members of the team - actual number of wrestlers but not more than fourteen.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and assistant coach.
 - No more than six cheerleaders.
 - (b) All Sites
 - 1) Each school in a tournament (including host school whether in tournament or not) shall be allowed no more than two admissions without charge for use by school personnel, designated by the school.

- 2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as his assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
- 3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.
- 4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition - Saturday, February 20

Time schedule will be determined by tournament manager and announced to schools in the WIAA BULLETIN. Generally, competition will not begin earlier than 10 a.m. and no later than 11 a.m. Tournament manager may (1) establish set times for quarterfinals, semifinals and finals, or (2) start semifinals and finals at given time period following the conclusion of quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. No specific time schedule is recommended because of wide range of differences in such factors as available mats, travel, urban, rural setting, etc. Managers MUST schedule three separate sessions of wrestling.

b. Tournament Pairings

(1) Division 1

The two regionals will be numbered using Roman numerals, and the eight qualifiers (four from each regional) will be paired as follows in all weight classes:

Top Bracket – Reg. I-1st vs. Reg. II-4th and Reg. I-3rd vs. Reg. II-2nd

Bottom Bracket – Reg. I-2nd vs. Reg. II-3rd and Reg. I-4th vs. Reg. II-1st

(2) Divisions 2 and 3

First and second place finishers in regional competition and the Roman numeral assigned each regional will determine pairings. The winner of one regional will be matched with the runner-up of another regional in the opening round, and the winner and runner-up of the same regional will be placed in opposite half-brackets. There are three different draws possible. They will be applied as listed below in consecutive order of weight classes (103 pounds, 112 pounds, etc.). Two pairings will be applied five times, one will be applied four times because there are fourteen weight classes. The starting line of the draw will not be announced until the Monday following regional competition.

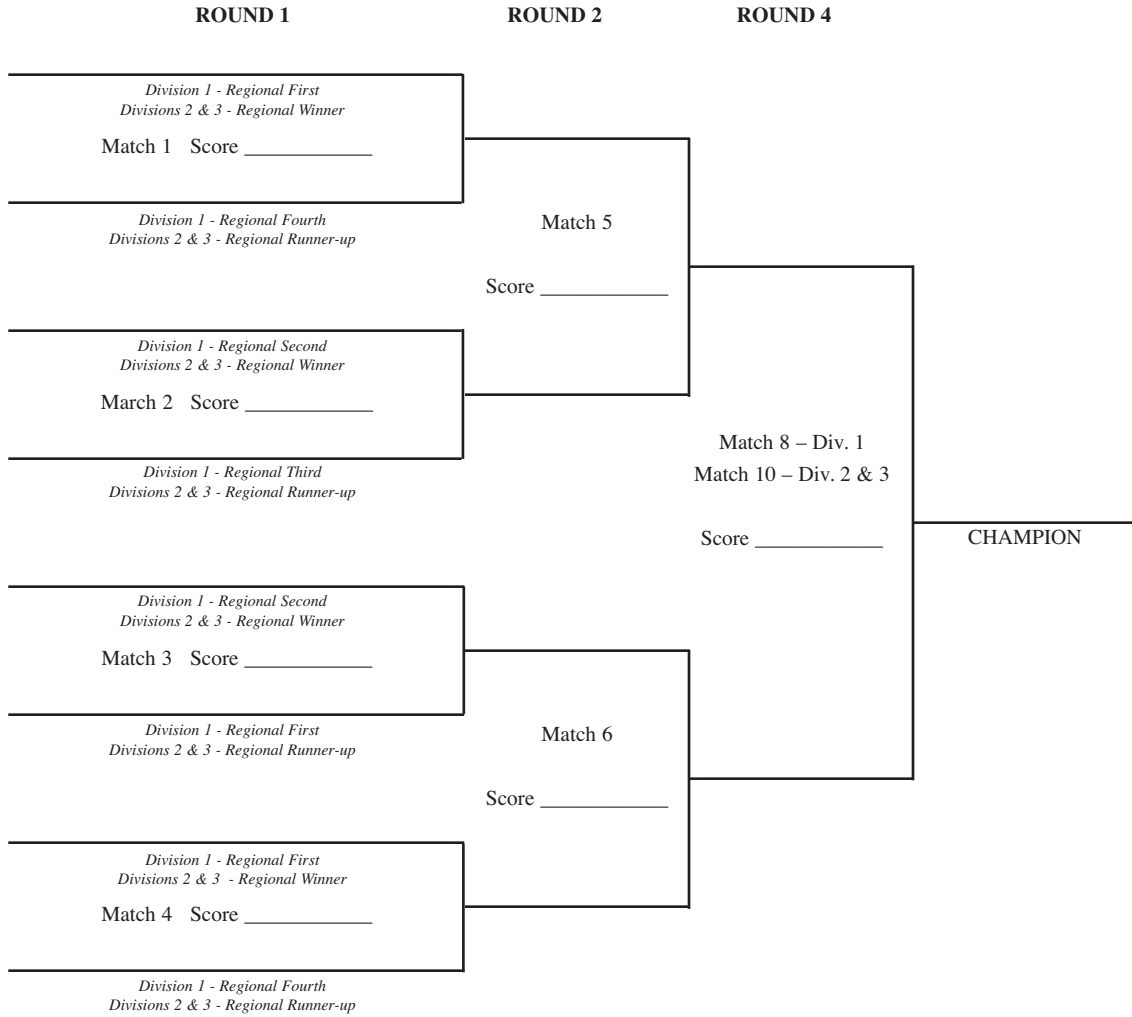
Line	Top Bracket	
1	Reg. I-1st vs. Reg. IV-2nd	Reg. III-1st vs. Reg. II-2nd
2	Reg. I-1st vs. Reg. II-2nd	Reg. IV-1st vs. Reg. III-2nd
3	Reg. I-1st vs. Reg. III-2nd	Reg. II-1st vs. Reg. IV-2nd
Line	Lower Bracket	
1	Reg. IV-1st vs. Reg. I-2nd	Reg. II-1st vs. Reg. III-2nd
2	Reg. II-1st vs. Reg. I-2nd	Reg. III-1st vs. Reg. IV-2nd
3	Reg. III-1st vs. Reg. I-2nd	Reg. IV-1st vs. Reg. II-2nd

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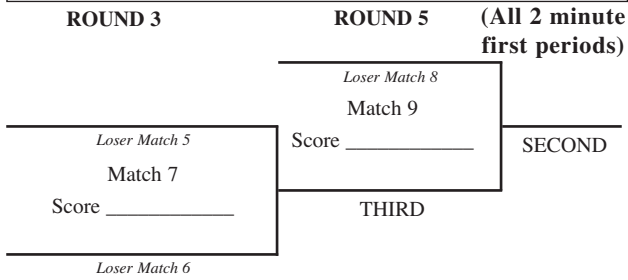
c. Sectional Bracket and Procedures

Championship Matches

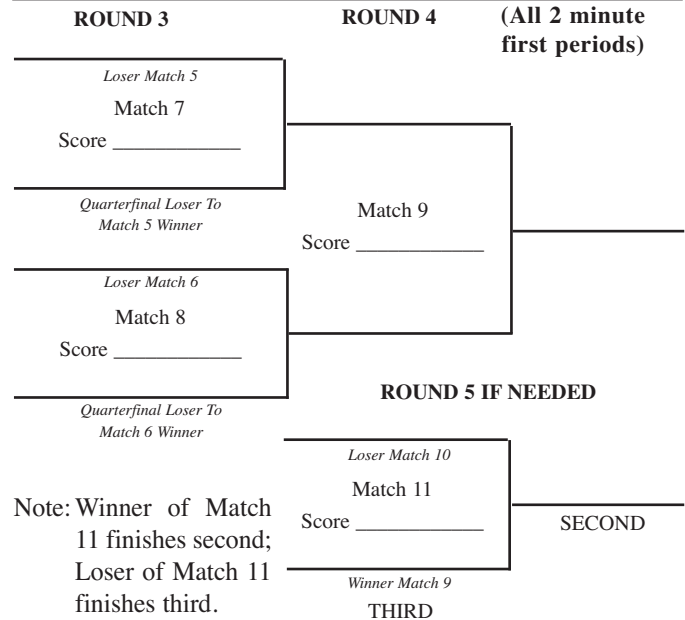
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WRESTLEBACK BRACKET – DIVISION 1



WRESTLEBACK BRACKET – DIVISIONS 2 & 3



Reminder: Division 1 – 1st and 2nd place finishers advance to State.
Divisions 2 & 3 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers advance to State.

Note: Winner of Match 11 finishes second; Loser of Match 11 finishes third.

- Note: (1) Divisions 2 and 3 sectionals (only) a quarterfinal loser may have the opportunity to wrestleback – if his first round opponent ends up as a finalist.
- (2) Bouts No. 7 and 8 Division 1, and Bouts No. 9 and 10 Divisions 2 and 3, must be conducted simultaneously and **both are three two-minute periods**.
- (3) Match No. 9 Division 1, and Match No. 11 Divisions 2 and 3, (if necessary three two-minute periods) will determine the runner-up.

d. Scoring

There is no team scoring at sectionals.

e. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract four officials. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
- (a) Officiating fee - \$145 plus \$12 meal allowance.
 - (b) Expenses - 40¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials will be expected to travel in one car whenever practical.
- (3) One of the officials, as determined by both officials and the host school manager, will act as chairman of the coaches' meeting at each of the regionals for purposes of determining the tournament draw.

f. Awards

- (1) Medals to first two individuals in each weight classification - Division 1. Medals to first three individuals in each weight classification - Divisions 2 and 3.

g. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

- (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a meet.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host school - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - \$85, etc. Minimum of \$800.
- (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) 25% to host school.
 - 2) 75% to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

	Child/Student/Adult
All Sessions	\$7
Second Session and Finals	\$5
Finals	\$4

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling sectional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

- (a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.
- (b) Those arriving for or during the second session will be charged according to the price listed for that session and the finals.
- (c) Those coming to the finals will pay as listed above.
- (d) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Wrestlers actually competing.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and assistant coach.
 - No more than six cheerleaders.
- (b) All Sites
 - 1) Each school in a tournament (including host school whether in tournament or not) shall be allowed no more than two admissions without charge for use by school personnel, designated by the school.

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- 2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as his assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
- 3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.
- 4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

5. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

The time schedule for the State Meet Competition will appear in the BULLETIN early in the wrestling season. Divisions 1, 2 and 3 will begin on Thursday, February 25, with Division 1 weigh-ins set for 1:30 p.m. Wrestling will begin at 3 p.m.

b. Tournament Pairings

(1) Division 1

There are seven different draws possible. They will be applied as listed below in consecutive order of weight classes (103 pounds, 112 pounds, etc.) Because there are fourteen weight classes, all draws are repeated. The starting line of the draw will not be announced until the Monday following sectional competition.

First and second place finishers in sectional competition and the sectional number (1 = A, 2 = B, etc.) will determine pairings. The winner of one sectional will be matched with the runner-up of another sectional in the opening round, and the winner and runner-up of the same sectional will be placed in opposite half-brackets.

Line

Top Bracket

1	Sec. A-1st vs. Sec. F-2nd	Sec. G-1st vs. Sec. E-2nd	Sec. H-1st vs. Sec. D-2nd	Sec. B-1st vs. Sec. C-2nd
2	Sec. A-1st vs. Sec. G-2nd	Sec. H-1st vs. Sec. F-2nd	Sec. B-1st vs. Sec. E-2nd	Sec. C-1st vs. Sec. D-2nd
3	Sec. A-1st vs. Sec. H-2nd	Sec. B-1st vs. Sec. G-2nd	Sec. C-1st vs. Sec. F-2nd	Sec. D-1st vs. Sec. E-2nd
4	Sec. A-1st vs. Sec. B-2nd	Sec. C-1st vs. Sec. H-2nd	Sec. D-1st vs. Sec. G-2nd	Sec. E-1st vs. Sec. F-2nd
5	Sec. A-1st vs. Sec. C-2nd	Sec. D-1st vs. Sec. B-2nd	Sec. E-1st vs. Sec. H-2nd	Sec. F-1st vs. Sec. G-2nd
6	Sec. A-1st vs. Sec. D-2nd	Sec. E-1st vs. Sec. C-2nd	Sec. F-1st vs. Sec. B-2nd	Sec. G-1st vs. Sec. H-2nd
7	Sec. A-1st vs. Sec. E-2nd	Sec. F-1st vs. Sec. D-2nd	Sec. G-1st vs. Sec. C-2nd	Sec. H-1st vs. Sec. B-2nd

Line

Lower Bracket

1	Sec. C-1st vs. Sec. B-2nd	Sec. D-1st vs. Sec. H-2nd	Sec. E-1st vs. Sec. G-2nd	Sec. F-1st vs. Sec. A-2nd
2	Sec. D-1st vs. Sec. C-2nd	Sec. E-1st vs. Sec. B-2nd	Sec. F-1st vs. Sec. H-2nd	Sec. G-1st vs. Sec. A-2nd
3	Sec. E-1st vs. Sec. D-2nd	Sec. F-1st vs. Sec. C-2nd	Sec. G-1st vs. Sec. B-2nd	Sec. H-1st vs. Sec. A-2nd
4	Sec. F-1st vs. Sec. E-2nd	Sec. G-1st vs. Sec. D-2nd	Sec. H-1st vs. Sec. C-2nd	Sec. B-1st vs. Sec. A-2nd
5	Sec. G-1st vs. Sec. F-2nd	Sec. H-1st vs. Sec. E-2nd	Sec. B-1st vs. Sec. D-2nd	Sec. C-1st vs. Sec. A-2nd
6	Sec. H-1st vs. Sec. G-2nd	Sec. B-1st vs. Sec. F-2nd	Sec. C-1st vs. Sec. E-2nd	Sec. D-1st vs. Sec. A-2nd
7	Sec. B-1st vs. Sec. H-2nd	Sec. C-1st vs. Sec. G-2nd	Sec. D-1st vs. Sec. F-2nd	Sec. E-1st vs. Sec. A-2nd

(2) Divisions 2 and 3 Tournament Pairings

In Divisions 2 and 3, preliminary matches will be wrestled between 2nd and 3rd place qualifiers from each Sectional. Sectional champions will not have a preliminary match.

There are three different draws possible. They will be applied as shown in consecutive order of weight classes (103 pounds, 112 pounds, etc.). One pairing will be applied four times, two will be applied five times, since there are fourteen weight classes. The starting line of the draw will not be announced until the Monday following sectional competition.

Line

Top Bracket

1	Sec. A-1st vs. winner - Sec. D-2nd vs. Sec. B-3rd	Sec. C-1st vs. winner - Sec. B-2nd vs. Sec. D-3rd
2	Sec. A-1st vs. winner - Sec. B-2nd vs. Sec. C-3rd	Sec. D-1st vs. winner - Sec. C-2nd vs. Sec. B-3rd
3	Sec. A-1st vs. winner - Sec. C-2nd vs. Sec. D-3rd	Sec. B-1st vs. winner - Sec. D-2nd vs. Sec. C-3rd

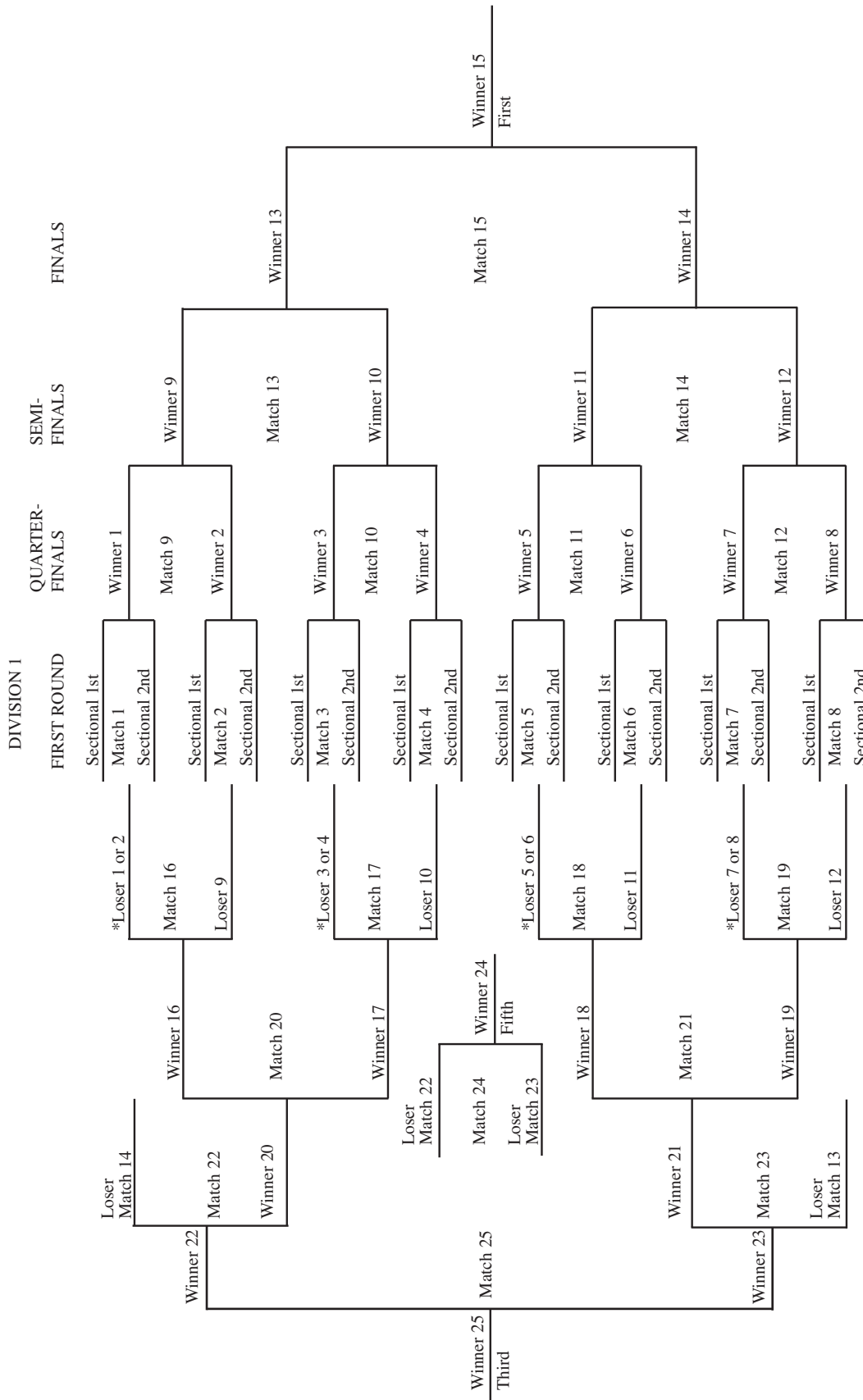
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Lower Bracket

1	Sec. D-1st vs. winner - Sec. A-2nd vs. Sec. C-3rd	Sec. B-1st vs. winner - Sec. C-2nd vs. Sec. A-3rd
2	Sec. B-1st vs. winner - Sec. A-2nd vs. Sec. D-3rd	Sec. C-1st vs. winner - Sec. D-2nd vs. Sec. A-3rd
3	Sec. C-1st vs. winner - Sec. A-2nd vs. Sec. B-3rd	Sec. D-1st vs. winner - Sec. B-2nd vs. Sec. A-3rd

*See Line - Bracket - Examples - Page 62.

c. Seeding Information and Procedures

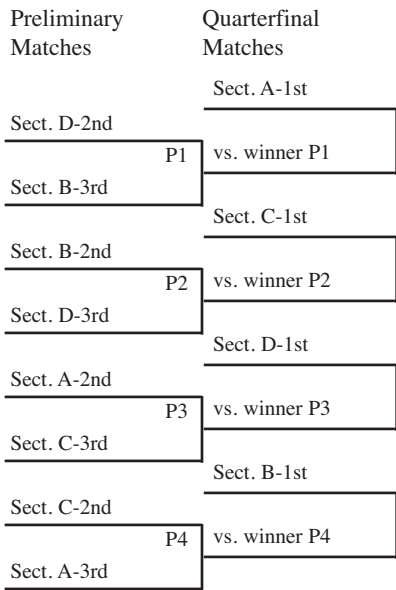


*Consolation participant (1 or 2, 3 or 4, 5 or 6 and 7 or 8) depends on which 1st round winner loser in quarterfinals (other 1st round loser eliminated).

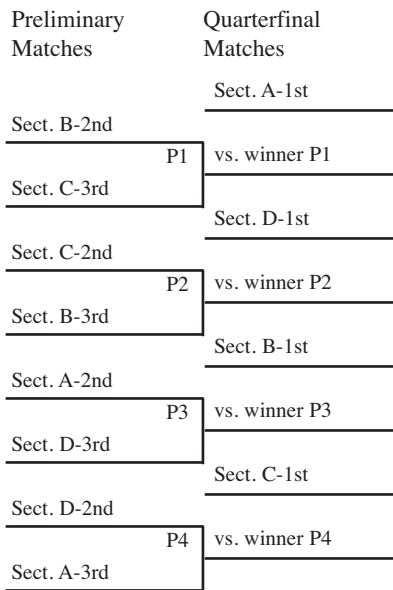
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DIVISIONS 2 and 3 STATE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

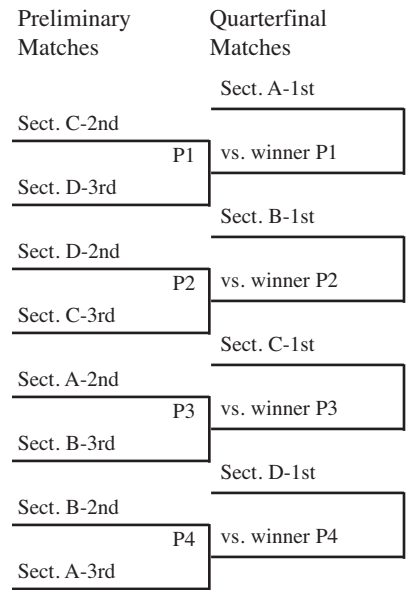
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Line 2 - Bracket - Example



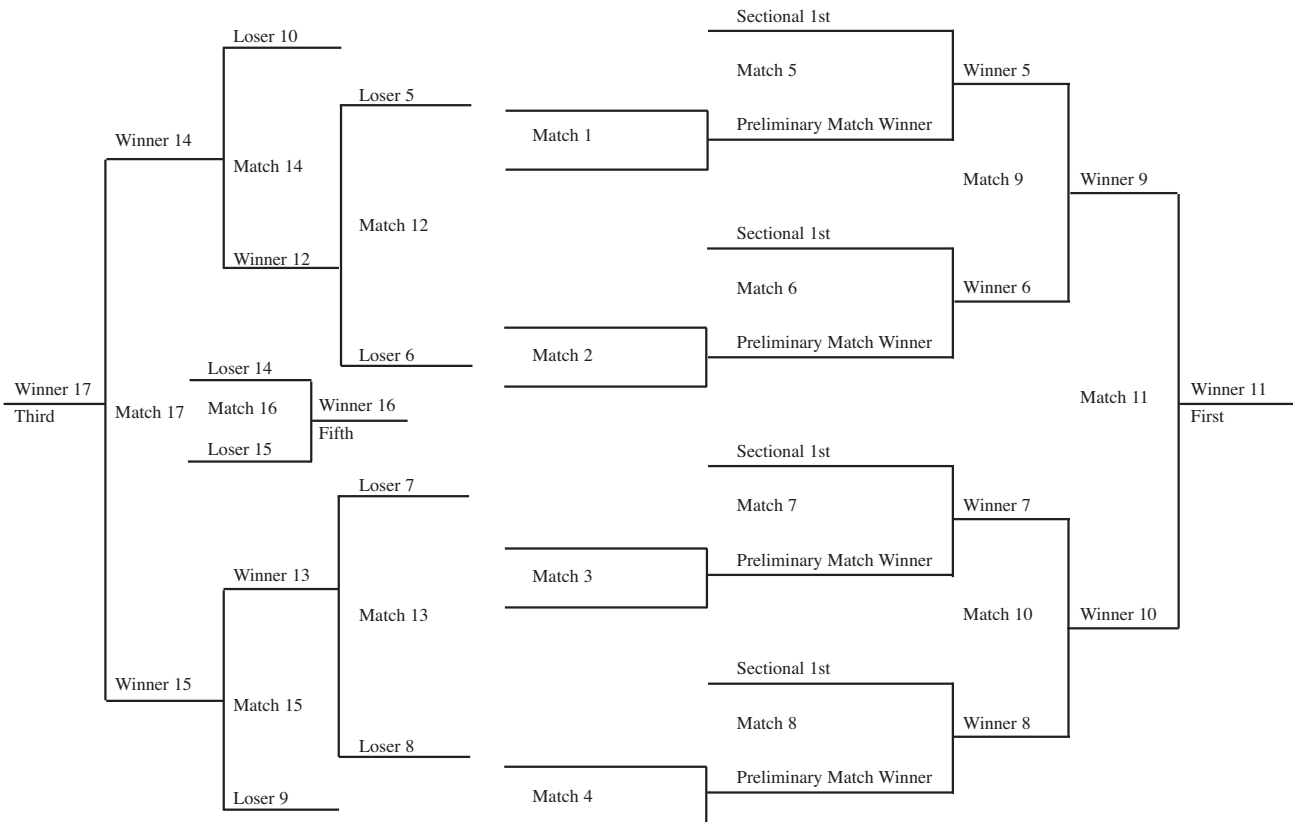
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*Defeated wrestler in preliminary matches is eliminated from tournament.

*Same Sectional 2nd and 3rds may meet in semifinals.

DIVISIONS 2 and 3



d. Scoring

There is no team scoring at state.

e. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract the state tournament officials.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee - \$100 per session.
 - (b) Expenses - 40¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
 - (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car whenever practical.

f. Awards

Medals to first six individuals in each weight classification.

g. Finances

(1) Participating School Allowances

Schools will be reimbursed in part for their State Tournament expenses, and the following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of 40¢ for 1-8 actual participants and 44¢ for more than eight actual participants.

Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.

- (b) \$46 for each actual participant plus two other persons.

(2) Ticket Prices

	5 Session	4 Session	Single Session
Reserved and General Admission seat advance sale	\$40	\$32	\$8

(3) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus two additional persons.

Note: There is no provision for free admissions for either administrators or cheerleaders.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

State Tournament Housing

The WIAA office will not be involved in housing for students in Madison during the State Tournament but will inform schools of possible arrangements for housing in the event a Madison agency is available for this service. Schools are reminded students may not register in hotels and motels in the Madison area during the State Tournament without adult chaperones.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

Team Tournament Series

1. **THERE WILL BE 48 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE TEAM TOURNAMENT PROGRAM. THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE THE CHAMPIONS OF THE 16 REGIONALS IN THE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SERIES IN EACH OF DIVISIONS 1, 2, AND 3. (See No. 1 under Individual Tournament Series)**
 - a. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to April 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced. (Effective: 2007-08 season.)
2. **THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – PAIRINGS, LEVELS OF COMPETITION AND DATES – IS AS FOLLOWS:**
 - a. Division 1
The 16 schools winning regional championships in the individual tournament series will be assigned to two-team sectional wrestle-offs, one such wrestle-off within each of the eight individual tournament series sectional areas.
 - b. Divisions 2 and 3
The 16 schools winning regional championships in the individual tournament series will be assigned to four-team sectional tournaments, one such tournament within each of the four individual tournament series sectional areas.
 - c. Sectional team tournament competition will take place in all three Divisions (1, 2 and 3) on Tuesday, February 16, at sites to be determined by the WIAA office.
 - d. Divisions 2 and 3 sectional pairings are based on preassigned Roman numeral regionals. This year's pairings are Regional III winner vs. Regional IV winner and Regional I winner vs. Regional II winner.
 - e. Schools winning sectional team championships – eight in Division 1 and four each in Divisions 2 and 3 – will participate in the State Team Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6.
 - f. The preassigned alphabetical sectional in which each school participated, NOT the name of the participating school, determines the arrangement of teams for the State Tournament. The draw for this year is:
Division 1 – Sectional A winner vs. Sectional B winner, Sectional C winner vs. Sectional D winner, Sectional G winner vs. Sectional H winner and Sectional E winner vs. Sectional F winner, in that order.
Divisions 2 and 3 – Sectional C winner vs. Sectional D winner and Sectional A winner vs. Sectional B winner, in that order.
3. **RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION**

All specifications of No. 15. under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 43-47) will apply with these additions.

ADDITIONS

- a. **A maximum of 28 wrestlers will be allowed on the roster and in the State Tournament program. Wrestlers must be identified by name and number in the program in order to be eligible to compete.**

Note: In extenuating circumstances involving injury, illness and/or discipline e.g., a wrestler may replace an identified/named athlete in the program with approval of the WIAA. (excluding not making weight)
 - b. Rosters may be changed from one weigh-in to the next during the tournament series.
4. **TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

Ties for First Place in Regional Individual Tournament

If there is a tie for first place in regional individual tournament competition, the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated to determine the school qualifying for the sectional team tournament:

- a. Most place points (16, 12, 9, 7, 5, 3) based on the place points earned for first, second, third and fourth places.
- b. Most place winners.
- c. Most champions.
- d. Most seconds.

- e. Most thirds.
- f. Most fourths.
- g. Most fifths.
- h. Most sixths.
- i. Most entries into the regional individual tournament.
- j. Most pins in all matches after quarterfinals.
- k. Most technical falls in all matches after quarterfinals.
- l. Most major decisions in all matches after quarterfinals.
- m. Most decisions in all matches after quarterfinals.
- n. Team not penalized for flagrant misconduct.
- o. Team not penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- p. Random draw.

5. SECTIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) Sectional team tournament competition will take place in all three Divisions (1, 2 and 3) on Tuesday, February 16, at sites to be determined by the WIAA office.
- b. Tournament Pairings
 - (1) Division 1

The 16 schools winning regional championships in the individual tournament series will be assigned to two-team sectional wrestle-offs, one such wrestle-off within each of the eight individual tournament series sectional areas.
 - (2) Divisions 2 and 3

The 16 schools winning regional championships in the individual tournament series will be assigned to four-team sectional tournaments, one such tournament within each of the four individual tournament series sectional areas.

 - (a) Divisions 2 and 3 sectional pairings are based on preassigned Roman numeral regionals. This year's pairings are Regional III winner vs. Regional IV winner and Regional I winner vs. Regional II winner.
- c. Scheduling of Competition:
 - Division 1
 - 6 - 6:30 p.m. Weigh-ins
 - 7 p.m. Competition
 - Divisions 2 and 3
 - 5-5:30 p.m. Weigh-ins
 - 6 p.m. Semifinals
 - 8 p.m. Finals (may start earlier if both teams agree)
- d. Scoring

Ties in Dual Competition During Sectional Team Tournaments

In the event there is a tie in dual competition during the sectional phases of competition, National Federation dual meet tie-breaking criteria shall be applied to determine a winner (NF Rule 9-2-2) (Except in final match of Sate Tournament-see page 67)

Note: If none of the listed criteria resolve the tie, an official will meet with captain of each team in center of mat and break tie by flipping colored disc with green representing home team and red representing visiting team.

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e. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract the sectional team tournament officials. Division 1 - 1 Official, Divisions 2 & 3 - 3 Officials.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee - \$65 per match.
 - (b) Expenses - 40¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials will be expected to travel in one car whenever practical.

f. Awards

- (1) Plaques to championship teams.
- (2) Medals to members (21) of championship and runner-up teams.

g. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

- (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a meet.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Division 1
 - a) 35% of total receipts or \$345 whichever is greater to cover lights, workers, host manager's fee - \$40, etc.
 - 2) Divisions 2 and 3
 - a) 35% of total receipts or \$550 whichever is greater to cover lights, workers, host manager's fee - \$40, etc.
- (c) The WIAA will receive 65% of the total receipts to cover tournament administrative costs and expenses. The host school will issue contracts and pay officials.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

- (a) Sectional – Division 1 \$4
- (b) Sectional – Divisions 2 and 3 \$5
- (c) Host school may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - 1) Wrestlers actually competing. (14 plus 14 substitutes)
 - 2) Six additional people (coaches, assistant coaches, etc.)
 - 3) No more than six cheerleaders.

6. STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

Friday, March 5 – Quarterfinals

Division 1

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Weigh-ins

7 p.m. Competition Begins

Saturday, March 6 – Semifinals

Division 1

8 a.m. Weigh-ins Begin

9 a.m. Competition Begins

Divisions 2 and 3

12:00 p.m. Weigh-ins Begin

1 p.m. Competition Begins

Saturday, March 6 – Finals

Divisions 1-2-3

6 p.m. Competition Begins

b. Tournament Pairings

The preassigned alphabetical sectional in which each school participated, NOT the name of the participating school, determines the arrangement of teams for the State Tournament. The draw for this year is:

Division 1 – Sectional A winner vs. Sectional B winner, Sectional C winner vs. Sectional D winner, Sectional G winner vs. Sectional H winner and Sectional E winner vs. Sectional F winner, in that order.

Divisions 2 and 3 – Sectional C winner vs. Sectional D winner and Sectional A winner vs. Sectional B winner, in that order.

c. Scoring

Ties in Dual Competition During State Team Tournaments

In the event there is a tie in dual competition during the sectional and State phases of competition, National Federation dual meet tie-breaking criteria shall be applied to determine a winner (NF Rule 9-2-2)

Note 1: If none of the listed criteria resolve the tie in quarterfinal and semifinal competition, an official will meet with captain of each team in center of mat and break tie by flipping colored disc with green representing home team and red representing visiting team.

Note 2: STATE Championship Finals: NF tie breaking criteria will be applied. If after all NF tie breaking criteria have been applied a tie remains unbroken - Co-Champions will be declared in lieu of flipping a colored disc.

d. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract the State team tournament officials.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee - \$75 per match.
 - (b) Expenses - 40¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
 - (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car whenever practical.

Wrestling/Team

e. Awards

- (1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (21) of championship and runner-up teams.

f. Finances

(1) Participating School Allowances

Schools will be reimbursed in part for their State Tournament expenses.

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament City at the rate of \$1 per mile. NOTE: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament City.
- (b) A meal and lodging allowance of \$750.

(2) Ticket Prices

Single session.....\$8

Note: A single session admission ticket for \$1 will be sold for children under 6 years of age, if accompanied by a parent, at tournament site only.

(3) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus up to fourteen (14) alternate wrestlers and six (6) additional persons.
- (b) There is no provision for free admissions for administrators or cheerleaders.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)