

## **Alternates Advancing to the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament**

The use of alternates (Boys – Districts; Girls – Regionals) to the State Wrestling Tournament is permissible when a qualifying wrestler cannot compete due to:

1. Academic or disciplinary ineligibility.
2. Family matters necessitate being withdrawn.
3. Medical or illness occurs. Not passing the skin check is a medical matter.
4. Flagrant misconduct causing DQ.
5. Fails to make weight.
6. The alternate may be placed on the bracket line before the Friday weigh in ends. The alternate (s) shall be placed on a bracket line (s) as indicated below.

### **The Alternate Selection Procedure is:**

1. Alternate – District or Regional 5<sup>th</sup> Placer: Prior to the completion of the Friday Weigh in, if one qualifying wrestler from a district or regional is unable to wrestle, the 5<sup>th</sup> place wrestler from that district or regional shall be placed on the vacated bracket line in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. No other wrestler will be moved on the bracket.
2. Alternate – Other Districts or Regionals 5<sup>th</sup> Place: If the 5<sup>th</sup> place wrestler from the district or regional with the vacated spot is unable to wrestle, 5<sup>th</sup> place alternates from the remaining districts or regional become eligible for the vacated bracket line. If only 1 alternate is able to wrestle, he or she is placed on the bracket line. Otherwise, a coin flip (2 alternates) or random draw (3 alternates) determines which alternate is placed. No other wrestler is moved on the bracket.
3. Alternates – Multiple From Same District or Regional: If more than 1 wrestler from a district or regional in the same weight class is unable to wrestle, a coin flip (2 alternates) or random draw (3 alternates) determines on which bracket line the alternates are placed. No other wrestler is moved on the bracket.
4. Alternate – Bye/No Alternates: A Bye is placed on the bracket for a wrestler who fails to make weight & no alternate is available during the Friday Weigh in.

### **The Alternate Process (Prior to the Friday Weigh in) is:**

1. Once the Head Coach knows that one of his/her qualifiers cannot compete, he/she must contact Beau Rugg (cell: 614-738-3559), Wrestling Administrator, ASAP so the Alternate can be notified. Note: The qualifier will still receive tickets & a program. If anyone else is notified by the Head Coach, that person must tell him/her to contact Beau Rugg ASAP!
2. Beau Rugg will communicate this info to Tim Stried, Gary Baumgartner, Terry Young, Chris Kallai Jr., & Bruce Maurer. Bruce will contact Jennifer Flanagan.
3. OHSAA will prepare 6 additional packets for alternates, if needed.

### **The Alternate Process (During the Friday Weigh in) is:**

1. Cal Adams will process information regarding Alternates & their placement into the brackets. Cal will communicate this to Charts, Computer Services, & the PA Announcer.
2. A white board, located next to the weigh in area, will display the status of which weight classes have weighed in. When the tournament staff is notified that an alternate will replace a qualifier, an announcement will be made.
3. After the Friday weigh in is over, alternates will not be placed in the brackets.(2/13/23)