



2016 Northeast District Athletic Board

Tiebreaker criteria to avoid a required sixth match in a one day tournament for placement

(Per National Federation Rule 1.4.3, no wrestler shall wrestle in more than five matches championship or consolation), excluding forfeits in any one day of competition. **If a wrestler is scheduled to wrestle in more than five matches, the match must not be wrestled.** Instead the following criteria will be used.

Per National Federation Casebook—If one wrestler had wrestled in four matches and the other wrestler in five matches, then the wrestler with four matches would be the winner by forfeit. If it was the match for third place and both wrestlers had been in five matches, no match can be wrestled and no points will be awarded for third place. There will be no third place finisher. If it was the match for fifth place and both wrestlers had been in five matches, no match can be wrestled and no points will be awarded for fifth place. There will be no fifth place finisher.

If there is no third place finisher determined by physical wrestling in the sectional tournament, both wrestlers will advance to the district tournament. The following criteria will be used to determine their placement on the bracket for the district tournament.

1. If third place was determined by forfeit:

- a. The third place winner will be placed on the bracket on the line assigned to the **#3 Placer** in the pairing vs. the **#2 Placer** from another sectional.
- b. The fourth place winner will be placed on the bracket on the line assigned to the **#4 Placer** in the pairing vs. the **#1 Placer** from another sectional.
- c. An asterisk will be added to both names to indicate **“A placement match will be wrestled before the first round of the district tournament to determine actual position on the bracket.”**

2. If no match was wrestled and the wrestlers had met previously in the tournament, the winner of that match will be assigned the #3 position on the bracket for district. If they did not meet earlier, a coin-flip will be used to determine the initial placement on the bracket:

- a. The winner as determined will be placed on the bracket on the line assigned to the **#3 Placer** in the pairing vs. the **#2 Placer** from another sectional.
- b. The loser as determined will be placed on the bracket on the line assigned to the **#4 Placer** in the pairing vs. the **#1 Placer** from another sectional.
- c. An asterisk will be added to both names to indicate **“A placement match will be wrestled before the first round of the district tournament to determine actual position on the bracket.”**

3. Both wrestlers will weigh-in with the weight class and the placement match will be wrestled before the first round of the district tournament.

- a. Time for the periods will be 1-2-2.
- b. No team points will be awarded!
- c. The winner will be placed on the bracket on the line assigned to the #3 placer.
- d. The loser will be placed on the bracket on the line assigned to the #4 placer.

4. After an appropriate 45 minute rest, both wrestlers will then participate in their first round district match.

If there is no fifth place match, the alternate to district will be determined by NFHS rule. If both wrestlers had already wrestled five times and the wrestlers had met previously in the tournament, the winner of that match will be the alternate. If they did not meet earlier, the winner a coin-flip will be the alternate.