



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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## Sixth Match Placement Policy for One-Day Sectional Tournaments

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. Immediately after third-place is decided by criteria and not wrestled, the Tournament Manager will contact both coaches to determine if their wrestler desires to compete in a non-scored placement match the following Monday to determine actual position on the bracket for the district tournament.
- d. If a placement match is accepted (by both wrestlers), it will be wrestled on Monday following the sectional tournament at a NE site to be determined.
- e. District brackets will not be released until the results of the placement matches are final.

### 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. If the match cannot be wrestled, the Tournament Manager will contact both coaches to determine if their wrestler wants to compete in a non-scored placement match the following Monday to determine actual position on the bracket for the district tournament.
- d. If a placement match is accepted (by both wrestlers), it will be wrestled the Monday following the sectional tournament at a NE site to be determined.
- e. District brackets will not be released until the results of the placement matches are final.

**There will be no challenge match for the alternates. 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, the winner of the coin-flip will be the alternate.**

**Implementation Plan:**

1. **Before the district pairings are released, the tournament manager should contact both coaches to confirm that their wrestler is scheduled for a non-scored placement match.**
  - a. If the coach of the wrestler assigned to the **#4 Placer position** in the pairing wants to challenge for the #3 Placer position, there will be a match.
  - b. If the coach of the wrestler assigned to the **#3 Placer** in the pairing wants to forfeit, the two wrestlers will be swapped on the bracket and there will be no match. \*\*
  - c. If both coaches want to forfeit, the bracket will not be changed. \*\*
  - d. If a challenge placement match is going to be wrestled, the Sectional Manager must notify the District Manager, the Challenge Match Tournament Managers, **Ryan Peters** at ([rmp@beachwoodschoools.org](mailto:rmp@beachwoodschoools.org)), or **Randy Tevepaugh** at ([rtevepaugh@scsrockets.org](mailto:rtevepaugh@scsrockets.org)) and the **Baumspage Staff** at ([support@baumspage.com](mailto:support@baumspage.com)).
  - e. **District brackets will not be released until the results of the placement matches are final.**
  
2. **If there is a match, it will be wrestled the Monday prior to the district tournament. Wrestlers will weigh-in with their weight class. A two-pound (scratch plus 2) weight allowance will be implemented at weigh-ins (for example: 106 + 2 = 108). All Divisions will be wrestled at the Challenge Match Location(s).**
  - 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**.
  - e. If a wrestler fails to show to wrestle a match, he/she will forfeit and be assigned to the **#4 placer**.
  - f. If both wrestlers fail to show, then both wrestlers will be placed on the district bracket based on the original pairings.
  
3. **On Monday the Challenge Match Tournament Manager will report all results to the baumspage staff at [support@baumspage.com](mailto:support@baumspage.com) immediately following the last match!**
  - a. Site of Challenge Match – Beachwood/Streestboro High Schools.
  - b. Tournament Managers of Challenge Matches – Ryan Peters (Beachwood), Ryan Tevepaugh (Streetsboro).
  - c. Time of Weigh-in for Challenge Match – 5:00 PM.
  - d. Wrestling Begins – 6:00 PM.
  - e. Order of Matches – Wrestling will follow the order of weight classes and division starting with division III, II and then I. (Example: 106 III, 106 II, 106 I, etc.).
  - f. District brackets will be finalized and posted on Monday after the placement matches finish.

***\*\*It is highly recommended that the Tournament Manager keep written documentation of the coach indicating they want to forfeit in case they claim later something different!***