

Ohio High School Athletic Association
Southeast District Athletic Board
Sectional Wrestling Seeding Procedure Guidelines

The purpose of this document is to serve as a supplement to the OHSAA's Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulations that were adopted by the OHSAA Board of Directors on October 29, 2015 and to outline the Southeast District Athletic Board's guidelines for the sectional seed meetings to ensure that all meetings are administered consistently.

1. Seed meetings will begin no later than 15 minutes after the start of weigh-ins.
2. All entries and seeding criteria must be submitted via baumspage.com by 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 21.
3. After 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 21, all wrestlers are locked into the weight class as submitted. The only exceptions are outlined in section 9.3 of the OHSAA Individual Tournament Regulations (and listed below):
 - a. Academic or disciplinary ineligibility.
 - b. Family matters that necessitate a wrestler being withdrawn.
 - c. A medical emergency or illness experienced by the wrestler. Not passing the skin check is a medical matter
4. Only those wrestlers that meet the criteria listed in section 10.1 of the OHSAA Individual Tournament Regulations (and listed below) are seed eligible:
 - a. State Place in OHSAA Tournament last year – (1st-3rd places at any weight class).
 - b. State Place in OHSAA Tournament last year – (4th-8th places at any weight class). A "New" (Freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 25 wins and has defeated a wrestler listed above him on the list and has a higher winning percentage will be seeded above the returning state place winner at any weight class (4-8). In case of tie, the wrestler returning at the same weight class earns higher seed. *The coach must e-mail the credentials to the manager by 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 21.
 - c. District Place in OHSAA Tournament last year – (1st-6th places at any weight class). A "New" (Freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 20 wins and has a higher winning percentage than the returning district place winner will be seeded above the returning district place winner at any weight class (1-6). In case of tie, the wrestler returning at the same weight class earns higher seed. *The coach must e-mail the credentials to the manager by 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 21.
 - d. Current overall record (12-match minimum and .500 or better winning percentage).
 - i. If there is a tie in winning percentage the wrestler with the most wins will receive the higher seed.
 - ii. If that does not break the tie, a coin-flip will determine the seed.
 - e. Challenges will be permitted based on head-to-head competition and common tournament placement.
 - i. A coach's vote or concession of all will be the final determination.
5. The seed nomination list will be posted on [baumspage](http://baumspage.com) Thursday evening by 9:30 PM and will be distributed at the seed meeting. Coaches will have the opportunity to verify and correct any erroneous information before the meeting begins. Corrections to seed nominations must be reported to the tournament manager before the seed meeting begins. Once the seed meeting begins, coaches may not change, add or remove a wrestler for nomination.
6. The list will be used as a starting point, but coach's vote/concession will be the final determination.
7. No more than six wrestlers in each weight class will be seeded.
8. When available, an alternate will be selected, but will not be placed on a pre-determined line.
9. Coaches may challenge a seed based on head-to-head results or higher placement in the same weight class at common tournaments in the current year.
10. Challenges that arise as a result of a three way tie among common opponents in the same weight class will not be voted upon.
11. Head coaches only may vote for seeds when challenges occur.
12. If a tie occurs during a vote at any point, the tie will be broken with a coin flip. The seed nominee listed first will be heads. The tournament manager will flip the coin. If necessary, a revote will be taken for any remaining wrestlers to break the tie. If a tie again occurs, the above process is repeated.
13. The brackets will be drawn during the meeting assuming all wrestlers entered in the weight class will make weight and clear skin check.
 - a. The bracket will not be official until the weigh-in is finished.
 - b. If the bracket has been completed and a seeded wrestler drops out or fails to make weight:

- i. Seeded wrestlers will be rotated up to their appropriate line, and the replacement from their team placed on the line of the alternate.
 - ii. Non-seeded wrestlers lines on the bracket will become byes if a bye is legal'
 - iii. If a bye is not permitted, a coin flip (or series of flips) will determine which line will become a bye, and which wrestler must be moved to make the bracket legal.
- c. If the bracket has not been printed the entries will be adjusted and the bracket will be redrawn.
14. If any weight class has 17 wrestlers, the 17th wrestler will automatically be placed on line 1 as a rattail with the #1 seed.
If any weight class has 18 wrestlers, the 18th wrestler will automatically be placed on line 16 with #2 seed.