

# 2023-24 NFHS WRESTLING RULES BOOK

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2023-24 NFHS Wrestling Rules Rule 9-2

**ART. 3 . . .** In tournaments, individual placement points shall be awarded as soon as earned. Placement points already earned shall be deducted in case of forfeit (other than injury) or disqualification from the tournament. Points for team scoring shall be awarded as follows:

- a. Two team advancement points shall be scored for each match won in the championship bracket, except for the first-place match. **A wrestler who receives a bye in a round where at least one match is wrestled shall be awarded two advancement points by winning the next match.** No points are awarded for the bye if the wrestler loses the next match;
- b. One team advancement point shall be scored for each match won in the consolation elimination, except for the final third-, fifth- and seventh-place matches. **A wrestler who receives a bye in a round where at least one match is wrestled shall receive one advancement point, provided the wrestler wins the next round match.**

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## SECTION 3 TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

**ART. 1 . . .** When the number of competitors is not a power of 2, that is 4, 8, 16, 32 and 64, there shall be byes in the first round. The number of byes shall be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next higher power of two.

**ART. 2 . . .** **There shall be no byes after the first round of competition in both the championship and consolation brackets, and no further drawing is necessary for championship or consolation rounds.**

**ART. 3 . . .** When byes are required for the first round, individuals receiving byes shall be placed by mutual consent or drawn so they are distributed evenly throughout the bracket.

**ART. 4 . . .** No quarter-bracket or half-bracket shall have more than one bye in excess of its paired bracket.

**Team points on Trackwrestling are not scored by NFHS Rules.**

**Tournaments that use a bracket larger than the number of wrestlers based on powers of 2 automatically awards bye points for rounds that have no matches.**

There are errors on both the championship and consolation sides of the bracket.

### 1. On the championship side:

- a. On a **32-man bracket with 16 or less wrestlers** all winners in the **Round of 16** will receive **two bye points** for the **Round of 32** with **NO matches**.
- b. On a **64-man bracket with 16 or less wrestlers** all winners in the **Round of 16** will receive **two bye points** for the **Round of 64** and the **Round of 32** with **NO matches** in either round.
- c. On a **16-man bracket with 8 wrestlers or less** all winners in the **Quarterfinals** will receive **two bye points** for the **First Round** with **NO matches**.
- d. On an **8-man bracket with 4 wrestlers or less** all winners in the **semifinals** will receive **two bye points** for the **First Round** with **NO matches**

### 2. On the consolation side:

- a. On a **16-man bracket with 12 wrestlers or less** there are no byes in the **First Consolation** but wrestlers listed in the **First Consolation** will receive **one bye point** if they win their match in the **Second Consolation**.
- b. On an **8-man bracket with 6 wrestlers or less** there are no byes in the **First Consolation** but those wrestlers listed in the **First Consolation** will receive **one bye point** if they win their match in the **Second Consolation**.

3. The Trackwrestling support suggests using an appropriate bracket type based on the number of wrestlers but doing so does not guarantee that the bracket will be scored correctly.
  - a. **Even if you select the appropriate bracket type, the Trackwrestling scoring algorithm will not score the consolation side correctly if the brackets have First Consolations with NO matches.**
  - b. See 1 a to d above to avoid the bye points for byes in rounds with no matches.
  - c. **Your only option is to designate the matches as non-scoring or deduct the extra bye points after the points are awarded.**
4. Click the following link [2023 OHSAA Sectional and Regional Trackwrestling Scoring Errors](#) to view the breakdown of weight classes where bye points were added in weight classes with NO matches.
  - a. All of the 11 sectionals and 3 regionals had scoring errors ranging from 4 points to 113 points in the sectionals.
  - b. And a total of 480 unearned Bye points.
5. The [Trackwrestling Help Files](#) link includes sample files with known scoring issues.
  - a. They include screenshots and descriptions of the errors.
  - b. We are hopeful that the Trackwrestling programmers will correct the error, but if not, be prepared to adjust team points accordingly.
  - c. Please submit a ticket to [support@trackwrestling.com](mailto:support@trackwrestling.com) and request their assistance,