



Ohio High School Athletic Association 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. An asterisk will be added to both names to indicate **“A placement match will be wrestled the Monday following the sectional tournament at a NE site to determine actual position on the bracket for the following district tournament.”**

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 the Monday following the sectional tournament at a NE site to determine actual position on the bracket for the following district tournament.”**

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.

Non-Scored Placement Match - Addendum: 2017

~over~

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 prior to the start of the tournament.**
 - 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. **

2. **If there is a match, both wrestlers will weigh-in with the weight class and the placement match will be wrestled the Monday prior to the district tournament. A five-pound weight allowance will be implemented at weigh ins. All Divisions will be wrestled at the Challenge Mat Location.**
 - 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 assigned from original criteria.

3. **After matches are wrestled and scored, results will be sent to the District Tournament Manager from the Challenge Match Tournament Manager Monday evening.**
 - a. Site of Challenge Match – TBD
 - b. Tournament Manager of Challenge Match – TBD
 - c. Time of Weigh in for Challenge Match – TBD
 - d. Order of Matches – TBD
 - e. If there is no fifth place match wrestled at the sectional tournament, **no** Challenge matches will be wrestled for 5th place

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