

Seeding Process for South East AAA Regional

What is changing?

All 16 wrestlers in each weight class of the South East AAA Regional tournament will be seeded based on a combination of how they placed in the qualifying tournament and a seeding points calculation.

Currently only the champions of the 4 qualifying tournaments are truly seeded, while all other qualifiers are placed into the bracket based on their placement in the qualifying tournaments.

Purpose of the Changes

The goal of the seeding changes is to seed all wrestlers in the tournament more accurately than the current system. The intent is to not only get the best 5 AAA wrestlers per weight to represent District 1 at the PIAA State Championships, but also to get them in the best order of finish as well.

This new procedure accounts for the qualifying tournaments not being balanced, since they were created purely by geography.

Main Seeding Changes

The new seeding will comprise of 2 main components:

1. Placement in the qualifying tournament the week prior to the Regional
2. Seeding points calculation

Adjusted Seeding Points Calculation

The points calculation that has been used for several seasons in District 1 will be used, with a minor adjustment. After the qualifying tournament, each wrestler will receive additional points for their placement in the qualifying tournament as well as for the caliber of competition they had in the qualifying tournament. The same criteria as the regular season formula will be used to determine those additional points.

The seeding formula used prior to the start of the post-season can be found here:

<https://www.piaad1.org/sports/winter-sports/wrestling-b/seeding-procedures/>

For example, Wrestler A has 125 points prior to the start of the post-season. Winning his qualifying tournament earns him an additional 25 points. During the qualifying tournament, he also beat a returning regional champ (which earns 30 more points) and lost to a returning state 5th placer (which earns 4 more points). Wrestler A's seeding points for the regional tournament will be 184.

The steering committee can make adjustments in seeding points for "outstanding wrestlers" who missed parts of the season due to injury. The language for that eligibility is in the link above, but it may have to be altered slightly to account for this new regional seeding.

Key Notes

With these changes, there are a few items that should be noted.

- Wrestlers cannot be seeded above anyone who placed higher than them in their qualifying tournament.
- First round matchups could feature wrestlers from the same qualifying tournament.

- One qualifying tournament could have the top 4 seeds (or the bottom 4 seeds) in a weight class.
- Qualifying tournament champions could be seeded anywhere from #1 to #13.

Seeding all 16 wrestlers per weight class strictly via seeding points is not recommended as that takes away the importance of the qualifying tournament placement (ie: wrestlers could forfeit after advancing to the finals).

New Regional Seeding Procedure

All 16 wrestlers per weight class who qualify for the South East AAA Regional will be seeded. Should a wrestler withdraw from the regional for any reason, the entire bracket would be reseeded with the replacement.

Order for Wrestlers to Get Seeded

Wrestlers will be sorted by their placement in the qualifying tournament (higher place to lower place) and then by their seeding points (highest to lowest). This order will be used to determine when a wrestler is seeded.

Seeding Criteria

When seeding each wrestler, there are 2 main criteria used. Each wrestler will be seeded:

1. AFTER the wrestler who placed just above him in their qualifying tournament
2. BEFORE the highest seeded wrestler below the previous placer with fewer points than the wrestler being seeded

Detailed Example of New Seeding through 8 Wrestlers

Sample order of all 16 wrestlers to seed in a weight class:

Order	Section	Place	Points	Order	Section	Place	Points
1	East	1	272.65	9	East	3	98.33
2	West	1	214.67	10	West	3	95.31
3	South	1	84.43	11	North	3	78.07
4	North	1	80.42	12	South	3	66.00
5	West	2	238.50	13	East	4	108.35
6	South	2	103.57	14	West	4	105.48
7	East	2	101.41	15	North	4	67.00
8	North	2	76.08	16	South	4	33.33

All champions will start off the seeding by being seeded #1 to #4, like this:

Seed	Section	Place	Points
1	East	1	272.65
2	West	1	214.67
3	South	1	84.43
4	North	1	80.42

Next, **West-2** will be seeded. He will be placed in the #3 slot because he must be placed after West-1 (current #2) and because he has more points (238.5) than South-1 (84.43):

Seed	Section	Place	Points
1	East	1	272.65
2	West	1	214.67
3	West	2	238.50
4	South	1	84.43
5	North	1	80.42

Next, **South-2** will be seeded. He will be placed in the #5 slot because he must be placed after South-1 (current #4) and because he has more points (103.57) than North-1 (80.42):

Seed	Section	Place	Points
1	East	1	272.65
2	West	1	214.67
3	West	2	238.50
4	South	1	84.43
5	South	2	103.57
6	North	1	80.42

Next, **East-2** will be seeded. He will be placed in the #4 slot because he must be placed after East-1 (current #1) and because he has fewer points (101.41) than both West-1 (214.67) and West-2 (238.50) but more points than South-1 (84.43).

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Next, **North-2** will be seeded. He will be placed in the #8 slot because he must be placed after North-1 (currently the #7 and final seed).

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1	East	1	272.65
2	West	1	214.67
3	West	2	238.50
4	East	2	101.41
5	South	1	84.43
6	South	2	103.57
7	North	1	80.42
8	North	2	76.08

This process is followed until all 16 wrestlers in each weight class have been seeded.

Example Seeding of the Last 8 Wrestlers

The rest of the seeding would be as follows:

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