



WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

TO: Boys Wrestling Tournament Sectional Managers
FROM: Mel Dow, Associate Director
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SUBJECT: Boys Wrestling Tournament Sectional Manual
Seeding Information and Procedures
Information for Medical Personnel
Coaches Meeting Announcements

This booklet is to supplement information regarding the 2026 tournament series found on pages 44-54 of the Winter Edition of Season Regulations.

Reminders:

1. Sectional hosts are required to use and insist upon universal procedures being observed when handling blood/body fluids. No Glove = No Touch!
2. Mats should be disinfected before and after each round – or more frequently if possible. Hosts are encouraged to devise a method to disinfect the soles of wrestlers' shoes when they report to wrestle.
3. Campaigns, promotions, lotteries, raffles, fundraising, contests and solicitation are prohibited at WIAA Tournaments.
4. Any non-editorial, commercial or other unauthorized use of any transmission, internet stream, photo, image, film, videotape, audio tape, any play-by-play depiction or description of any competition and/or game action and/or any non-editorial or commercial use of any team school name or logo, is prohibited without written consent of the WIAA.

Note: At all WIAA tournament sites, the public address system is only to be used for announcements necessary for the administration of the contest.

WIAA OFFICIALS/CONTRACTS

Officials assigned to your tournament can be found on the WIAA website.

1. The WIAA office will be sending all contracts to officials via Arbiter and paying officials via ArbiterPay. Please take time to contact your officials to confirm the time of arrival. Send a copy of the Seeding Information and Procedures pages to each official.
 - a. Sectionals: Girls and boys sectionals have been assigned as separate events. The committee has assigned officials. All officials are to work the entire tournament. Neither the coaches, nor the officials themselves, are to identify one or more officials that work less than the others. Note: Assistant referees shall be used during all final championship matches, as well as 2nd place wrestlebacks.
 - b. Officials' fees and mileage are listed on page 48 of the Winter Edition of Season Regulations.
2. Family members or others accompanying officials must pay full admission. NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Assigning of leg bands should not be done by head table. This is to be done by the official.

4. Only one official is to work each match except the championship matches. Assistants are to be used for championship matches, as well as 2nd place wrestlebacks.
5. Remind officials and coaches that officials are not to make rulings on any parts of the 7% Rule or on the WIAA ejection rule.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

All sectional hosts will again use the USA Bracketing program, for running/seeding/scoring and reporting their event. Details about using the program and technical support will be provided separately. If you choose to contract an outside entity to operate USA Bracketing, those fees will be the host school's responsibility. Make certain all laptops you will use are updated and current before your meet begins.

Note: Despite our confidence with USA Bracketing, hosts are encouraged to consider having a back-up plan. In an unanticipated emergency, results may be printed/typed information on forms available in this packet, or a copy of completed brackets from each weight class. These forms would be faxed to WIAA upon request only. No need to send them unless requested.

1. Sectional Managers
 - a. Contact schools in your sectional letting them know when you require team line-up information:
 - i. Boys - no later than 11:59 p.m. Thursday, February 12. Head to head must be entered between 11:59 p.m. Thursday and 11:59 p.m. Friday.
 - b. At sectional tournaments, there shall be a limited wrestleback opportunity only in cases where the 3rd place finisher has not met the 2nd place finisher (Match 23, pg. 47 of Winter Season Regulations).
 - c. Reminder – All consolation matches are 2 minute first periods.

BRACKET CARDS

1. Fifteen (15) bracket cards to display pairings are being shipped SPEE-DEE delivery for all boys tournaments.

SEEDING/COACHES' MEETING

1. Do not start the seeding meeting before the end of the weigh-ins.
2. With the use of the USA Bracketing software, seeding at sectionals ought to be virtually complete. Officials should consult the enclosed guidelines for resolving any disagreements.
3. Remind coaches of the items on the sheet titled "Coaches Meeting Announcements." Consider reproducing this information and handing it to each head coach.

ADMISSIONS

1. To expedite teams checking in, consider packaging each schools' passes and other materials having them available at a check-in desk.
2. Each school in a tournament (including host school whether in tournament or not) shall be allowed no more than two admissions without charge for use by school personnel, designated by the school. The visiting athletic director should call the host school athletic director, indicating who will be in

attendance and would appreciate the ticket(s) left at the door, available upon showing proper identification.

3. Free admission shall be provided only for:

a. Wrestlers:

i. Sectional – Actual number of wrestlers but not more than 14 for boys.

1. Note: More than 14 can weigh in, but only the 14 competing will have free admission. All others will need to pay admission.

b. One manager

c. Head coach and assistant coach

d. No more than six cheerleaders

D. Ticket prices:

Sectionals: All sessions – \$10

2nd session & Finals – \$8

Finals and Wrestlebacks – \$7

Host schools may sell, if facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and younger when accompanied by an adult.

WHAT SPECTATORS MAY BRING IN

1. Temporary banners are allowed, with some restrictions. This includes only the kind which are carried by hand. These banners may NOT have offensive language, be used to disrupt wrestlers or officials, interfere with spectators, or be carried around the facility. Permanent banners of the host school are allowed such as those hanging in a gymnasium depicting conference schools, or with welcoming messages.
2. Paper confetti is absolutely prohibited.
3. Shakers and pennants for spectators, cheerleaders, and pom-pom squads are allowed even if attached to wooden/plastic sticks. "Homer hankies", towels and "hands" with "No. 1 fingers" are permitted. These items may contain no printing except school name, team nickname, and/or school mascot.
4. Laser pointers, noisemakers, portable sound systems and amplification equipment are prohibited for use by spectators. Bands may use amplifying devices with permission from meet managers.

STATE PAIRINGS

1. Coaches are not to call the WIAA office or USA Bracketing for pairings. State pairings will be applied through USA Bracketing and available to managers, coaches, and athletic directors on the Sunday following sectionals. Pairings for state may be obtained by accessing the wrestling category on the WIAA website at: Wrestling - Tournament Info.
 - a. USA Bracketing will be utilized to seed the state individual brackets.

SUBSTITUTION

1. In the event of a potential a 3rd place finisher advancing to state, please note the following substitution information as it appears on page 45 of the WIAA Wrestling Regulations – carefully:

- a. There is a provision in the tournament program permitting replacement of a wrestler who has qualified from one level to the next but is unable to continue (excluding not making weight).
- b. The provision extends ONLY to 3rd place wrestlers in all sectional brackets.
- c. There is no provision for moving up any other wrestlers.**
- d. Notification should be given as early as possible so the substitute can prepare. There is, however, no deadline. Substitution can be made up to weigh-in time.
- e. If substitution is necessary because a first place winner (sectional-to-state) is unable to continue, the second place qualifier will move into the winner's position and the third place wrestler into the second place wrestler's position. Contact USA Bracketing personnel if assistance is needed for substitution situations.
- f. If there is no substitute, the original placements stand.**
- g. If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible substitute, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- h. If a wrestler fails to make weight, his opponent receives a forfeit.
- i. A school whose wrestler is unable to continue in the tournament program is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the following:
 - i. School of wrestler who will advance
 - ii. School hosting next round of competition
 - iii. WIAA office

SPELLING

1. It is important that you spell names correctly and clearly. Please do not type names in all caps or all lowercase.
2. Check and recheck names and records at seeding meetings. Make necessary corrections on the USA Bracketing program.
3. Create PRINTED OR TYPED "back-up" results form, or have a copy of completed brackets available in the same sequence and format as the enclosed sample bracket form. Fax them to WIAA only upon request.
4. Information is carried through to the state level so spelling is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

MAT AREA

1. For efficiency, the use of three mats through the semifinals is recommended. You may use three for finals, also. However, if you have only been assigned three officials, be sure to "tempo" your matches. Give the officials an opportunity to catch their breath. Note: Assistant referees shall be used during the final championship match as well as the 2nd place wrestle-back matches in all divisions.
2. All wrestling surfaces (28' circle) must have 5' minimum padded area before any other surface.
3. It is your responsibility to see to it only authorized personnel are inside the restricted area. Only two coaches are allowed in the corner with a wrestler. EXCEPTION: If you as tournament manager wish to allow video taping, a third person may be in the corner with video or still camera or the chair may be used by a third coach.
4. Cheerleaders should not be allowed inside the restricted area.

5. A restraining rope shall be used around the wrestling area to help with control of spectators, cheerleaders, etc.

WEIGH IN AREA

1. NF weigh-in procedures must be followed. Conduct weigh-ins in a large area and out of tight spaces such as the locker room. Have wrestlers called into weigh-ins by weight class to help reduce the size of the line at weigh-ins.
 - a. Note: Please review NF rule 4-5-9 regarding artificial limbs.
2. Multiple scales may be used for tournament weigh-ins, at the discretion of the tournament host.
3. The weigh-in area/room should be clearly identified.
4. Scales should be accessible to wrestlers upon arrival, in advance of weigh-ins.
5. All contestants shall weigh in wearing their competition uniform and a suitable undergarment (NF Rule 4-5-7). Female wrestlers wearing male singlets must wear a form-fitted compression shirt.
6. Athletes may not leave in order to obtain medical clearance for a possible skin condition. Covering a communicable condition shall not be considered acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate.

MATCH SEQUENCE AND LENGTH

1. For sectional individual tournaments – matches are assigned in weight class order starting with 106.
2. For team (dual) sectional starting weight will be 106.
3. Run matches between semifinal winners and semifinal losers at the same time (all two minute first periods).
4. All consolation and any wrestleback matches necessary are also two minute first periods.
 - a. Notes: All divisions must conduct wrestleback matches to determine second place. (These matches are to be six minutes in length.)
5. Due to wrestleback possibilities, sectional consolation matches are all two-minute first periods. All 5th and 7th place matches are one minute first periods. (pg. 44)
6. The sixteen-wrestler sectional bracket must be used even if you have fewer than 16 wrestlers (see Winter Season Regulations, p. 45, item 4b). Note: for weight classes with more than 16 entries, a modified bracket will be used to provide preliminary matches.
7. Errors involving the computation of match score must be corrected prior to the next match in which either wrestler competes. If the error necessitates additional wrestling it must be corrected prior the offended contestant leaving the mat area and prior to the start of the next match on that mat.

MEDICAL COVERAGE

1. Have a doctor on hand or available (on call).
2. Consider using a licensed athletic trainer if one is available.
 - a. Note: It is recommended to have a LAT/physician present for the skin checks.
3. The physician or licensed athletic trainer you have on hand will determine whether an injured wrestler may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. (NF 8-2-5) He/she may consult with

another physician if he/she desires, but his/her decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining wrestlers that are or may be injured.

4. Make a copy of pages 10 and 11 of this document and hand them to all/any medical personnel covering your tournament.

BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Host schools must have someone on hand that has been properly trained to handle situations involving blood on any part of the facilities; for example, wrestling mats, gym floors, locker room floors, etc.
2. Host schools must have available proper consumable supplies for the above person to use including disinfectant, rubber gloves, and proper containers for disposal of blood stained materials.
3. Participating schools must handle the cleaning up of blood from their own athletes and must use proper precautions including rubber gloves and disinfectants. Please insist that coaches use gloves!
4. Officials are not to be involved in cleaning up blood from playing surfaces or athletes.

VIDEO EQUIPMENT

1. Spectators may use hand-held video cameras from regular seating areas. Tripods and power cables are not allowed.
2. School photographers should have a letter from the principal – should not be commercial photographers. Photos taken with a school photographer credential may not be sold, rented, transmitted on the internet or shared.
3. You may place a third chair at each corner by the two coaches' chairs. This third chair, if made available, may be used by someone video taping or using a still camera, or a third coach.

AWARDS

1. The only sectional awards are individual medals for champion and runner-up in all brackets. Teams will be provided a sectional champion plaque at their individual tournaments.
2. Awards will be mailed to you by WIAA's jeweler.
3. Immediately inspect for damage and contents.
4. If there is damage, save the original shipping carton and notify the WIAA office immediately.

REPORTING RESULTS

1. Sectional Managers
 - a. With all sites using the USA Bracketing, compiling and forwarding results should be easy. We suggest you create a paper back-up copy of your results to be faxed only upon request. We must have clear and legible reporting of the names of the top 3 finishers as well as team scores. Contact the WIAA office if you would like a copy of result brackets in PDF format.

WEATHER GUIDELINES

1. With the potential for bad weather, pre-planning and communication with all teams, officials and event staff will help ensure a safe and successful competition. Weather guidelines:
 - a. Make every effort to get the tournament completed on the designated date, as scheduled.

- b. Adjust times to later starts as might be dictated by travel conditions – in order to still complete the tournament on the designated date. (Make weigh-in decisions in concert with the head referee if a later start is warranted.)
 - c. If it appears that weather may affect travel in your region, “phone trees” can be a big help. Exchange as much info in advance to facilitate effective emergency communication.
 - i. Have a phone staffed at your site and/or provide cell and home phone numbers of regional manager and athletic director to all participating schools.
 - ii. Encourage all teams to call before departing if conditions warrant it.
 - iii. Have a cell phone number for each team bus.
 - iv. Have officials’ cell and home phone numbers. Be certain they have all the necessary contact numbers for the tournament manager and school as well.
2. Before making or communicating a decision to postpone the tournament, contact:
Mel Dow – (Cell) 608-444-5026

USE OF WIAA LOGO

The WIAA logos are registered service marks with the U.S. Patent Office and are protected from unlawful use.

Use of the WIAA marks and logos obligate a vendor doing business with the WIAA or with a WIAA member school to adhere to WIAA licensing policy. For royalty and licensing fees information, please have a vendor interested in using the WIAA marks to contact the WIAA office in connection with any commercial or noncommercial venture using WIAA marks on any merchandise and/or apparel, or with any promotion or service.

Member schools are permitted and encouraged to use the WIAA name, emblem and/or logos in printed materials, playing surfaces and in competition facilities during regular season and Tournament Series events. No approval from the WIAA is required for these uses. Please contact the WIAA office to request a copy of the WIAA logo.

Member schools may contract with any outside vendor to produce merchandise and apparel that includes the WIAA brand or marks for WIAA Tournament Series events and other promotional purposes. However, the vendor must be licensed by the WIAA to use the WIAA marks in order to display the logo or marks on merchandise, apparel or promotion. Vendors without license to use WIAA marks must contact the WIAA for royalty and license fee information.

The WIAA retains the right to require submission, upon request, of samples of any product for the purpose of licensing compliance and quality control.

Any use of the WIAA name, emblem and/or logos on all merchandise and apparel, including—but not limited to—patches, shirts, sweatshirts, hats, shorts, pants, towels, artifacts, souvenirs, equipment, official/umpire gear and apparel, spectator/business giveaways and promotions require licensing through the WIAA to produce and distribute.

SECTIONAL MANAGERS ONLY

1. Managers of individual sectional tournaments should have a completed bracket or list of top 3 finishers in each weight class, to be available to the WIAA upon request.
2. The top 3 finishers in all brackets should be clearly identified as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on any back-up documents.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Sectional Managers – page 50 of Winter Season Regulations.

SECTIONAL SEEDING MEETING FORMAT

The following guidelines are provided in response to coaches' request for greater uniformity and consistency in seeding the Sectional tournament.

1. Prior to the tournament, participating schools will provide the host school with a list of contestants / weight class by set deadline.
2. Coaches can make changes leading up to the beginning of the seeding meeting.
3. Immediately following weigh in, all officials and coaches should report to the seeding meeting.
4. The host school shall provide all schools with a list of contestants / weight class. If time permits (no delay), the host school may provide all schools with a copy of the weigh in sheets.
5. Prior to the onset of the meeting, the head official will announce any changes / wt. class that were made at the weigh in.
6. The head official will now announce that each school, in confidence, shall verify their contestants / wt. class. This means that they may alter their line up in any manner as long as the wrestler is eligible for that weight class. This will be done with the head referee meeting with each head coach independently in an environment outside the seeding meeting room (hallway, etc.). The coach cannot request, and officials may not divulge how other schools have adjusted their lineup. Coaches need not meet with the head official if their lineup remains unchanged, but they may. No lineup changes may be made after this point.
7. The head official will now go back into the seeding room and announce the changes that were presented to him in confidence.
8. Seeding meetings will now begin and will be run according to pages 45-46 in the WINTER SEASON REGULATIONS. (Reprinted on the following pages)
9. All periods throughout the day will be 2 minutes in length, except for the 5th and 7th place matches.

WIAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING
SEEDING INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

With the use of USA Bracketing software, seeding the sectional tournaments should be virtually completed by the program. The following rules and procedures will be used in all WIAA regional wrestling tournaments as necessary to resolve disagreements or to place unseeded wrestlers. They are also recommended for use at all conference and invitational meets.

- (1) USA Bracketing shall be used for seeding of all regional tournaments.
- (2) Materials to have on hand: Computer, projector and screen.
 - a. Tournament hosts should provide to all coaches a list of participants by weight, not by team, with their records. For example, 106 pound wrestlers should be listed not alphabetically but according to their record, with the best winning percentage listed first and the one with the poorest record listed last.
- (3) When drawing a bracket, every wrestler shall be seeded and all seeds are placed on the bracket.
- (4) General considerations.
 - (a) Do not start your meeting early unless all coaches are present and ready to start. The meeting must be conducted by a licensed WIAA wrestling official and they will have final authority.
 - (b) The seeding meeting is a working session and attendance should be limited to coaches and at the host's option, working media. The seeding meeting should not be open to spectators.
 - (c) Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the head official will meet with each head coach in confidence and they shall verify their contestants / weight class. This means they may alter their line up in any manner as long as the wrestler is eligible for that weight class. Coaches may not request to see nor may the official divulge other school's lineup changes during this process.
 - (d) Final line up changes will now be announced by the head official prior to the start of the seeding meeting.
 - (e) Any ground rules to be used that are not already entered into USA Bracketing must be established by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present with the official voting if there is a tie.
 - (f) Appeals will only be allowed for wrestlers who do not meet the criteria (10 matches)
 - 1) The coach making the appeal shall make a statement regarding factual information indicating a seed is justified.
 - 2) Any head coach present may either support or make a statement of disagreement regarding the request. His opinions should also be limited to factual information.
 - 3) A simple majority vote of the head coaches present and voting will prevail (a coach does not need to vote). A tie vote means the appeal lost. The head official may not vote on such appeals.
 - (g) The following ground rules should be followed.
 - 1) Percentage win / loss records of a wrestler will be a basic consideration.
 - 2) All wrestlers are seeded. Those wrestlers with 10 or more matches will be seeded first. Those with less than ten matches will be seeded immediately following.
 - 3) The following criteria should be used to calculate record percentages.
 - a) A wrestler may not assume losses in order to build up their record to the minimum number of 10.
 - b) Only varsity experience shall be counted. It is considered a varsity competition if either wrestler is representing varsity. All varsity experience shall be counted regardless of the weight class the record was earned at.

c) Matches won by a forfeit shall be included in the win record of a wrestler. This would not apply if the whole team won by a forfeit. For example, the opposing team did not show up for the contest. Forfeit losses caused by an earlier default in a tournament shall not be included on a wrestler's record unless they return to competition in that tournament.

d) Wins and losses resulting from defaults shall be included in a wrestler's record.

e) All byes in the championship bracket or consolation bracket received during regular season tournaments will count as wins if the wrestler won his next match in the bracket.

4) A wrestler deserving a seed may not refuse nor request a lower seed (with the possible exception noted in 5c below).

5) If a percentage tie exists, and the wrestlers have not met earlier in the season, the wrestler with the greater number of total matches receives the higher seed.

6) If a percentage tie exists, and they have met earlier in the season, the outcome of that match will get the better seed. Also, if two wrestlers are consecutively seeded (such as 3 and 4) and they have met earlier in the season, the winner of that match will get the better seed. Any ties in seeding criteria (record, number of matches, etc.) will be resolved by a random draw.

7) Excuses for losses, such as illness, are NEVER to be considered.

8) The appeal mechanism as described above is always available.

9) All wrestlers in a bracket will be seeded and when byes exist, the highest seed(s) will receive bye(s).

(5) Some additional considerations that may be considered through the appeal mechanism.

(a) In cases where a wrestler has wrestled far fewer times than another wrestler in their weight class, their record need not be considered best. For example, an 18 and 3 record may be considered better than a 9-1.

(b) The caliber of competition within which a record has been established may be considered. For example, some good records may have been earned at the expense of junior varsity type opposition.

(c) The basic objective of seeding is to place the best wrestlers so that they will advance the furthest in the tournament before they meet. With this in mind, coaches present may, by simple majority vote, do virtually anything they wish. An example of a mechanism that may help resolve a difficult situation is the following: If in a given weight class, there is one wrestler who is clearly superior to all others, they should be given the number one seed. If the next three wrestlers are very close in ability, rather than place one of them in the same half-bracket with the outstanding wrestler, it would be permissible to place these wrestlers in the lower half-bracket. In effect what this does is to allow them to decide the second best wrestler by actually wrestling one another. It would be advisable to identify the number two seed so that they would be placed in the quarter-bracket of the lower half away from the number three and four seeds. Such a procedure would, of course, be done by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present.

Information For Medical Personnel

Schools are encouraged to share the following information with any physicians, trainers, therapists, etc., that cover their wrestling tournaments. This is information they need to be aware of as they care for athletes needing their attention.

The best procedure would be to make copies of the information and either mail it to them in advance of contest day, or hand it to them upon their arrival for the contest.

Wrestling Rules Medical Personnel Need To Be Aware Of

A. EQUIPMENT

The legality of all equipment, including mats, markings, uniforms and special equipment, pads and taping, shall be decided by the referee. An official's time-out may be declared for the purpose of correcting legal equipment which becomes illegal or inoperative through use.

B. APPEARANCE AND HEALTH

Each contestant shall comply with standard health, sanitary and safety measures. (See Rules 3-1-4 and 4-2-1 b.)

Because of the body contact involved, these standards shall constitute the sole reasons for disqualification.

Application of this rule shall not be arbitrary or capricious.

If a participant is suspected of having a communicable skin disease or any other condition that makes participation appear inadvisable, their coach shall provide current and complete written documentation from a physician stating that the suspected disease or condition is not communicable and that the athlete's participation would not be harmful to their opponent. This document shall be furnished at the weigh-in or prior to competition at the site of the dual meet or tournament. Wrestlers may not leave the tournament site in order to obtain medical clearance for a possible skin condition. Covering a communicable condition shall not be considered acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate.

C. ARTIFICIAL LIMBS

NF Rule 4-5-9 states: Any contestant who has been authorized to wear an artificial limb, shall weigh-in with the artificial limb if the contestant chooses to wrestle with it on. Once a wrestler has weighed in with the artificial limb, it shall not be removed during competition.

D. ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES:

1. Anything that does not permit normal movement of the joints and which prevents one's opponent from applying normal holds shall not be permitted. Any equipment which is hard and/or abrasive must be covered and padded. All special equipment must be unadorned and includes, but is not limited to hair coverings, face masks, braces and support.

2. Loose pads are prohibited.

3. Taping or strapping which substantially restricts the normal movement of a joint shall be prohibited.

Note: The taping of fingers and thumb, as is determined to be necessary by an MD or LAT, is not a violation.

E. INJURIES

1. An injured or ill contestant is entitled to a maximum time-out of 1 1/2 minutes which is cumulative throughout the match. There is a limit of two time-outs which may be permitted in any match, provided the total time does not exceed 1 1/2 minutes. If a second time-out is taken, the opponent will get their choice of position on the restart. (They may choose up, down or neutral.) If the second time-out occurs at the end of the first period, your opponent will have the choice at the start of the second and third period.

Time required to correct illegal equipment is counted as injury time. Time used to recover and/or replace a contact lens may be charged against a contestant's injury time and count as an injury time-out if the referee determines that this disrupts the flow of the match.

Note: Taking an injury time-out for a non-injury situation is unethical.

2. If a contestant is injured as a result of an illegal hold, unnecessary roughness or unsportsmanlike conduct (during the match) to the extent they are unable to continue following a maximum of 2 minutes recovery time, they shall be awarded the match by default. In case of an intentional attempt to injure an opponent, the offender shall be disqualified. Recovery time for injury because of an illegal hold is not deducted from the injured wrestler's injury time allowance and coaching is allowed.

Note: A contestant cannot take injury time immediately following recovery time.

F. BLEEDING

Any contestant who is bleeding will be charged with bleeding time. The number of time-outs for bleeding is left to the discretion of the referee. If bleeding is not controlled within a cumulative time of five minutes, the match shall be terminated and their opponent shall be awarded the match by default. If bleeding occurs as a result of unsportsmanlike conduct, illegal holds or unnecessary roughness and the bleeding contestant uses 5 minutes of bleeding time, they will be the winner of the contest by default. Any cleanup necessary after the bleeding has been curtailed is not counted against the maximum time limit of 5 minutes.

** Gloves are required to be worn when attending a bleeding wrestler.

G. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

H. OXYGEN/INHALERS

Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted. Only prescription inhalers ought to be allowed and used only by the wrestler it has been prescribed for.

I. FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

This invasive procedure is used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

J. INJURY TIME-OUT MODIFICATIONS

The following modifications to injury time-outs will be used in all competition regarding injuries to the head and neck involving cervical column and/or nervous system:

1. In the absence of appropriate health-care professional (physician or certified athletic trainer), all injuries to the head and neck involving the cervical column and/or nervous system (HNC) will be covered by Rule 8-2-4a (5-28-3, 5-28-6, 6-4-3, 8-2-6 and 8-2-9).

2. When appropriate health-care professional(s) (physician or certified athletic trainer) are present, they have jurisdiction to evaluate the injured wrestler for injuries to the head and neck involving the cervical column and/or nervous system only during the allowed time limit (maximum) of five (5) minutes. After that evaluation, the wrestler would be required to prepare without delay for continuation or default the match.

3. A second occurrence of injury to the head and neck involving cervical column and/or central nervous system in the same match shall require the wrestler to default the match.

Note: When this provision is used, time consumed for the injury will in no way affect time used, or available, for other types of injuries.

K. Coaches have no right to withhold medical attention from their athletes.

COACHES' MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Coaches are required to name their entries in USA Bracketing by weight class prior to the start of the seeding meeting and not necessarily at weigh-ins. Coaches may make changes up until the start of the seeding meeting. Once entered, these entries may be withdrawn, but may not be moved to another weight class. A wrestler is eligible to compete at the weight class his actual weight qualifies them for and the next higher weight class.

Note: In recent years coaches have attempted to weigh-in and have seeded wrestlers who were not intending or able to compete on that given day. The WIAA considers this practice unethical and unsportsmanlike. Only those wrestlers who are eligible and intending to wrestle in the day's competition may weigh in for WIAA Regional competition.

B. The physician or trainer brought in by the regional or sectional manager will make the final decision as to whether or not an injured wrestler may continue. Coaches cannot refuse to let such medical personnel attend to the wrestler.

C. Be certain you use proper procedures when cleaning blood, or other body fluids, of your wrestlers. Gloves must be worn.

D. Wrestlers desiring to work out with another school between regionals and sectionals, or between sectionals and state must review scrimmage provisions from pages 38-39 of the Winter Season Regulations which state as follows:

1. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school, or schools, may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, meets, or contests, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:

- a. Seven different days of practice have elapsed.
- b. There is no loss of academic class time.
- c. There is no score in a book, or on a scoreboard.
- d. A format other than a normal match format is used.

2. Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage. An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.

3. A scrimmage does not count in a team's win/loss record.

4. The scrimmage may be held any time during the regular season, or the WIAA tournament series.

Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams.

F. School photographers must bring a photo ID if they expect to get credentials to be allowed at mat side at the State Individual Wrestling Tournament in Madison. New - A credential request must be submitted by the AD of each qualifying school/team. A link to the request form will be provided by email.

G. Fans and coaches will be allowed to bring video equipment into the Kohl Center at Madison. We recommend the following procedure for possible use at regionals and sectionals (if space allows you to provide a third chair). The suggested system is identical to the one that will be used at Madison.

1. Fans will be allowed to bring video equipment into the Kohl Center.

2. Video equipment will have to be used from one of two places:

- a. The bleachers or specific seat assigned if you use reserved seating.
- b. A chair adjacent to the two coaches' chairs (up to tournament host – if space allows).
- c. No tripods or monopods allowed in the Kohl Center in Madison.

3. If the chair adjacent to the coaches' chairs is provided:

a. It may be used by individuals designated by the coach to video tape or take still photos or by a third coach. If the third chair is used by a coach, stats and video are to be done from a location outside the restricted area; from a location other than matside.

b. The behavior of the person in the chair is subject to the same penalties as the coaches.

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CHECK LIST

I. PRE-EVENT PLANNING

Committees should be organized for the promotion and success of the wrestling event. It is to the manager's advantage to select students or teachers that exhibit initiative and are energetic as heads of committees.

Committees and their duties are:

A. Officials

1. Hiring of qualified officials
2. Contracts
 - a. Time
 - b. Date
 - c. Amount of payment
 - d. Schools involved
 - e. Exact duties of contract
 - f. Place of contest

B. Sign preparation

Each committee chairman should be contacted and needs to be evaluated. Signs to chairmen one week in advance of the contest.

C. Coat check

1. Area
2. Hangers (identification tags)

D. Police protection

1. Well-lighted parking area
2. Traffic control
 - a. Entrance
 - b. Parking
 - c. Exits
3. Crowd control
 - a. Outside
 - b. Inside

E. Ticket sales

1. Tickets
2. Change and change boxes
3. Banking arrangements after each session

F. Ticket takers and door attendants

1. Single admission entrance
2. Workers' entrance
3. Tournament series and passes entrance
4. Payment identification
 - a. Rubber stamps with code set up for each session
 - b. Ink pad

G. Locker room and locker assignment

1. Attendant to guide teams to designated area
2. Assignment of lockers
- H. Care of locker room
 1. Disinfect
 - a. Lockers
 - b. Floors
 2. Extra wastepaper receptacles
 3. Extra rest room supplies
 4. Attendant
- I. Ushers
 1. Guide people to seats
 2. Crowd control
 3. Guide media and guests to designated area
- J. Advertising
 1. Newspapers
 2. Posters
 3. Radio
 4. Television
 5. Programs
 6. Others
 - a. Luncheons
 - b. Civic clubs
- K. Equipment
 1. Mat area
 - a. Team area
 - b. Mats
 - c. Mat tape
 - d. Towels damp and dry for clean up
 - e. Warm-up mats
 - f. Ropes, posts, cordon off mat area
 2. Officials' area
 - a. Score sheets
 - b. Pencils
 - c. Microphone and public-address system
 - d. Mechanical timers
 - (1) Individual matches
 - (2) Spare (at least two — collective time)
 - (3) Injury time
 - e. Leg bands
 - f. Green/red discs
 - g. Taped towels for end of periods
- L. Medical and first aid

1. It is recommended that a physician (MD) or properly trained personnel be present or available, and that you have an established emergency procedure.
2. Room
3. Supplies
4. Stretcher and/or crutches
5. Pneumatic splints
6. Blankets
7. Emergency phone numbers

M. News media

1. Seating
2. Passes
3. Telephone availability

N. News reporting

1. Names and telephone numbers of news media
2. Informational sheets

Note: By virtue of USA Bracketing software, results of your meet will be immediately available to media on the internet.

O. Information bulletins to schools

1. Local conveniences
 - a. Motels (names and telephone numbers)
 - b. Restaurants (names and telephone numbers)
2. Location
 - a. Address
 - b. Directions
3. Rules
 - a. Explain special rules
 - b. Call attention to authority of officials
4. Time Schedule
 - a. Weigh-ins
 - b. Match times
5. Expected behavior
6. Locker room and locker assignment
7. Care of property
 - a. Dissolve responsibilities of lost valuables
 - b. Suggest methods of caring for valuables
8. Admission
 - a. Prices
 - b. Passes

P. Runners and attendants

Have them available to use at needed areas

Q. Seeding meetings

1. Percentage charts

2. Cards and dice
 3. Marking board, screen, computer, printer, projector and/or overheads, etc.
 4. Seeding charts
 5. List of participants by weights
 6. Certified Minimum Weight Forms
- R. Weigh-ins
1. Clearly identify an area as weigh in area/room
 2. List of participants by weights
 3. Rubber stamp and ink pad
 4. Fingernail clippers
 5. Hair clipper
 6. Certified scale(s)
 7. Doctor in attendance
- S. Floor and mat care
1. Attendants
 2. Mops and pails
 3. Brooms
 4. Disinfectant (Mats should be cleaned before and after each round)
 5. Individual towelettes
 6. Wastebaskets
- T. Workers' list
- List to be given to all ticket takers and door attendants
1. List of all workers
 2. List of officials
 3. List of attendants
- U. Informational bulletin for workers
1. Pre-event meeting during practice
 - a. Time
 - b. Date
 - c. Place
 - d. Objectives

To familiarize workers with positions and duties
 2. Event
 - a. Times
 - (1) Event time schedule
 - (2) Workers' time schedule
 - b. Dates
 - c. Place
 3. Post event procedures.

Completion of all jobs and finalize all loose ends
- V. Concessions
1. Areas

- 2. Workers
- 3. Materials
 - a. Candy
 - b. Pop
 - c. Popcorn
- W. Band
 - 1. School songs
 - 2. National Anthem
- X. Awards
 - 1. Check for correctness and breakage upon arrival
 - 2. Trophy
 - 3. Medals
 - 4. Presentation

II. CONDUCT OF EVENT

- A. Officials
 - 1. Parking
 - 2. Locker room
 - 3. Payment for services
- B. Police protection
 - 1. Traffic control
 - 2. Crowd control
- C. Ticket sales and door attendants
 - 1. Be prompt
 - 2. Provide spectator convenience and comfort
 - a. Avoid long waits
 - b. Informational booth
- D. Locker and locker room
 - 1. Keep clean
 - 2. Attendant on duty at all times
 - 3. Remove all locks
- E. Ushers
 - 1. Crowd control
 - 2. Keep spectators away from:
 - a. Mat area
 - b. Scoring area
 - c. Entrance — exits
 - 3. Guide news media to assigned area
- F. Equipment
 - 1. Mat area
 - a. Cleaned and disinfected
 - b. Mat area roped off
 - 2. Clocks in working order

3. Scoreboards in working area

G. Medical and first aid

1. Physician (MD) or properly trained personnel present or available

2. Supplies immediately available

3. Emergency phone numbers

H. Programs

1. Hand out at entrance

2. Have up-to-date

I. Weigh-in

1. Have list ready

2. Have lined up in weight divisions

J. Announcer

1. Introductions

2. Announcements

3. National Anthem

III. POST EVENT RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Reports

1. To participating schools

a. Results

b. Thank you note

2. To WIAA

a. Clearly identify top place finishers; eg: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in list or bracket form. Do not fax unless requested.

b. Reports — incidents

c. Financial report

d. Evaluation and update of tournament manual

3. News media

Notify them when event is completed and direct them to USA Bracketing website

B. Clean up

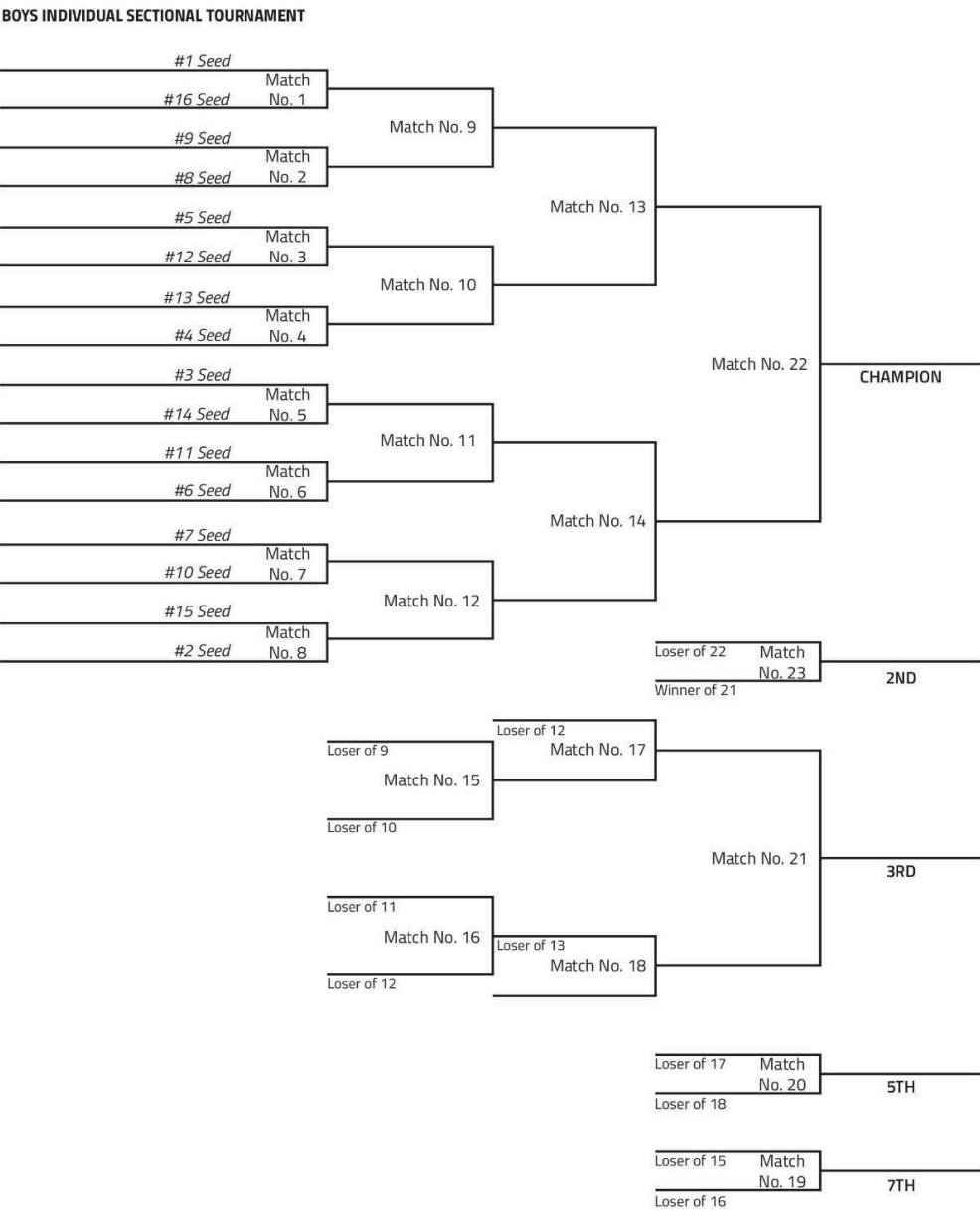
1. Return all borrowed materials. You may want to use them again

2. Thank You! To all concerned

C. Pay helpers

D. Letter of appreciation to helpers

If you prepare a program, we would urge you to use the format shown below for each weight class. Please show the wrestler’s full name, grade, school, and record. This format also provides for clear identification of 1st through 6th place.



- Note:
1. Loss in round of 16 results in elimination.
 2. Wrestlers seeded 1-16 (top to bottom).
 3. Special considerations are only allowed if a wrestler has not met the minimum (10) match requirement.
 4. Brackets with more than 16 would have lowest seeds in prelims (pigtail matches).
 5. Match 23 will only be wrestled if the wrestlers have not previously wrestled in the tournament

Sectional Managers of Individual Wrestling Tournament

Important Coaches' Announcements

Please either read this to the coaches at their meeting, or make copies and hand one to each head coach.

Reminders for Regional and Sectional Wrestling

Regional and sectional hosts are required to use and insist upon universal procedures being observed when handling blood/body fluids. NO GLOVE – NO TOUCH!

Note to Coaches: Each year around this time, as every match takes on added significance, some young wrestler is bitterly disappointed by the results of a match. In a "careless instant" they may say or do something, which results in their disqualification. For some, missing the next event means they are eliminated from the State Tournament series. Especially as you lead your kids "down the stretch," coach them on how to respond in victory and defeat. Make your beliefs and expectations relative to poise, class and sportsmanship crystal clear. Don't allow any youngster to diminish, or end prematurely, a great season or career in a careless, emotional instant.

- Appropriate protective measures for handling blood/bodily fluids are to be strictly enforced at all times. Anyone attending an injured athlete is required to be "gloved." To conserve time, plan accordingly.
- STATE QUALIFIERS: The qualifiers and pairings will be available shortly after all sectionals conclude and final results are entered.
- Please report any corrections before 9 a.m. Monday prior to state to ensure proper program information.

AT STATE

- Coaches must be aware of the following procedures:
 1. Weigh-in area – In order to keep congestion in the weigh-in area to a minimum, wrestlers will be called to weigh-in by weight class. Coaches are not allowed in the weigh-in area.
 2. All wrestlers will weigh in and compete on Thursday. Details can be found on the WIAA website in the State Coaches Information handout.
- Re-admission to the Kohl Center – Coach/contestant tags will be punched upon entry into the Kohl Center. Coaches and athletes will be allowed to leave and re-enter, however hands must be stamped.
- One additional floor pass (not good for admission) will again be included in your state tournament packet. This pass is intended for coaches or team photographer only - and only good when seated at mat-side during their wrestler's bout. Only 2 chairs are available at mat-side for sessions 1-4. If mat-side photos or videos are desired, plan accordingly.
- Lost Coach/Competitor Credentials - Replacement of lost or stolen string tags at the State Individual Tournament will cost \$11 per remaining tournament session.
- Team Tournament Practice (while in Madison) - Teams are responsible for their own practice arrangements. Contact area high schools to make arrangements.
- Doors Open/Weigh Ins/Package Pick-up (Enter via the student entrance between gates A & B off Dayton St.)
Thursday - Doors open for coaches & wrestlers at 11:30 a.m. - Weigh in begins 12:30 p.m.
Friday - Doors open at 7:30 a.m. - D1 & Girls weigh in begins 8:30 a.m. D2 & D3 weigh in begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Third and fifth place matches on Saturday will run concurrently by weight class and division following all consolation matches.
- On deck wrestlers: To keep the floor and vomitories clear for efficient flow of traffic, each will have an official releasing wrestlers, a TV monitor with mat assignments and TV monitors with current matches being streamed. Coaches are asked to help keep these areas clear and ensure that their wrestler reports to the score table as soon as the previous match is concluded.