

Wrestling

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. With school consent, in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates and coaches for purposes of instruction and/or competition in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the above:
 - (1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. and no school monies or resources can be applied.
 - (2) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 20 (November 17). The season ends with the State Team Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 35 (March 7).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of ten different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The first seven days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when individual athletes may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. 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:
 - (1) Seven different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) There is no score in a book, or on a scoreboard.
 - (4) A format other than a normal match format is used.
- b. 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.
- c. Boys Programs with eight or fewer wrestlers may request a waiver to have the opportunity to scrimmage/practice with another team of eight or fewer, up to two times per week during the regular season.
- d. **Girls Programs wrestling teams with seven or fewer total wrestlers may request a waiver to have the opportunity to practice with up to three other teams of seven or fewer, for no more than two times per week during the regular season.**
- e. A scrimmage does not count in a team's win/loss record.

- f. 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.

5. DATE OF FIRST MEET

The first meet may not be held before Friday, November 28.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- The maximum number of meets is 14. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- Girls may only wrestle against girls programs if the school has a recognized girls team.
- No meet may continue more than two days except for Individual State Tournament.
- No meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved in the rescheduled event has begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- Competition involving students not eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams (e.g. Grade 7-8 students) must be conducted at a time other than during the period (start to finish) of a meet.
- Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- A wrestler is not eligible to compete or participate in any pre-meet activity until they have had a minimum weight determined and the school has received a printout from the WIAA office so indicating.**
- A student is limited to representing their school one time in a dual meet. A student may wrestle multiple non-varsity matches during that dual meet. Subject to 7 d. and 7 g.
- No wrestler shall represent their school in more than one weight class in any meet or compete in more than six matches (championship or consolation) in any one day.
- A student participating at the nonvarsity level in a dual meet may wrestle a maximum of 15 minutes (not including overtimes) provided:
 - No match is scheduled for longer than five minutes.
 - Results of none of these matches are counted toward varsity records.
- A student may not participate in more than 14 meets, **and may not have a record that exceeds 50 matches during the regular season.**
- If a wrestler is weighed in it is an official weigh-in for minimum weight gain/loss purposes. However, if a wrestler weighs in but does not compete (or receive a forfeit) the weigh-in alone is not counted against the wrestlers individual competition maximums.
- Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition or similar basis.
- For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- An athlete who is ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- In addition, during the regular season and tournament series, wrestlers who are ineligible (for any reason) may not participate in pre-meet warm-ups or any pre-meet activity, including weigh-ins, during the period of ineligibility. Violation of this provision will result in the deletion of all individual and team points for that weight class and the wrestler will be subject to suspension as outlined in 8.a.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT MEET SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- It is the responsibility of schools to eliminate pranks and/or mischief such as throwing things onto the mat area, or any other activity involving destruction and/or theft of game equipment and materials (season and WIAA tournament series).
- Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

One WIAA licensed official is required for all interscholastic competition.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all meets and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- c. A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. 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.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be 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.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

The official weight classes to be used for boys competition are: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215 and 285 lb.

The official weight classes for girls-only competition will be: 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185 and 235 lb.

The official rules for all interscholastic competition are contained in the (a) current edition of WRESTLING RULES AND CASEBOOK AND MANUAL and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Weigh-ins must be conducted as outlined in the rule book in terms of length and time prior to wrestling. They must be shoulder-to-shoulder and within the specified time period.
 - (1) Coaches are required to provide the referee or authorized personnel a written line up prior to weigh-ins. All actual weights are to be recorded by the referee or authorized personnel on the line-up form provided. Once a wrestler is weighed in, their weight is recorded, and the referee or authorized personnel signs the weigh-in sheet, at that time the weight becomes official and cannot be changed whether the wrestler wrestles or not. Anyone for whom an actual weight is not recorded is not eligible to wrestle.
 - (2) Copies of the weigh-in form are to be distributed as per instructions on the form. All official weigh-in weights shall be entered into the Weight Management Plan after each competition at any level.
 - (3) See 7% Rule for list of forms that must be available at weigh-ins (item (5) page 42).
- b. For interstate competition, the weigh-in rules of the host state are to be followed unless the rules of another state would cause a Wisconsin school to violate provisions of the 7% Rule and NFHS weigh-in provisions. In such cases Wisconsin schools must adhere to all NFHS and 7% rules.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. NFHS 1-5-2 and 1-5-3 will be followed in regard to weight loss rules.
- b. With regard to the practice of dehydration:
 - (1) The use of laxatives, emetics, excessive food and fluid restriction, self-induced vomiting, hot rooms (exceeding 75 degrees), hot boxes, saunas and steam rooms is prohibited.
 - (2) The use of diuretics at any time is prohibited.
 - (3) Regardless of purpose, the use of vapor-impermeable suits (e.g., rubber or rubberized nylon) is prohibited. Violators shall be disqualified from the competition for which the weigh-in is intended. A second violation will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
- c. WIAA will follow NFHS Rule 4-5-5 regarding consecutive days of competition.

Note: The WIAA three day tournament will not include any additional growth allowance beyond the traditional 1 lb. per day unless the tournament is delayed or postponed due to weather.
- d. All weights recorded by the referee or authorized personnel on official weigh-in sheet remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not. **Coaches are required to enter all official weigh-in weights into the official weight management program after each competition at any level. All data entry must be completed prior to creating the next official weigh-in form.** Remember athletes may only be listed on two open weigh-ins at one time.
- e. It shall be considered unsportsmanlike to attempt to conceal a contagious skin condition. Any wrestler involved in such attempts shall not be allowed to wrestle that day. In addition, it could result in loss of eligibility of the wrestler and/or disciplinary action being taken against the coach.
- f. The on-mat official for varsity competition shall make the final determination relative to skin condition concerns for varsity matches. The on-mat official for sub-varsity competition shall make the final determination relative to skin condition concerns for sub-varsity matches.
- g. Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-2-3 and 4-2-4.
- h. Seeding meetings shall not begin until weigh-ins are completed.
- i. 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 certified medical personnel, (physician and/or certified athletic trainer) all injuries to the head and neck involving the cervical column and/or nervous system will be covered by the same time frame as other injuries.
 - (2) When certified medical personnel are present, they have jurisdiction to extend the allowed time limit to a maximum of five minutes for evaluation of the injuries to the head and neck involving cervical column and/or nervous systems only, at which time the athlete 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.

j. **JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS**

- (1) JV teams scheduled to wrestle a dual meet may bring in an additional junior varsity team(s) when either of the two original teams has less than ten team members.
- (2) With approval of both schools at JV dual meets the number of NFHS weight classes may be reduced.

k. **Uniforms**

- (1) Members of teams below the varsity level will not be penalized for failing to wear uniforms prescribed in the rules provided: a) a reasonable attempt is made to conform to the regulations and b) participant safety is not jeopardized. The WIAA office should be informed about questionable situations.
- (2) Schools are required to follow the clean uniform rule. Along with school names and/or mascots, all uniforms may be allowed to include the first and/or last name(s) of the athlete one time on the uniform. Names must be displayed in a sportsmanlike manner and location. In addition, no sayings, clichés, advertisements, etc., of any kind will be allowed on the uniform. Manufacturer's logos and commemorative patches will be allowed as described by Rule 4-1-2 in the NFHS Wrestling Rule Book. All Commemorative patches must be approved by the WIAA and meet appropriate size restrictions.

l. **ESTABLISHING MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

Schools are required to follow the provisions of the weight certification program established by the Association for all wrestlers in Grades 9-12.

The establishment of a minimum wrestling weight based on 7% body fat for males and 12% for females will be mandatory for all senior high school wrestlers. The WIAA does not advocate that a wrestler's established minimum weight is the athlete's best weight, but simply the minimum weight at which the athlete will be allowed to compete.

(1) **Establishing Minimum Weights**

- (a) Skinfold measurements will be utilized to determine each wrestler's body fat percentage.

- 1) Each wrestler must pass a test to substantiate that they are at an acceptable level of hydration before they can have skinfold measurements taken. Details regarding the specific test to be used, the testing protocol, etc. will be provided to each wrestling school prior to the earliest date for measurements. Once a wrestler has reported for hydration testing they may not be withdrawn.

Note: Use of IV to hydrate for skinfolds is not allowed.

- 2) Only measurements taken by health care professionals who have successfully completed the WIAA Skinfold Measurement Workshop will be accepted. Schools will receive a list of approved measurers. It is the responsibility of the school to contact a skinfold measurer from this list, and arrange a time to have the wrestling squad measured.
- 3) Measurements may not be taken after practice, or a workout. **If the measurer has reason to believe any of the wrestlers are in a dehydrated state, they shall refuse to measure such wrestler(s).**
- 4) No senior high wrestler may compete or participate in pre-meet activities until the athlete has had a minimum weight determined, **and the school has received a printout from the WIAA on-line program so indicating.**

- (b) The lowest weight class a wrestler may compete at will be determined as follows:

- 1) If the predicted weight, at 7% body fat for males, or 12% for females, is exactly that of one of the weight classes that shall be the wrestler's minimum weight class.
- 2) If the predicted weight, at 7% body fat for males, or 12% for females, falls between two weight classes, they must wrestle at the higher weight class.
- 3) With documented (see Note below) parental permission, the wrestler may wrestle at the weight class in which their 7% predicted weight for males, or 12% for females, less 2% of that weight, places them. **The deadline for parental permission is February 1.**

Note: The official parental permission form provided by the WIAA office must be used. The school must have the completed form on file before the wrestler is allowed to compete at that weight.

(c) **WIAA On-Line Minimum Weight Program Overview**

The online minimum weight program allows coaches to get instant results regarding minimum weight as soon as the data is entered and submitted to the WIAA. Each school team has a designated team representative that will receive a username and password. That person is responsible for entering all the data associated with their team. During the measurement process, the measurer will record all the data on a duplicate form. One copy of that form will be given to the team representative and another copy will be taken by the measurer. The team representative can then enter the data and receive the results immediately. The team can use that data to determine an athlete's minimum weight class and date eligible at that weight (based on 1.5% weight loss per week), but the data will still need to be verified by the measurer. Therefore when the data is submitted, the measurer will receive an email alerting them that the data is ready for review. The measurer will have 3 business days to review the data and either approve it or report the discrepancies they found to the WIAA. Wrestlers may compete as soon as the school has entered their measurement data and received the necessary minimum weight printout in return. However, if a discrepancy in data entry is found and an athlete wrestled at a weight class in which they were not eligible, they will be required to forfeit. Once they have completed this process, the measurer will sign their paper copy and mail it to the WIAA office.

(2) **Time Period for Measurements**

- (a) Skinfold measuring may begin on the third Monday of October (October 20 for the 2025-26 season). Wrestlers may be measured on or following that date. **All wrestlers, including those coming out late, must have their minimum weight established and have received their minimum weight printout from the WIAA on-line program prior to any competition.**

- (b) **The absolute deadline for submitting minimum weight skinfold measurement data on-line will be noon of the Tuesday prior to the first round of tournament competition.**

- (c) **Any time a contestant establishes a minimum weight (by any means) after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight at their minimum weight one time to qualify for the growth allowance at that weight.**

(3) **Appeal Process**

- (a) Any wrestler may appeal their skinfold measurements or calculations. The steps of the appeal process are as follows: Step 1 must be

completed within 14 days of the original measurement. Step 1 may be by-passed and only Step 2 performed (underwater weighing). The only prerequisite for using underwater weighing to appeal an original minimum weight measurement is that the underwater re-weigh **must be done before the wrestler's first competition**. Once a wrestler competes they are no longer able to access hydrostatic weighing as part of the appeal process.

Step 1: If dissatisfied with the results, the wrestler is remeasured by the same skinfold measurer. Measurements must be within 14 days of the original date of measurement. The wrestler chooses which measurement to accept (the original or the second measurement).

Note 1: The wrestler's original weight used for the initial skinfold test will be used for calculations. For Step 1 Appeal, the wrestler must be re-weighed at time of appeal for verification of the 1.5% rule and weight recorded on the measurement log form. (The hydration test is not repeated.) If the wrestler exceeds 1.5% per week weight gain or loss from date of original measurement, the appeal will be rendered invalid. **The original measurement date shall not be used for calculating weight loss.**

Note 2: Upon appeal, if an athlete's weight is higher than their original weight, their weight at the date of the appeal will be used to recalculate the date eligible for competition, based on 1.5% per week/weight loss from the date of appeal.

Step 2: If dissatisfied with the results the wrestler may choose to be hydrostatically weighed to determine body fat percentage. Results obtained at this step are automatically accepted; the athlete has no choice.

*Wrestlers wishing to use this appeal must have their coach contact the re-weigh facility. Details are available on the WIAA website.

*Hydrostatic weighing facilities must be approved by the WIAA.

*Only the form made available by the WIAA office may be used for this step. Forms have been provided to all approved facilities.

***Step 2 (hydrostatic weighing used to appeal the wrestler's original minimum weight determination) must be performed prior to the wrestler's first competition.**

(4) Underwater Weighing

In addition to skinfold measurements a wrestler may be underwater weighed. Coaches must understand that there are two distinct time periods and sets of requirements for wrestlers seeking to be underwater weighed.

(a) Underwater Re-weigh via Appeal Process (detailed in Step 2 above):

If being underwater weighed scanned as provided in the minimum weight appeal process, to appeal the original skin fold measurement, the only prerequisite is that the underwater re-weigh must be done before the wrestler's first competition. Once a wrestler competes, they are no longer able to access underwater weighing as part of the **appeal process**. (See Appeal Process #3).

(b) Underwater Re-weigh via Special Re-Weigh Provision:

Only wrestlers, who with parental permission are within two (2) pounds of a lower weight class as determined by their original skinfold measurement and minimum weight projection printout may be **hydrostatically re-weighed** at any time during the season, up to 15 days prior **to the tournament series** (January 30, 2026), whether the athlete has competed or not.

Note 1: Hydrostatic weighing done at any time, whether as part of the existing appeal process or in accordance with this provision (2 b), shall be considered final and binding, with no further testing options available.

Note 2: This provision does not alter or restrict any other requirements pertaining to establishing a wrestlers minimum weight prior to competing or to the existing appeal process.

Note 3: If the wrestler exceeds 1.5% per week weight loss from the date of their most recent weigh-in the appeal will be rendered invalid. The wrestler must be at or above their weight loss plan weight in order to reweigh via hydrostatic weighing.

(5) School Administration's Responsibilities for the Measurement Process

(a) It is the school's responsibility to contact an approved measurer from the list provided by the WIAA.

(b) School Administration or their designee must take reasonable precautions to insure the accuracy and validity of their hydration testing procedure. Schools will be sent a list of suggestions to help them collect secure samples from each wrestler.

(c) The school must have available at the time of the skinfold measuring:

1) Material for testing each wrestlers state of hydration (A list of these materials will be mailed to each wrestling school along with information regarding the testing protocol).

2) A certified scale (certified after the start of school in the fall and no later than the school's first day of skinfold measurements, which may be October 20 or thereafter). Beam Scales must be certified annually. Electronic scales must be certified every three years.

Note1: Electronic scales must read to at least .2 lb. increments.

Note 2: Officials have the authority to remove a scale that is non-certified or has a large variance from other scales at an event. (Ref NFHS 2-4-2)

3) Skinfold data forms.

4) A school official (e.g., AD, coach, teacher) who will:

- a) Assist with obtaining the weight of each wrestler.
- b) Assist with the recording of all data.

5) An individual to administer the test to determine state of hydration of each wrestler. (e.g., school nurse, biology teacher)

(d) The school's coach, AD or their designee must enter data online.

(e) It is the skinfold measurer's responsibility to verify the on-line data within 3 days and then send the data sheets to the WIAA.

(f) **A wrestler is not eligible to wrestle until their school has received from the WIAA on-line processing program a printout with their name and minimum weight class indicated.**

(6) Growth Allowance

Growth allowance will be two pounds on December 25, and one additional pound on both the date of the regional tournament and March 1.

Note: A wrestler IS NOT eligible for a weight class because of growth allowance and/or allowances for successive days wrestling, which bring a weight class up to their minimum weight.

Note: Any time a contestant obtains a new minimum weight calculation (via special re-weigh or appeal) after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight at their minimum weight one time to qualify for the growth allowance at that weight.

(7) **Weight Loss Per Week**

(a) A weight loss limit of 1.5% per week has been set. The projected earliest date to wrestle at the predicted minimum will be broken down into days. This date will appear on the printout received from the WIAA minimum weight program.

(b) A wrestler will not be allowed to wrestle at any time in a lower weight class that would require them to lose more than 1.5% per week from the original date of measurement and/or from one weigh-in (for competition) to another. Coaches must be able to provide documentation of appropriate weight loss any time a wrestler drops to a lower weight class (documentation from all weigh-ins).

Note: No day may be counted twice. The original measurement date shall not be used for calculating weight loss. **Follow the weight loss plan to determine a wrestler's weight class eligibility when utilizing the consecutive days allowance.**

(c) The deadline for challenges regarding weight loss violations/procedures shall be two working days following the completion of all State Championships.

(8) During the regular season (non-WIAA tournament events), **coaches are to have minimum weight printouts and all previous weigh-in records** of wrestlers competing that day available for all coaches at weigh-ins. If a coach cannot, or does not produce them within two working days from the date of the meet, it shall be reported to the WIAA office by the opposing coach. A forfeiture shall be ordered for every wrestler for whom there is no printout and/or weigh-in sheet from previous meets. (See (5) (c).) **Official weigh-ins must be recorded in the minimum weight program. This will also update the wrestler's weight loss plan.**

(9) **Nutrition Education Program**

While not mandatory, it is highly recommended that each school provide the nutrition education aspect of the program to wrestlers. Contact the WIAA for information/resources.

(10) **Costs**

All costs incurred for the initial skinfold measurement, hydration testing, appeal process, and nutrition education program are the responsibility of the school.

m. Coaches are required to enter all past results of team and individual competition in the WIAA preferred database within seven days of the competition.

n. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 32 (February 14).
- b. The determination of weight classes for competition is left to the discretion of schools, and it is strongly recommended there be as many matches as available participants.

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams approved for combined Grade 8-9 teams.
- d. The maximum competitive weight is 285 lbs.

Wrestling (Boys)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

Boys Individual Tournament Series

1. ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

- The largest 112 member schools sponsoring boys wrestling are in Division 1. **The next 112 schools will be in Division 2 and the remaining will be in Division 3.**
- Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to **February 1**. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

- Schools are assigned to: one of **7 sectionals in all divisions** on Saturday, February 14.
- State Qualifiers
 - The first two finishers in each weight **class** in all sectionals qualify for the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers must weigh in all three days of the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers will begin competition on Thursday.
 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be announced on the WIAA website in late spring.
- The 2025-26 season will be the final year that** female wrestlers will be eligible to participate in the boys team wrestling sectionals and boys Team State Tournament if their boys wrestling team advances.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 38-43) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets, **a wrestler may participate if they have a record of more than 50 matches.**
- A school must participate in a minimum of four varsity meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- The WIAA office will furnish all participating schools necessary details to enter their athletes into the **sectional** tournament using the official state season management program.

Note: Boys – **Line ups must be entered by midnight Thursday prior to the sectional tournament.**

- To list the names of wrestlers scheduled to compete in the **sectionals**.
- The official state weight management program may be used as a record/worksheet to reference when entering competitors' names into the tournament data program.

(3) These lists are tentative and changes may be made up to and on the day of competition.

- Records of each wrestler within the division in which they are entered must be indicated along with any other pertinent information (record in other weight classes, record against wrestlers in same **sectional**, etc.) which may be useful for the determination of seeding at the coaches' meeting. See paragraphs (4) and (5) of seeding guidelines beginning on pages 45 and 46.
- Schools must take to the **sectional** to which their school is assigned:
 - Copies of minimum weight printouts containing the most recent data on each wrestler that may be entered in the **sectional**.
 - Weigh-in records from all meets the team participated in during the two weeks prior to **sectionals**.
- Coaches are required to name their final entries by weight class prior to the start of the seeding meeting, not necessarily at weigh-ins.**
- All weights recorded by the official on official weigh-in sheets remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not.
- Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-2-3 and 4-2-4.
- Sectional** tournament hosts may release their competition pairings to the public at the end of the seeding meeting.
- After the **sectionals**, there are no entry **procedures** for schools to complete or forward relative to State competition.

d. Length of bouts

- All sectional championship matches including wrestlebacks will be six-minutes long – three two-minute rounds. **Sectional consolation matches for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place shall be one minute first periods.**
- All State tournament consolation and/or wrestleback matches will be five-minutes long – one minute first period.

e. Substitutions

- 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).

- (2) The provision extends ONLY to third place wrestlers in all sectional brackets
- (3) There is no provision for moving up any other wrestlers.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) If there is no substitute, the original placements stand.**
- (7) If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible substitute, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- (8) If a wrestler fails to make weight, their opponent receives a forfeit.
- (9) A school is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the WIAA, the school of the substitute wrestler and the tournament host, in the event one of its qualifiers is unable to continue in the tournament program.**
- f. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.
- g. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. BOYS **SECTIONAL** TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition - Saturday, February 14

All sectionals will begin at 10:00 a.m. with weigh-ins at 8:30 a.m.

- b. Tournament Pairings

Rule book instructions and instructions below apply.

Note: (1) All weight classes – even if there are four or less wrestlers – must be set up and scored as a sixteen wrestler bracket. Scoring must include appropriate points for all ensuing byes. (See d. (2) of SCORING)

(2) All divisions must conduct wrestleback matches to determine second place if necessary. (These matches are to be six minutes in length).

- c. **Sectional** seeding Information and Procedures

(1) **Tournament Management Software** shall be used for seeding of all **sectional** tournaments.

(2) Materials to have on hand: Computer, projector and screen.

- (a) Tournament host should provide to all coaches a list of participants by weight, not by team, with their records. For example, all 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, **State seeding criteria will be used for sectional seeding:**

- (1) Head to head competition**
- (2) Competition against common opponents**
- (3) Returning State Champion**
- (4) Returning second or third place finisher in previous season**
- (5) Returning fourth through sixth place finisher from previous season**
- (6) Sectional Champion**
- (7) Returning State qualifier in previous season**
- (8) Winning percentage in the current season**

(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 / wt. 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 **tournament management software** 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)** by using the following mechanisms:
 - 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. Their opinion 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) 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.

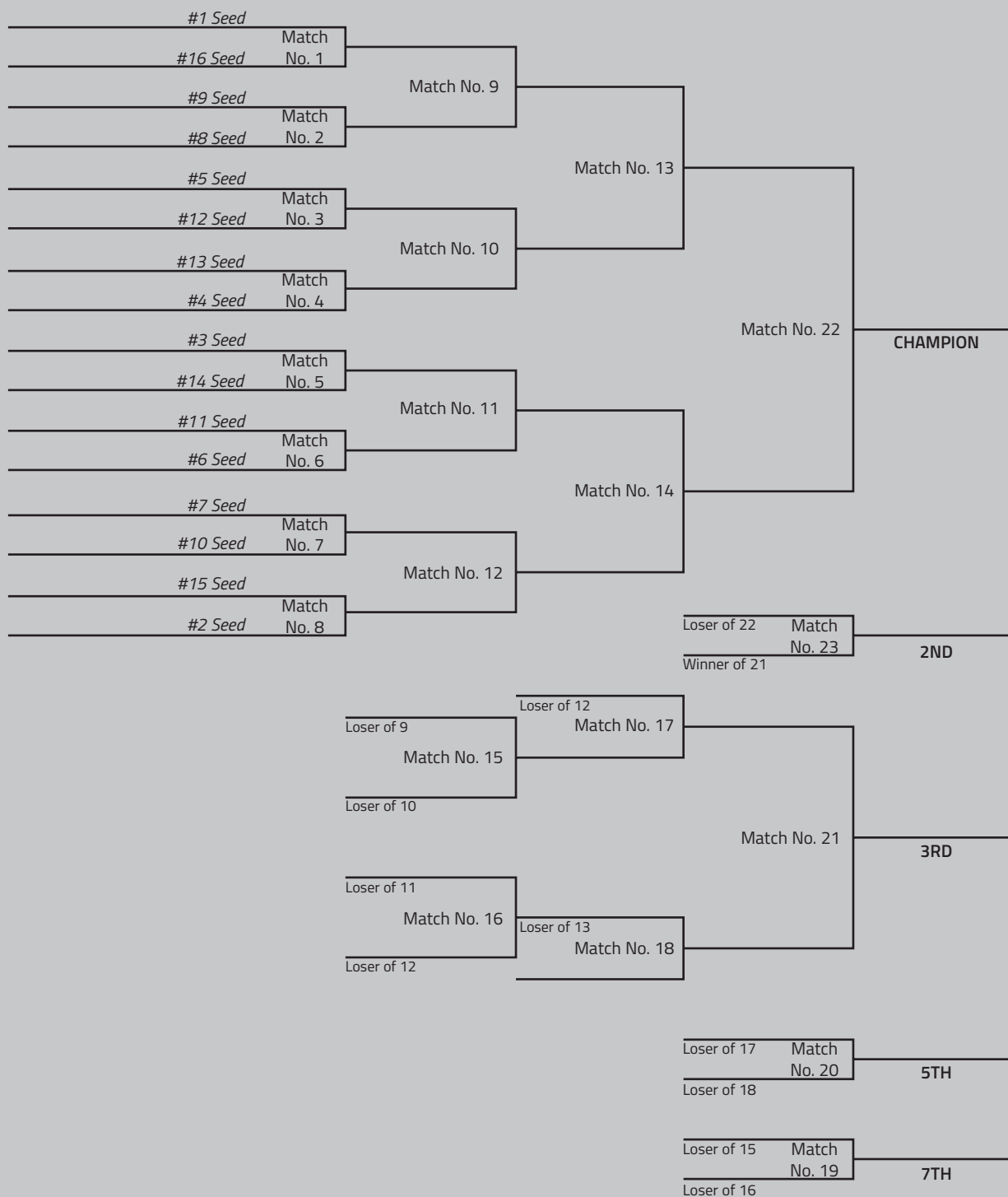
Boys Sectional Tournament (Continued)

- 2) 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 varsity competition if either wrestling is representing their 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 their next match in the bracket.
 - 3) A wrestler deserving a seed may not refuse nor request a lower seed (with the possible exception noted in 5c below).
 - 4) All wrestlers in a bracket will be seeded and when byes exist, the highest seed(s) will receive bye(s).
- d. Additional considerations
- National Federation Rule #10 covers conduct of tournaments as well as bracketing situations.
- e. SCORING
- (1) Place points will be accumulated toward team total as follows:
 - (a) 16 points to champion.
 - (b) 12 points to runner-up.
 - (c) 9 points to third-place wrestler (loser of wrestleback finals).
 - (d) 7 points to fourth-place wrestler (loser of first wrestleback).
 - (e) 5 points to fifth-place wrestler.
 - (f) 3 points to sixth-place wrestler.
 - (g) 2 points to seventh-place wrestler.**
 - (h) 1 point to eighth-place wrestler.**

The **top 6 teams** scoring the most points at the **sectional** qualifies for the Team Tournament Program. Information on this program – including procedures to break ties in the event the **sectional** has more than one team champion – can be found on pages 58 and 59.

- (2) Additional points at the **sectional** level will be scored on the basis of 16 wrestler brackets and accumulate as follows: **Note: No points are awarded for pigtail/preliminary matches.**
 - (a) Advancement points
 - 1) Two points in championship flight competition and one point in wrestleback competition.
 - 2) A wrestler receiving two successive byes will receive advancement points for each if they win their next match.
 - 3) Advancement point scoring for byes apply to the wrestleback bracket as well as the championship bracket.
 - 4) An advancement point is awarded to the wrestler that wins the third place match in **sectional**, even if a final wrestleback match is not necessary.
 - 5) No advancement points are awarded for: Consolation Matches, Championship and final wrestleback matches in **sectionals**, or in a weight class with only one wrestler.
 - (3) Two points are awarded for each win by a fall, forfeit, default or disqualification.
 - (4) One point is given for each decision won by 8-14 points.
 - (5) One and one-half points are awarded for each win by a technical fall (15 points or more).
 - (6) In an incomplete bracket any wrestler receiving a bye will receive four points for their team if they wins their next match (two points for advancement and two points for lost potential pin). If they received two byes before their win, they will receive four points for each bye.
- Note: Every wrestler is entitled to the opportunity to score as many points for their team as any other wrestler. It therefore becomes necessary to pay particular attention to situations involving byes. The following is offered to help clarify how to score these situations.
- If a wrestler wins their first match, they are entitled to two advancement points and two pin points (a total of four points) for each bye they received before their win. If there are four wrestlers, each has received a bye in the first round (round of 8). If there are only three wrestlers, one has received two byes before their first match.
- In the event there are only two wrestlers in the weight class, each has had two byes before they meet for the championship. The winner, therefore, is entitled to four advancement points and four pin points after winning the championship match. They would in addition earn first place points, as well as any points earned by a pin, technical fall, or major decision in the championship match. The loser in this situation is entitled only to second place points.
- In a weight class with only one wrestler, only place points will be awarded. No advancement points are awarded unless a wrestler competes and wins.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)



- 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

5. ADDITIONAL SECTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- a. Awards
 - (1) Medals to first two individuals in each weight classification.
- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract four officials. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
 - (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee - **\$230** plus \$12 meal allowance.
 - (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
 - (3) One of the officials, as determined by both officials and the host school manager, will act as chairman of the coaches' meeting.
- c. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host school - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - **\$135**, etc. Minimum of **\$860**.
 - (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) **25%** to host school.
 - 2) **75%** to WIAA.
 - (2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Ticket Prices

	Child/Student/Adult
All Sessions (Rounds 1-5)	\$10
Second Session and Finals (Rounds 2-5)	\$8
Finals (Rounds 4-5)	\$7

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling sectional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

 - (a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.
 - (b) Those arriving for or during the second session will be charged according to the price listed for that session and the finals.
 - (c) Those coming to the finals will pay as listed above.
 - (d) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.
 - (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Wrestlers actually competing.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and assistant coach.
 - No more than six cheerleaders.
 - (b) All Sites
 - 1) 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.
 - 2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
 - 3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.
 - 4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

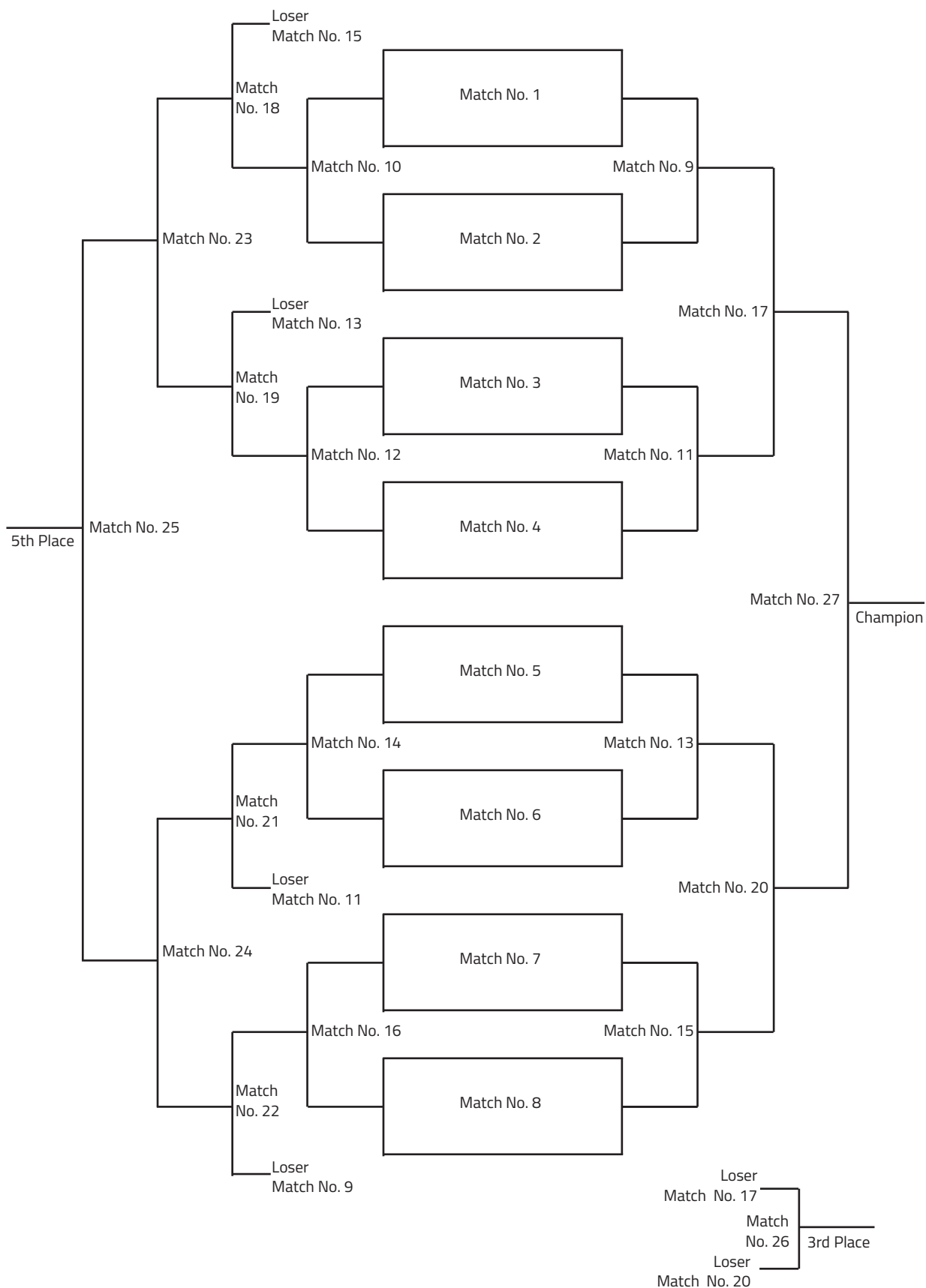
- a. Scheduling of Competition

The time schedule for the State Meet Competition will appear on the WIAA website early in the wrestling season. Divisions 1, 2, 3 and girls will begin on Thursday, February 26, with Division 1 and girls weigh-ins set for 12:30 p.m. Wrestling will begin at 2 p.m.
- b. Tournament Pairings

At the individual state tournament, seeding criteria will be used for all competitors. **Tournament Management Software** will seed all **14** wrestlers in **all divisions** at the Individual State Tournament using the following criteria:

 - (1) Head-to-head competition
 - (2) Competition against common opponents
 - (3) Returning state champion
 - (4) Returning second or third place finisher in previous season
 - (5) Returning fourth through sixth place finisher from previous season
 - (6) Sectional champion
 - (7) Returning state qualifier in previous season
 - (8) Winning percentage in the current season

c. Seeding Information and Procedures **all Divisions**



d. Scoring

There is no team scoring at state.

e. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the state tournament officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating fee - **\$140** per session.
- (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
- (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car when practical.

f. Awards

- (1) Medals to first six individuals in each weight classification.
- (2) Girls – trophies to champion and runner-up teams.

g. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowances

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of **70¢** per mile.

Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.

- (b) **\$60** for each actual participant plus two other persons.

(2) Ticket Prices

	5 Session	Single Session
Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket	\$55*	\$11*

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Ticket Allocations

Complete information relating to ticket allocation for the State Tournament will be provided to member schools in October via email. All individual State wrestling tickets will be available for purchase online and the remaining tickets will be available at the door on the days of the State Tournament.

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus two additional persons.

Note: There is no provision for free admissions for either administrators or cheerleaders.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

State Tournament Housing

The WIAA office will not be involved in housing for students in Madison during the State Tournament but will inform schools of possible arrangements for housing in the event a Madison agency is available for this service. Schools are reminded students may not register in hotels and motels in the Madison area during the State Tournament without adult chaperones.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)

Boys Team Tournament Series

1. THERE WILL BE **126** SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE TEAM TOURNAMENT PROGRAM. THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE THE **TOP 6 TEAMS** IN THE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SERIES IN EACH OF DIVISIONS 1, 2, AND 3. (See No. 1 under Individual Tournament Series)

Note: Starting in 2026-27, girls will have a dual tournament series. Until that time, a girls state team champion and runner-up will be determined by points of the State Individual Tournament.

- a. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to **February 1**. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – PAIRINGS, LEVELS OF COMPETITION AND DATES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

a. All Divisions

The top 6 teams from the individual sectional will advance to the Team Sectional. The Team Sectional will compete with the same geographic schools as the Individual Sectional.

- b. Sectional team tournament competition will take place in all three Divisions (1, 2 and 3) on **Saturday**, February 21, at sites to be determined by the WIAA office. Schools that are able to use the official state scoring program with electronic bout sheets will be given priority when attempting to assign sectional hosts.
- c. Sectional seeds are **based on the state team seeding formula. Team sectional seeding will use the team's individual sectional lineup.**
- d. Schools winning sectional team championships – **seven, plus one additional wild card team in all divisions** – will participate in the State Team Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7.
- e. State qualifying teams will be seeded on Sunday, March 1 following the State Individual Tournament in Madison. **The State Tournament Management Program** will be used to determine seeding for teams using the following criteria:
 - (1) Head to Head - overall
 - (2) Common Opponents - overall
 - (3) Current Year State Place
 - (4) Current Year State Qualifier
 - (5) Previous Year State Place
 - (6) Previous Year State Qualifier
 - (7) Current Year Overall Record

Note: There will be a 10-match minimum for consideration of a seed point.

- f. If a team is disqualified from the State Tournament and replaced by the last defeated opponent, teams will be reseeded using the specific sport state seeding criteria if the disqualification occurs 24 hours prior to the start of the first match of the State Tournament series (regardless of division). Anytime after the 24 hour deadline, a replacing team will be placed in the bracket where the disqualified team was originally seeded.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 38-43) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

ADDITIONS

- a. **A maximum of 28 wrestlers will be allowed on the roster in the tournament management program to be eligible. Wrestlers must be identified by name in the program in order to be eligible to compete.**

Note: In extenuating circumstances involving injury, illness and/or discipline e.g., a wrestler may replace an identified/named athlete in the program with approval of the WIAA. (excluding not making weight)

- b. Rosters may be changed from one weigh-in to the next during the tournament series.
- c. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Ties for **Sixth** Place in Sectional Individual Tournament

If there is a tie for **sixth** place in **sectional** individual tournament competition, the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated to determine the school qualifying for the sectional team tournament:

- a. Most place points (16, 12, 9, 7) based on the place points earned for first, second, third and fourth places.
- b. Most place winners. **(1st - 8th)**
- c. Most champions.
- d. Most seconds.
- e. Most thirds.
- f. Most fourths.
- g. Most fifths.

- h. Most sixths.
- i. Most entries into the **sectional** individual tournament.
- j. Most pins in all matches after quarterfinals.
- k. Most technical falls in all matches after quarterfinals.
- l. Most major decisions in all matches after quarterfinals.
- m. Most decisions in all matches after quarterfinals.
- n. Team not penalized for flagrant misconduct.
- o. Team not penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- p. Random draw.

5. SECTIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition:

All Divisions

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Weigh-ins

10:00 a.m. Quarterfinals

Each subsequent round will begin 20 minutes after the conclusion of previous round.

- b. Scoring

Ties in Dual Competition During Sectional Team Tournaments

In the event there is a tie in dual competition during the sectional phases of competition, National Federation dual meet tie-breaking criteria shall be applied to determine a winner (NF Rule 9-2-2) (Except in final match of State Tournament-see pages 60 and 61)

Note: If none of the listed criteria resolve the tie, an official will meet with captain of each team in center of mat and break tie by flipping colored disc with green representing home team and red representing visiting team.

- c. Officials

(1) All Divisions - **4** Officials

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating fee - **\$100** per match, AR **\$60** per match.

(b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

(c) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

- d. Awards

(1) Plaques to championship teams **and the wild card team.**

(2) Medals to members (28) of championship and runner-up teams.

- e. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

(a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.

(b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:

1) Fees and expenses of officials.

2) All Divisions

a) **35%** of total receipts or **\$610** whichever is greater to cover lights, workers, host manager's fee - **\$90**, etc.

(c) The WIAA will receive **65%** of the total receipts to cover tournament administrative costs and expenses. The host school will issue contracts and pay officials.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

(a) Sectional – All Divisions \$8

(b) Host school may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.

(4) Admission Policies

(a) Free admission shall be provided only for:

1) Wrestlers actually competing. (14 plus 14 substitutes)

2) Six additional people (coaches, assistant coaches, etc.)

3) No more than six cheerleaders.

4) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. STATE TEAM TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

Friday, March 6

All Divisions Quarterfinals

4:15 p.m. Weigh-ins

5:30 p.m. Quarterfinal Matches **1 & 2**7:30 p.m. **Quarterfinal** Matches **3 & 4**

Saturday, March 7

All Divisions Semifinals

8:45 a.m. Weigh-ins Begin - Divisions 2 & 3, followed by Division 1

10 a.m. Competition Begins

Divisions 1-2-3 Finals

3 p.m. Competition Begins

b. Tournament Pairings

(1) Quarterfinals

#1 seed vs. #8 seed

#4 seed vs. #5 seed

winners of above will paired in semifinals

#3 seed vs. #6 seed

#2 seed vs. #7 seed

winners of above will paired in semifinals

c. Seeding Procedures

(1) State qualifying teams will be seeded on Sunday, March 1 following the State Individual Tournament in Madison. **The state tournament management program** will be used to determine seeding for teams using the following criteria:

- (a) Head to Head - overall
- (b) Common Opponents - overall
- (c) Current Year State Place
- (d) Current Year State Qualifier
- (e) Previous Year State Place
- (f) Previous Year State Qualifier
- (g) Current Year Overall Record

Note: There will be a 10-match minimum for consideration of a seed point.

d. Scoring

Ties in Dual Competition During State Team Tournaments

In the event there is a tie in dual competition during the sectional and State phases of competition, National Federation dual meet tie-breaking criteria shall be applied to determine a winner (NF Rule 9-2-2)

Note 1: If none of the listed criteria resolve the tie in quarterfinal and semifinal competition, an official will meet with captain of each team in center of mat and break tie by flipping colored disc with green representing home team and red representing visiting team.

Note 2: STATE Championship Finals: NF tie breaking criteria will be applied. If after all NF tie breaking criteria have been applied a tie remains unbroken - Co-Champions will be declared in lieu of flipping a colored disc.

e. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the State team tournament officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating fee - **\$115** per match.
- (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
- (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car when practical.

f. Awards

(1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.

(2) Medals to members (28) of championship and runner-up teams.

g. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament City at the rate of **\$2.00** per mile. NOTE: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament City.
- (b) A meal and lodging allowance of **\$1,000.**
- (2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket

Friday Night - Session 1 (Quarterfinals).....	\$16*
Saturday - Session 2 (Semifinals).....	\$11*
Saturday - Session 3 (Divisions 1, 2 & 3 Finals)	\$11*

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
- (3) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus up to fourteen (14) alternate wrestlers and six (6) additional persons.
 - (b) There is no provision for free admissions for administrators or cheerleaders.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)

Wrestling (Girls)

Girls Individual Tournament Series

1. ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

- Girls – Will be one division for the entire State and will compete at the assigned regional and sectional tournament locations.
- Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to **February 1**. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

- Girls – Schools are assigned to one of **32** regionals on Friday, February 13.
- Sectional Qualifiers
The first **two** finishers in each weight division in all regionals will qualify for one of eight sectionals in one division on Friday, February 20.
- State Qualifiers
 - The first two finishers in each weight class in all sectionals qualify for the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers must weigh in all three days of the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers will begin competition on Thursday.
 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be announced on the WIAA website in late spring. Schools that are able to use the official state scoring program with electronic bout sheets will be given priority when attempting to assign regional and sectional hosts.
- The 2025-26 Season will be the final year that** female wrestlers will be eligible to participate in the boys team wrestling sectionals and boys Team State Tournament if their boys wrestling team advances.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 38-43) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets.
- A school must participate in a minimum of four varsity meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- The WIAA office will furnish all participating schools necessary details to enter their athletes into the regional tournament using the official state season management program.

Note: **Line ups must be entered by midnight Wednesday prior to the regional tournament.**

- To list the names of wrestlers scheduled to compete in the regionals.
- The official state weight management program may be used as a record/worksheet to reference when entering competitors' names into the tournament data program.

(3) These lists are tentative and changes may be made up to and on the day of competition.

- Records of each wrestler within the division in which they are entered must be indicated along with any other pertinent information (record in other weight classes, record against wrestlers in same regional, etc.) which may be useful for the determination of seeding at the coaches' meeting. See paragraphs (4) and (5) of seeding guidelines beginning on pages 45 and 46.
- Schools must take to the regional to which their school is assigned:
 - Copies of minimum weight printouts containing the most recent data on each wrestler that may be entered in the regional.
 - Weigh-in records from all meets the team participated in during the two weeks prior to regionals.
- Coaches are required to name their final entries by weight class prior to the start of the seeding meeting, not necessarily at weigh-ins.**
- All weights recorded by the official on official weigh-in sheets remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not.
- Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-2-3 and 4-2-4.
- Regional tournament hosts may release their competition pairings to the public at the end of the seeding meeting.
- After the regionals, there are no entry **procedures** for schools to complete or forward relative to sectional and State competition.

d. Length of bouts

- All regional and sectional championship matches including wrestlebacks will be six-minutes long – three two-minute rounds.
Regional consolation matches for 5th and 6th place shall be two minute first periods.
- All State tournament consolation and/or wrestleback matches will be five-minutes long – one minute first period.

e. Substitutions

- (1) 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).
- (2) The provision extends ONLY to
 - (a) Third place wrestler in all regionals
 - (b) Third place wrestlers in all sectional brackets
- (3) There is no provision for moving up any other wrestlers.
- (4) 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.
- (5) If substitution is necessary because a first place winner (regional-to-sectional or 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.
- (6) If there is no substitute, the original placements stand.**
- (7) If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible substitute, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- (8) If a wrestler fails to make weight, their opponent receives a forfeit.

(9) A school is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the WIAA, the school of the substitute wrestler and the tournament host, in the event one of its qualifiers is unable to continue in the tournament program.

- f. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.
- g. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. GIRLS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition - Friday, February 13
- b. Except for weigh-in, coaches' meeting, and opening round, no specific time schedule need be established by tournament manager. All regionals must follow a procedure in which starting time of finals is NOT determined UNTIL opening session has concluded. The reason for this procedure is the wide variance in such factors as number of entries per school, available mats, travel, urban-rural setting, etc. Managers must have two separate sessions of wrestling. Time schedules for weigh-ins and first session will be announced on the WIAA website.
- c. Tournament Pairings

Rule book instructions and instructions below apply.

Note: (1) All weight classes – even if there are four or less wrestlers – must be set up and scored as an sixteen wrestler bracket. Scoring must include appropriate points for all ensuing byes. (See d. (2) of SCORING)

- (2) All **tournaments** must conduct wrestleback matches to determine second place. (These matches are to be six minutes in length.)

5. ALL REGIONALS

- a. Regional seeding Information and Procedures
 - (1) **Tournament Management Software** shall be used for seeding of all regional tournaments.
 - (2) Materials to have on hand: Computer, projector and screen.
 - (a) Tournament host should provide to all coaches a list of participants by weight, not by team, with their records. For example, all 100 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 / wt. 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 the **tournament management software** must be established by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present with the official voting if there is a tie.
 - (f) All coaches may appeal for a specific seed by using the following mechanisms:
 - 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. Their opinion 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 varsity competition if either wrestling is representing their 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 their 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 procedure would, of course, be done by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present.
- b. Additional considerations
- National Federation Rule #10 covers conduct of tournaments as well as bracketing situations.
- c. SCORING
- (1) Place points will be accumulated toward team total as follows:
- (a) 16 points to champion.
 - (b) 12 points to runner-up.
 - (c) 9 points to third-place wrestler (loser of wrestleback finals).
 - (d) 7 points to fourth-place wrestler (loser of first wrestleback).
 - (e) 5 points to fifth-place wrestler.
 - (f) 3 points to sixth-place wrestler.

In 2026-27 the team scoring the most points at the regional qualifies for the Team Tournament Program. Information on this program – including procedures to break ties in the event the regional has more than one team champion – can be found on pages 58 and 59.

- (2) Additional points at the regional level will be scored on the basis of 16 wrestler brackets and accumulate as follows: **Note: No points are awarded for pigtail/preliminary matches.**

(a) Advancement points

- 1) Two points in championship flight competition and one point in wrestleback competition.
 - 2) A wrestler receiving two successive byes will receive advancement points for each if they win their next match.
 - 3) Advancement point scoring for byes apply to the wrestleback bracket as well as the championship bracket.
 - 4) An advancement point is awarded to the wrestler that wins the third place match in regional, even if a final wrestleback match is not necessary.
 - 5) No advancement points are awarded for: Consolation Matches, Championship and final wrestleback matches in regional, or in a weight class with only one wrestler.
- (3) Two points are awarded for each win by a fall, forfeit, default or disqualification.
- (4) One point is given for each decision won by 8-14 points.
- (5) One and one-half points are awarded for each win by a technical fall (15 points or more).
- (6) In an incomplete bracket (anything less than eight) any wrestler receiving a bye will receive four points for their team if they wins their next match (two points for advancement and two points for lost potential pin). If they received two byes before their win, they will receive four points for each bye.

Note: Every wrestler is entitled to the opportunity to score as many points for their team as any other wrestler. It therefore becomes necessary to pay particular attention to situations involving byes. The following is offered to help clarify how to score these situations.

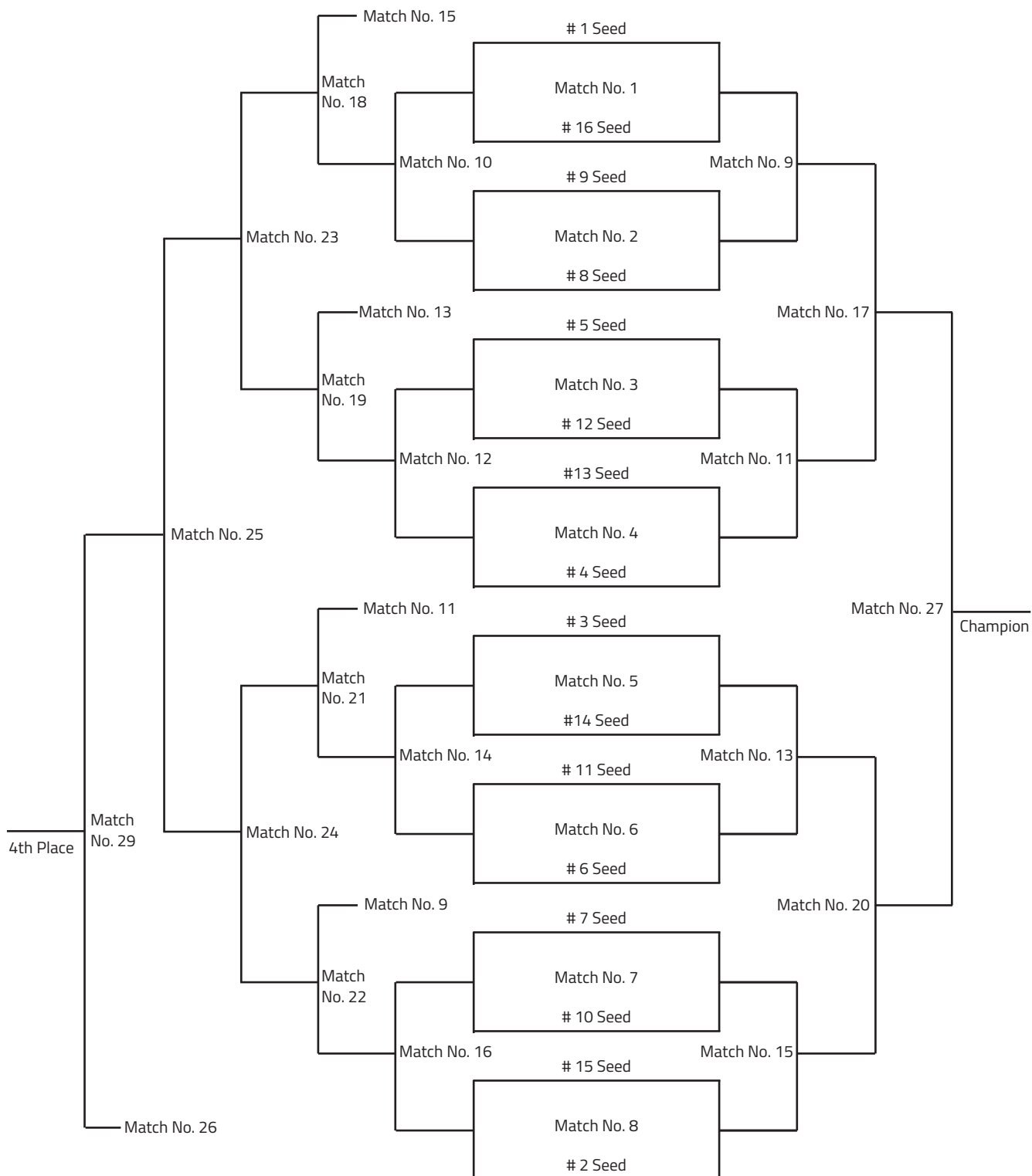
If a wrestler wins their first match, they are entitled to two advancement points and two pin points (a total of four points) for each bye they received before their win. If there are four wrestlers, each has received a bye in the first round (round of 8). If there are only three wrestlers, one has received two byes before their first match.

In the event there are only two wrestlers in the weight class, each has had two byes before they meet for the championship. The winner, therefore, is entitled to four advancement points and four pin points after winning the championship match. They would in addition earn first place points, as well as any points earned by a pin, technical fall, or major decision in the championship match. The loser in this situation is entitled only to second place points.

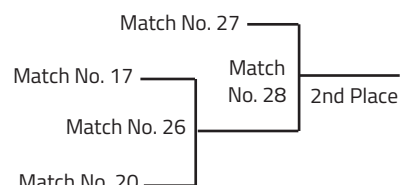
In a weight class with only one wrestler, only place points will be awarded. No advancement points are awarded unless a wrestler competes and wins.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

Girls



- Note:
1. Brackets are labeled reflecting 16 seeds. In most instances fewer than 16 wrestlers will receive seeds. Wrestlers not receiving seeds are placed on bracket according to procedures outlined in 5a.
 2. Matches #26 and #27 must be conducted simultaneously and both are three, two-minute periods
 3. Match #28 (if necessary) will determine the runner-up
 4. Winner of Match #26 receives advancement points even if Match #28 is not necessary.
 5. Team points are earned/awarded through 6th place.
 6. First two finishers advance to sectionals.
 7. A wrestler will be allowed to wrestle-back to fourth place in cases where the fifth place finisher has not met the fourth place finisher.



REGIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

h. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will generally seek to contract officials based on the number of mats used at a tournament site, the number officials contracted will be equal to the number of mats used, plus one. The strength of the regional and number of participants will also be considered. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee
3 officials = \$250 each/4 officials = \$220 each, plus \$12 meal allowance
- (3) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (4) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
One of the officials, as determined by the WIAA, will act as the head official and chairman of the coaches' meeting for purposes of determining the tournament draw.

i. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team.

j. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

- (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host school - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - \$150, etc. Minimum of \$860.
- (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) 25% to host school.
 - 2) 75% to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

All Sessions.....	\$7
Finals	\$6

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling regional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

- (a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.
- (b) Patrons arriving for the finals will be charged the price listed above.
- (c) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Members of the team - actual number of wrestlers but not more than fourteen.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and assistant coach.
 - No more than six cheerleaders.
- (b) All Sites
 - 1) 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.
 - 2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
 - 3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.
 - 4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

7. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

a. Scheduling of Competition - Friday, February 20

Time schedule will be determined by tournament manager and announced to schools on the WIAA website. Generally, the girls competition will not begin earlier than 4 p.m. and no later than 5 p.m. Tournament manager may (1) establish set times for quarterfinals, semifinals and finals, or (2) start semifinals and finals at given time period following the conclusion of quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. No specific time

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

schedule is recommended because of wide range of differences in such factors as available mats, travel, urban/rural setting, etc. Managers MUST schedule three separate sessions of wrestling.

b. Tournament Pairings

The **four** regionals will be numbered using Roman numerals, and the eight qualifiers (**two** from each regional) will be paired as follows in all weight classes:

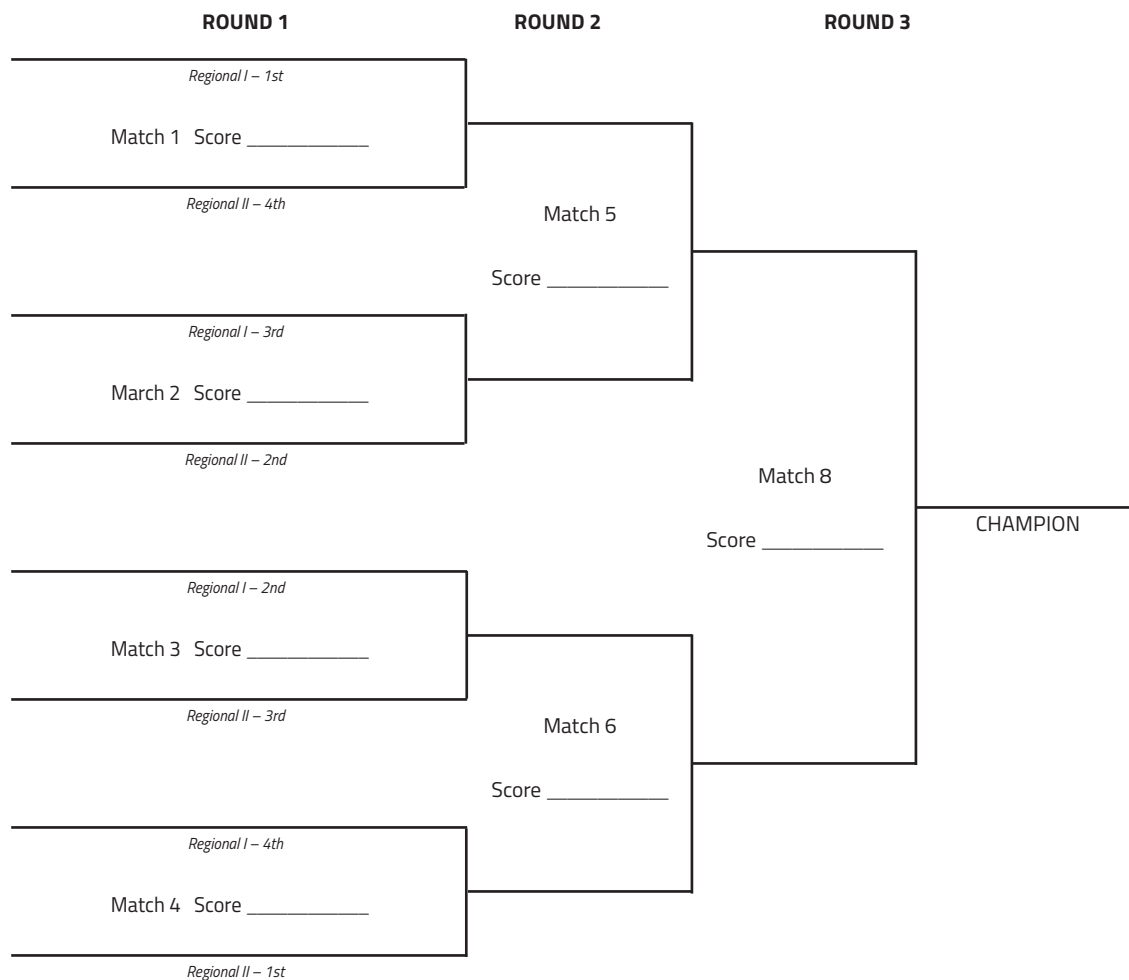
Top Bracket – Reg. I-1st vs. Reg. II-**2nd** and Reg. **II-1st** vs. Reg. **III-2nd**

Bottom Bracket – Reg. **III-1st** vs. Reg. **IV-2nd**-3rd and Reg. **IV-1st** vs. Reg. **I-2nd**

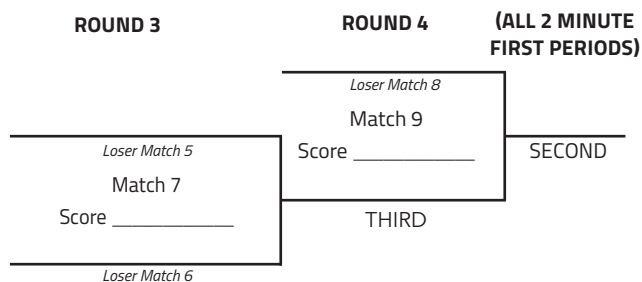
c. Sectional Bracket and Procedures

Championship Matches

(All 2 minute first periods)



WRESTLEBACK BRACKET – GIRLS



Reminder: 1st and 2nd place finishers advance to State.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

Note: (1) Bouts No. 7 and 8, must be conducted simultaneously and **both are three two-minute periods.**

(3) Match No. 9, (if necessary three two-minute periods) will determine the runner-up.

d. Awards

(1) Medals to first two individuals in each weight classification.

e. Scoring

There is no team scoring at sectionals.

f. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract four officials. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating fee - **\$230** plus \$12 meal allowance.

(b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

(c) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

(3) One of the officials, as determined by both officials and the host school manager, will act as chairman of the coaches' meeting.

g. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

(a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.

(b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:

1) Fees and expenses of officials.

2) Host school - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - **\$135**, etc. Minimum of **\$860**.

(c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:

1) **25%** to host school.

2) **75%** to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

All Sessions (Rounds 1-5) \$10

Second Session and Finals (Rounds 2-5) \$8

Finals (Rounds 4-5) \$7

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling sectional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

(a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.

(b) Those arriving for or during the second session will be charged according to the price listed for that session and the finals.

(c) Those coming to the finals will pay as listed above.

(d) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.

(4) Admission Policies

(a) Free admission shall be provided only for:

- Wrestlers actually competing.
- One manager.
- Head coach and assistant coach.
- No more than six cheerleaders.

(b) All Sites

1) 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.

2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.

3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.

4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

8. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

The time schedule for the State Meet Competition will appear on the WIAA website early in the wrestling season. Divisions 1, 2, 3 and girls will begin on Thursday, February 27, with Division 1 and girls weigh-ins set for 12:30 p.m. Wrestling will begin at 2 p.m.

b. Tournament Pairings

At the individual state tournament, seeding criteria will be used for all competitors. **The tournament management software** will seed all 16 wrestlers at the Individual State Tournament using the following criteria:

(1) Head-to-head competition

(2) Competition against common opponents

(3) Returning state champion

(4) Returning second or third place finisher in previous season

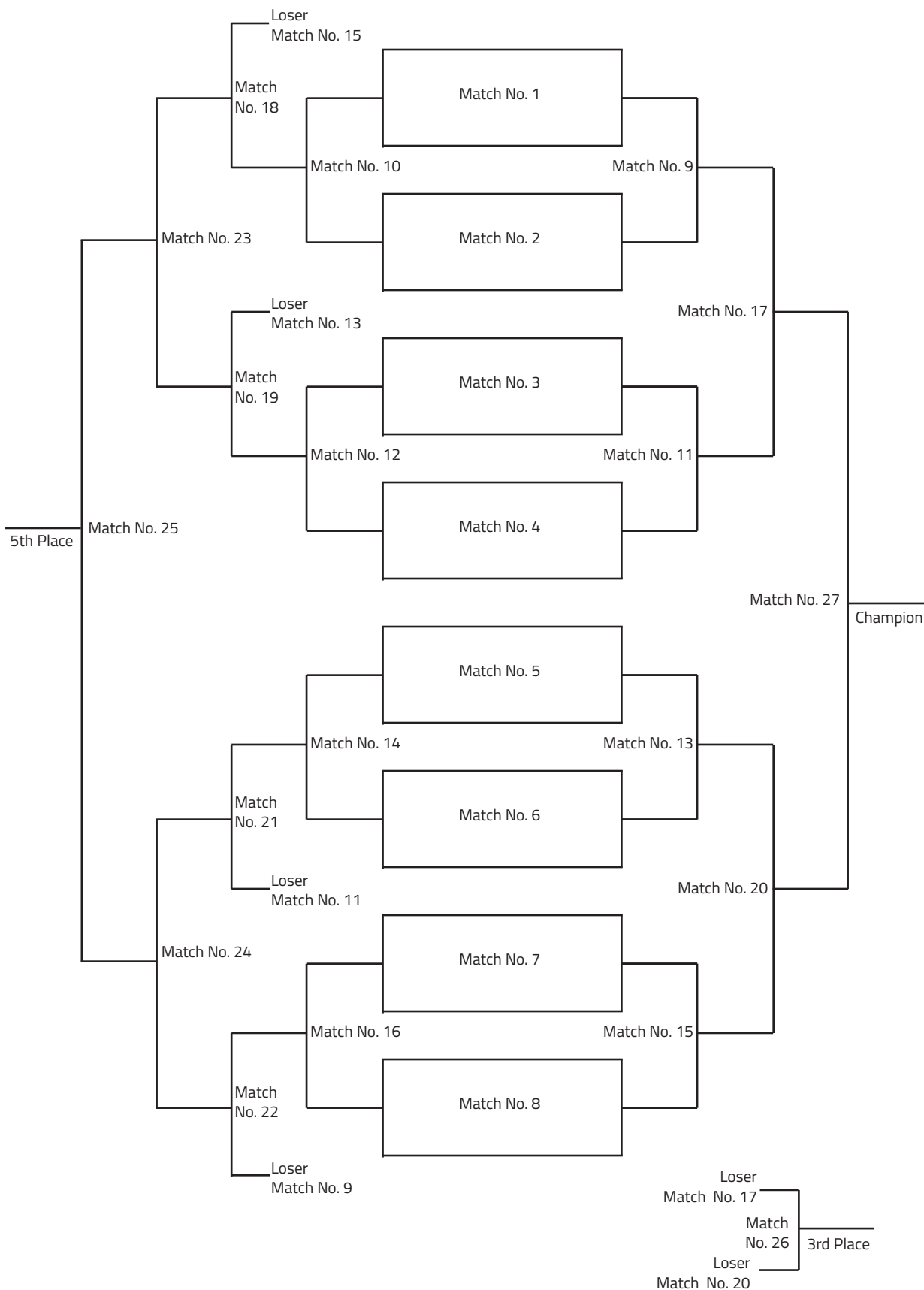
(5) Returning fourth through sixth place finisher from previous season

(6) Sectional champion

(7) Returning state qualifier in previous season

(8) Winning percentage in the current season

c. Seeding Information and Procedures



d. Scoring

Girls state team champion and runner-up will be determined based on state individual results.

e. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the state tournament officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating fee - **\$140** per session.
- (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
- (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car when practical.

f. Awards

(1) Trophies to champion and runner-up teams.

g. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowances

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

(a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of **70¢** per mile.

Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.

(b) **\$60** for each actual participant plus two other persons.

(2) Ticket Prices

	5 Session	Single Session
Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket	\$55*	\$11*

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Ticket Allocations

Complete information relating to ticket allocation for the State Tournament will be provided to member schools in October via email. All individual State wrestling tickets will be available for purchase online and the remaining tickets will be available at the door on the days of the State Tournament.

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus two additional persons.

Note: There is no provision for free admissions for either administrators or cheerleaders.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

State Tournament Housing

The WIAA office will not be involved in housing for students in Madison during the State Tournament but will inform schools of possible arrangements for housing in the event a Madison agency is available for this service. Schools are reminded students may not register in hotels and motels in the Madison area during the State Tournament without adult chaperones.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)