



## 2024-2025 NJSIAA Girls Season/Individual Tournament Regulations

NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SATs, unless agreed upon by both schools. During the spring tournament season, we will make every effort to accommodate schools that have a conflict with their graduation.

Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Tournaments if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, or Procedures. Any student-athlete who transfers after the competition start date will not be eligible for this tournament (Bylaws, Article V, Section 4.K. 5).

Schools are to be reminded of the 3-team DQ rule for state tournament eligibility, which states “Any varsity team accumulating three or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the team’s participation in the state tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. The 3-team DQ rule is no longer applicable during participation in the state tournament.

The NJSIAA will follow the procedure below for schools that are disqualified from state tournament competition:

1. If a school is disqualified, either for the use of an ineligible player or violating the 3-team DQ rule, from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded but prior to the bracket being final, then the bracket will be reseeded and the next ranked school who entered the tournament will be included.
2. If a school is disqualified, either for the use of an ineligible player or violating the 3-team DQ rule, from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded and after the bracket is final, then the bracket will not be reseeded, and no additional school will be included.
3. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition due to the use of an ineligible player during the state tournament, then the school will be removed from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place.

Schools participating in any NJSIAA tournament are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their spectators. Schools are required to provide adequate staff security to ensure there is proper oversight of their spectators. In addition, schools are financially responsible for any damages to the property or premises caused by their student-athletes, staff, or spectators (spectators include, but are not limited to, cheerleaders, marching band participants, students, and other fans).

NJSIAA requires Certified Athletic Trainers at all its tournament events. The ATC must document all injuries on an injury report form. This form must be available to the NJSIAA upon request.

Member schools not willing or able to comply with these tournament regulations and any relevant procedures found in the Operating Procedures Handbook should not enter the tournament. Member schools are encouraged to review these tournament regulations with the school administration. Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of the Rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all contests. Copies of these documents are available on the NJSIAA website.

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**Wrestling Tournament Dates**

Event	Dates	Location
Weight Certification Begins	November 4, 2024	
Tryout Period	November 25 - 27, 2024	
First Practice	December 2, 2024	
Competition May Begin *	December 9, 2024	
Post-Season Transfer by Date	December 9, 2024	
Two Pound Growth Allowance	January 1, 2025	
Transfer Sit Eligibility	**	
Tournament Determination Deadline (Girls)	February 1, 2025	
30 Match Limit Cutoff	February 8, 2025	
Regular Season Competition Ends	February 16, 2025	
District Seeding (Boys)	February 20, 2025	
Region Seeding (Girls)	February 16 - 18, 2025	
Region Seeding (Boys)	February 24 or 25, 2025	
Individual State Seeding (Girls)	February 25, 2025	
Individual State Seeding (Boys)	March 4, 2025	
Post-Season Meeting (Boys)	April 2024	
Post-Season Meeting (Girls)	May 2024	
<b>Boys Public Team Tournament</b>		
Rounds 1 & 2	February 10, 2025	Seeds #1 & #2 will Host
Sectional Finals	February 12, 2025	Higher Seed
State Semifinals	February 14, 2025	Higher Seed
State Finals	February 16, 2025	Rutgers University
<b>Boys Non-Public Team Tournament</b>		
Rounds 1 & 2	February 11, 2025	Higher Seed
State Semifinals	February 13, 2025	Higher Seed
State Finals	February 16, 2025	Rutgers University
<b>Boys Individual Tournament</b>		
Districts (Boys)	February 22, 2025	***
Regions (Boys)	February 28 – March 1, 2025	***
Individual Championships (Boys)	March 6 – March 8, 2025	Boardwalk Hall
<b>Girls Individual Tournament</b>		
Regions	February 23, 2025	***
Individual Championships (Girls)	March 6 – March 8, 2025	Boardwalk Hall

\*Competition May Begin date indicates when a school may start to schedule scrimmages and regular season contests once the 6-days of practice/1-day of rest rule has been satisfied.

\*\*Transfer sit period starts with the first regular season match wrestled by the team.

\*\*\*Refer to Districts and Regions alignment on the NJSIAA website.

## **TRACKWRESTLING**

### **Weigh-In Procedures**

1. **A wrestler must be listed in Trackwrestling and included on the weigh-in form to be eligible.**
2. All weigh-ins will begin 1.5 hours before the scheduled start match.
3. The lower seeded team will always step on the scale first.
4. Supervised scales must be available one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the weigh-in period.
5. No one will be allowed to weigh in early/late unless weather or unforeseen circumstances dictate, or the tournament director rules otherwise.
6. One (1) team point will be deducted for failure to have the Trackwrestling weigh-in sheet and/or descent plan at mat side.
7. This weigh-in form will be used for the admission of the wrestlers

**Skin Check Procedure** - If a doctor/athletic trainer does not do the skin checks then the official shall perform the skin check.

### **Entering data in Trackwrestling**

1. All girls who plan to wrestle in boys' events must have their assessment data entered in both the girls season and boys season.
2. When entering a girl's event in the girls season create the event in only the girls season. In the Weights dropdown, use the default option of "NFHS Girls 12".
3. Enter the exact weight and results in the girls season.
4. There must be an event created in the girls season for every event at which the girl participates. If it is a boys event, the girl must be entered on the boys season weigh-in sheet as well.
5. When a boys event is created in the girls season, choose NHFS 14 Boys from the dropdown menu under WEIGHTS. Then, create a weigh-in sheet for the girls participating in the girls season.
6. Record the exact weight and result in both the girls season and the boys season.
7. The weight loss plan and the NJSIAA Season Record Form will be the official record for all girl wrestlers.

### **Weight Class Participation & Allowances**

- a. A one-pound allowance will be granted on Monday during the regular season and Monday of the team tournament.
- b. Meets or tournaments postponed due to weather from Saturday to Monday will receive a two-pound allowance on Monday (one pound weather AND one pound Monday allowance. At no time can weight allowances exceed two pounds.
- c. Allowances granted for this year are as follows:
  - Two-pound growth allowance is January 1, 2025
  - A one-pound allowance will be granted for the following dates and other circumstances authorized by the NJSIAA - December 26 & January 2
- d. Wrestlers no longer must make scratch weight to be eligible for allowances, but wrestlers MUST follow their descent plan.
- e. The weigh-in sheet will reflect eligible weight classes as designated in that wrestler's descent plan. This ensures that descent plans are being followed.
- f. Wrestlers may never wrestle below their minimum weight classification
- g. Teams that wrestle out of state will compete at the out-of-state weight class provided wrestlers follow their descent plan.

### **Disqualified Wrestler**

- a. A team cannot add a meet to give a disqualified wrestler the opportunity to satisfy the two (2) meet suspension rule before any regular or post-season meets.
- b. Flagrant Disqualification Clarification:
  - Dual meets count as one (1) meet/event
  - Tri meets count as two (2) meets/events

- Quad meets count as three (3) meets/events
- Dual tournaments count the number of dual meets that team wrestles in the tournament
- Individual tournament counts as one match/event regardless of how many bouts are guaranteed

### **Penalties and Procedures for Using an Ineligible Wrestler**

All meets that the ineligible wrestler participated in must be reported in Trackwrestling as a disqualification. This will result in the following:

- A team cannot add a meet to give a disqualified wrestler the opportunity to satisfy the two (2) meet suspension rule before any regular or post-season meets
- Loss of individual points for any of the disqualified meets calculated by Trackwrestling for District/Region seeding
- Recalculation of the dual meet team score that reflects a six (6) team point loss of the disqualified team which will result in a six (6) point victory for the opponent
- If the ineligible wrestler participated in a tournament with a team score, then the score must be adjusted and any awards (trophies, medals, etc.) must be returned to the host school
- If a second offense occurs, then NJSIAA reserves the right to issue meet suspensions

NOTE 1: If a wrestler competes in more than the allotted 30 matches by the NJSIAA cutoff date, each match more than 30 will be deemed a disqualification (DQ) and that wrestler will incur a loss by DQ for each match over 30. If the opponent of the illegal participant incurred a loss, their record would change to reflect "winner by DQ." Team scores would be adjusted accordingly. The coach and/or school may incur a fine of \$500.00 and/or disciplinary action for this infraction.

NOTE 2: The offending school must notify all schools involved in the event so coaches can adjust their wrestler's record on Trackwrestling. The Region President of the teams involved must also be notified and will help implement the changes to records and meets.

NOTE 3: Once all have been notified and changes made, it is the school's responsibility to notify Colleen Maguire, NJSIAA Executive Director, that all requirements have been met.

### **Match Conduct for Coaches & Contestants**

1. Individual Tournaments - Wrestling will not start until there is at least one (1) coach but not more than two (2) coaches or school representatives (including athletic trainers) in both corners.
2. Coaches Misconduct Will be strictly enforced as per NFHS Rule 5-5
3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct will be strictly enforced as per NFHS Rules 7-4-2, 7-5-3, 8-1-4
4. Flagrant Misconduct will be strictly enforced as per NFHS Rules 7-4-3, 7-5-5, 8-1-3, 8-1-6
5. Athletes and coaches must be seated on the team bench/chairs, behind the bench/chairs, or in the locker room during the opponent's warm-up. No athletes or coaches are permitted to stand on edge of mats. A 1-point team deduction will be imposed, and an unsportsmanlike consequence may also be imposed if a school is found to be in violation.
6. Appropriate music of any sort is permissible providing it is NOT played during each individual match. It can be played before the meet begins, during team warm-ups, and between individual matches. It CANNOT be played from the start of an individual match through the end of that individual match. This includes the Team Tournament and the entirety of the Individual Tournament.
7. It is highly recommended that when coaching at all events, especially during the Team Tournament, Districts, Regions, and Individual State Championships that the coaching staff dress in a professional manner. Please refrain from wearing work boots, sweatpants, shorts, jeans, t-shirts, and the like as they are not considered professional apparel.

## **REGION TOURNAMENT**

### **To qualify for the Region Tournament**

1. Any member school sponsoring a girl's wrestling team will be permitted to enter the Region Tournament.

2. All Independent wrestlers from member schools that do not compete on an interscholastic basis are eligible to enter the Region Tournament.
3. A wrestler must wrestle a minimum of 8 matches against girls to be eligible to enter the girls region tournament. \*
4. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, before the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.

\*Limited waivers will be granted by NJSIAA staff for girls that are unable to meet the 8-match minimum due to the factors beyond their control, such as injury or illness.

### **Independent Athletes**

An Independent athlete is a student enrolled in a NJSIAA member school that does not sponsor a particular sports program and would like to enter a state individual tournament. Independent athletes are permitted, provided the school follows all independent entry requirements listed in the tournament regulations for their sport. In addition to the sports-specific tournament entry regulations, the following general procedures for all sports must be followed.

### **Independent Athlete Procedures**

1. All independent athletes must be accompanied by a certified faculty member (chaperone), or a coach approved by the schools administration.
2. The independent athlete will be disqualified if they are not accompanied by a certified faculty member (chaperone), or a coach approved by the schools administration.
3. The chaperone must have with them written authority from the school's administration and remain with the athlete throughout all contests.
4. Independent athletes will not be able to check-in to the event with a parent, a coach/chaperone must be present at the time of check-in.
5. Any properly appointed "coach" will be subject to all out-of-season practice rules.
6. The school district must be able to certify the independent athlete has met the required six (6) practices.
7. The school district must be able to certify the independent athlete has a completed physical on file.
8. The penalty for failure to comply will be the disqualification of the athlete.
9. If you compete on a co-ed team, you cannot be an independent athlete. You will have to follow the tournament regulations on how to qualify as an individual.
10. Member schools with independent wrestlers may enter the individual tournament at the region level. There is a maximum of 4 girls per school. They will be assigned a region at a later date.

### **Region Entry Procedure**

1. Girls must choose to participate in the boys' districts or girls' regions by **February 1, 2025**. Girls choosing to enter the Girls' Region Tournament will not be eligible to participate in the Boys' District Tournament
2. All girl wrestlers must compete in the girls' Regions to qualify for the Girls State Championships.
3. Each school may enter only one wrestler per weight class.
4. A wrestler is permitted to wrestle in any weight class (within NFHS Wrestling Rules Book & NJSIAA Rules and Regulations), providing their name was entered on the track wrestling seeding registration site.
5. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period. The weight class must be declared by the end of the weight class weigh-in period
6. The wrestler's descent plan must allow participation in the chosen weight class.
7. Coaches **MUST** enter their wrestlers for the Regions via the trackwrestling program by **February 13, 2025**.

### **Entry Fee**

1. \$16.00 per wrestler that weighs in at the region tournament regardless of whether they compete or not.
2. Make payments payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Wrestling Tournament).
3. Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691.
4. DO NOT use certified mail.

### **Region Tournament Rules & Information**

1. The Girl's Region Tournament is a one (1) day qualifying tournament.

2. The tournament is held at four (4) locations – North I, North II, Central and South.
4. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers in each weight class in each Region will advance to the State Championships.
5. The regions will be assigned based on each school's northing numbers but will strive for regional balance among the number of participants.
6. The girls' weight classes for the tournament will be:
  - 102-109-116-122-128-134-140-147-154-167-187-237.
  - These weight classes include the two-pound growth allowance from the original weight classes at the start of the season.
7. The weight class order will be 102 to 237. A random draw may be used for the final matches only (per NFHS Rule 5-21.1).
8. Weighmasters will be assigned to each Region by the state assignor.
9. There is no weigh-in form needed but the individual's decent plan must be available at the site.
10. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one weight class during the weigh-in period. The individual's descent plan must allow participation in the chosen weight class.
11. All weigh-ins will start 1.5 hours before the scheduled start time.
12. Wrestlers receiving a forfeit must weigh-in and step on the mat for that round. Failure to do so eliminates a wrestler from the tournament and/or further competition.
13. The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by the weighmaster or designee on this sheet. Proper signatures must be recorded.
14. All schools entered in the tournament will be held responsible for the conduct of their coaching staff and all other school personnel. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events.
15. The site manager and/or the official, have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation unethical, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
16. When severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances necessitate postponement, the site manager will make the final decision and should have an outlined procedure to inform the NJSIAA tournament director, the NJSIAA state assignor, NJ.com ([hssupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:hssupport@njadvancemedia.com)), event staff/personnel and potential opponents.

### **Region Tournament Seeding Information**

1. The seeding meeting will be conducted on the date listed above.
2. There will only be one seeding meeting.
3. The goal of the seeding committee is to:
  - a. To ensure that the criteria for seeding is correctly followed
  - b. Seed the best 8 wrestlers
  - c. Draw for position for the remainder
4. Seeding should reduce the possibility of having the two best wrestlers meet in the early rounds. Theoretically, they should meet in the final, after having the four best wrestlers meet in the semifinals. The quality of wrestling should improve as the tournament advances.
5. Highest ethics should prevail. Attempts to place an "unproven" wrestler in an advantageous position to gain additional team points, or to reduce a "stronger" team's chance of attaining more team points are looked upon as self-serving. Using the seeding meeting to determine where you are going to wrestle your student/athletes causing a re-seeding the day of the tournament is another practice that must be discouraged.
6. The seeding will be conducted by a "Seeding Committee"
  - a. The Committee will be composed of the Regional Tournament Director, or designated Seeding Chairperson (who will break any tie votes), and four appointed seeding committee representatives from each region.
  - b. The Committee will be using the past advancements in the previous state tournaments, Head-to-Head Completion, and Wild Card Discussions to seed the regions through the first 8 seeds. All results will be considered for seeding purposes (both boys and girls competition). All other placements will be drawn.
7. The top eight (8) wrestlers will be seeded. All other seeds will be drawn
8. Wrestle backs Procedure:
  - a. Wrestle backs will begin with the quarter finals

- b. Wrestlers will wrestle back to 3rd and 4th place in the regions.

### **Region Tournament Pre-Seeding Criteria**

1. Own Merit in a Previous Tournament – this level or better
  - a. Higher replacement(s) or further advancements(s) in wrestle backs will earn the better pre-seed.
  - b. Greater number of appearances – with the most recent advancement receiving preference.  
NOTE: All wrestlers get credit for being here, minimum advancement if out
2. Defeated a seeded wrestler(s) – in this weight class during this season  
NOTE: The better the pre-seed the better the victory. Use other victories using this criterion, if needed.  
Wins vs. multiple opponents with the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice
3. Defeated any state tournament participant(s) from a previous year during this season.  
NOTE: The better the pre-seed the better the victory. Use other victories using this criterion, if needed.  
Wins vs. multiple opponents with the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice.
4. Wild Card

Note: Prior years' 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place will be considered as a 5/6 place for seeding purposes.

### **Region Tournament Final Seeding**

1. Head-to-head competition this season.
  - a. First Step - eliminate round-robin set of losses between 3 or more wrestlers. Might have to use loss twice to satisfy multiple round robins. A>B>C>A or A>B>C>D>A.
  - b. Next start with the best pre-seed and work down. Discuss every head-to-head match, with the best challenge, heard first. Continue until all losses are satisfied and vote only with extenuating circumstances.
    - Majority of victories receives preference. Split decisions will be decided with the later win receiving preference
  - c. The vote will result in the challenger moving ahead of the higher, pre-seeded wrestler, moving the remaining wrestlers down, OR to remain in the pre-seed placement.
2. Wild Card
3. Unfair Seeds - Where it can be substantiated that an unfair seed has occurred, the tournament director must email the NJSIAA Tournament Director by 12:00 Noon, Thursday to have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee of the seeding meeting with this committee's ruling final.
4. Replacement - Any wrestler named at the seeding meeting that cannot wrestle in that weight class, for any reason, can be replaced prior to the conclusion of that weight class's weigh-in by an "eligible" replacement. A re-seed must occur using the same initial region seeding procedure. If the replacement does not qualify for one of the top 8 seeds, they will be placed in the vacated position of the withdrawn wrestler.
5. Forfeiture - Occurs after the initial weigh-in period and a subsequent reseeding meeting is over. If a wrestler successfully weighs in and subsequently does not appear on the mat to wrestle, a forfeit will be declared. Any forfeiture for not appearing on the mat eliminates that wrestler from the tournament unless as provided for in NFHS Wrestling Rules Book. Failure to provide the Tournament Committee with an acceptable reason for default or forfeit could result in Executive Committee action.

### **Officials Regional Assignments & Payment**

- NJSIAA State Assignor will assign all officials for all regions.
- Officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.
- Weighmasters will be assigned by the NJSIAA.
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

### **Athletic Trainers Regional Assignments and Payment**

- The host school will assign three athletic trainers and two blood persons.
- NJSIAA will pay all athletic trainers and blood persons.

### **Awards – Region Championships**

NJSIAA:

- The top three (3) place winners in each weight class will receive a medal.

NJ Girls Wrestling Coaches Association (NJGWCA):

- Region Most Outstanding Wrestler

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**State Championships Schedule**

<b>Thursday, February 29, 2024</b>		
Weight Check	8:00 am	Boys and Girls
Weigh-Ins	8:30 am	Boys and Girls
Wrestling	10:00 am	Girls: Pre-Quarters – Quarters – WB 1 – WB 2
Wrestling	10:30 am	Boys: Preliminaries – Pre-Quarters – WB 1
<b>Friday, March 1, 2024</b>		
Weight Check	7:00 am	Boys
Weigh-Ins	7:30 am	Boys
Wrestling	9:00 am	Boys: WB 2 – Quarters – WB 3 – WB 4
Weight Check	11:00 am	Girls
Weigh-Ins	11:30 am	Girls
Wrestling	1:00 pm	Girls: Semifinals – WB 3
<b>Awards – 5:45 pm</b>		
Wrestling	6:00 pm	Boys: Semifinals – WB 5
Wrestling	6:00 pm	Girls: Consolation Semifinals
<b>Saturday, March 2, 2024</b>		
Weight Check	7:00 am	Boys and Girls
Weigh-Ins	7:30 am	Boys and Girls
Wrestling	9:00 am	Boys: WB 6
Wrestling	9:45 am	Boys and Girls: 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> place
<b>Girls Parade – 12:45 pm</b>		
<b>Girls Finals – 1:00 pm</b>		
<b>Boys Parade – 3:20 pm</b>		
<b>Boys Finals – 3:30 pm</b>		

**State Individual Championships Rules & Information**

1. The state championships will consist of a three-day tournament that is held at the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each weight class from each region will advance to the State Championships.
3. Twelve (12) wrestlers per weight class will be seeded in the State Championships.
4. There will be wrestle-backs to 8<sup>th</sup> place and medals will be given to the top 8 wrestlers.
5. Weigh-in Procedures:
  - a. Weigh-ins for each weight class will be in alphabetical order.
  - b. The girls' weight classes for the tournament will be:
    - i 102-109-116-122-128-134-140-147-154-167-187-237.
    - ii These weight classes include the two-pound growth allowance from the original weight classes at the start of the season.
  - c. The weight class order will be 102 to 237. A random draw may be used for the final matches only (per NFHS Rule 5-21.1).



- d. Weighmaster will be assigned by the NJSIAA state assignor.
  - e. There is no weigh-in form needed.
7. All schools entered in the individual tournament will be held responsible for the conduct of their coaching staff and all other school personnel. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events.
  8. The tournament director and/or the official have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation, unethical, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
  9. When severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances necessitate postponement, the tournament director will make the final decision and will inform potential opponents, media, nj.com at [hssupport@njadvancemedia.com](mailto:hssupport@njadvancemedia.com), working personnel, assigned officials, the NJSIAA, and the tournament director.

### **State Individual Championships Seeding Information**

1. The committee is chaired by the Tournament Director or his designated seeding chairperson who will break any tie votes, his designated Seeding Chairperson, and two (2) appointed representatives from each Region.
2. The seeding meeting may be held virtually or at the NJSIAA office in Robbinsville.
3. Goal of the seeding meeting:
  - a. Separate the best wrestlers
  - b. Pre-seed, head-to-head movement, and seed all place winners (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) from each region.
  - c. The top 4 seeds will receive a bye in the pre-quarter round.

### **State Individual Championship Pre-Seeding Criteria**

1. Wrestlers own merit in a previous tournament – this level or better
  - a. Higher replacement(s) or further advancements(s) in wrestle backs will earn the better pre-seed.
  - b. Greater number of appearances – with the most recent advancement receiving preference.
    - NOTE: All wrestlers get credit for being here, minimum advancement if out
2. Defeated a seeded wrestler(s) – in this weight class during this season.
  - NOTE: Better the defeated wrestler's advancement the higher the pre-seed. Use other victories using the criterion if needed. Wins vs. multiple opponents with the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice
3. Defeated any tournament participant(s) from a previous year during this season.
  - NOTE: The better the defeated wrestler's advancement the higher the pre-seed. Use other victories using the criterion if needed. Wins vs. multiple opponents with the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice.
4. Wildcard discussion, if tied, discuss and vote

### **State Individual Championship Final Seeding**

1. Head-to-head competition this season.
  - a. First Step - eliminate round-robin set of losses between 3 or more wrestlers. Might have to use loss twice to satisfy multiple round robins. A>B>C>A or A>B>C>D>A.
  - b. Next start with the best pre-seed and work down. Discuss every head-to-head match, with the best challenge, heard first. Continue until all losses are satisfied and vote only with extenuating circumstances.
    - Majority of victories receive preference. Split decisions will be decided with the later win receiving preference.
  - c. The vote will result in the challenger moving ahead of the higher, pre-seeded wrestler, moving the remaining wrestlers down, OR to remain in the pre-seed placement.
2. Replacement - Any wrestler named at the seeding meeting that cannot wrestle in that weight class, for any reason, can be replaced prior to the conclusion of that weight class's weigh-in by an "eligible" replacement. A re-seed must occur using the same initial region seeding procedure. If the replacement does not qualify for one of the top 8 seeds, they will be placed in the vacated position of the withdrawn wrestler.
3. Forfeiture - Occurs after the initial weigh-in period and a subsequent reseeding meeting is over. If a wrestler successfully weighs in and subsequently does not appear on the mat to wrestle, a forfeit will be declared. Any forfeiture for not appearing on the mat eliminates that wrestler from the tournament unless as

provided for in NFHS Wrestling Rules Book. Failure to provide the Tournament Committee with an acceptable reason for default or forfeit could result in Executive Committee action.

4. Re-seeding - All appeals must be made by 12:00pm on February 28, 2025. A re-seed/re-draw of wrestlers will occur before this time.
  - a. If a wrestler is out of the tournament for any reason prior to 12:00pm on March 3, 2025, a reseed will occur.
  - b. Any replacement will necessitate that Region treat their three (3) remaining wrestlers as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> best remaining for reseeding purposes.
5. Failure to make weight class at the State Championships:
  - a. A re-seed WILL NOT occur after the initial weigh-in.
  - b. If there is a legal replacement from that Region, the replacement will occupy the spot of the withdrawn wrestler.
  - c. After 8:00pm on February 28, 2025, if a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place Region finisher cannot replace an injured wrestler or someone fails to make weight and there is no legal wrestler for replacement, wrestlers will be moved up and the forfeit will be to the highest seed.

#### **Officials State Championship Assignments & Payment**

1. NJSIAA State Assignor will assign all officials for the State Tournament.
2. Officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.
3. NJSIAA will pay all officials.

#### **Athletic Trainers State Championship Assignments & Payment**

NJSIAA will assign and pay all athletic trainers & blood personnel.

#### **Awards for the State Championships**

NJSIAA:

- a. The top eight (8) place winners in each weight class will receive a medal.
- b. Most Outstanding Wrestler award.