

# WIAA FEMALE WRESTLING

## POST SEASON GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are to provide assistance to tournament directors running the various sub-regional and regional championships, as well as instilling consistency throughout the state.

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### **SUB REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS:**

The sub regional qualifying tournaments are to determine who qualifies for the 8 person regional tournament. Sub regional tournaments are a district financed championships. The allocations from these district tournaments to the regional tournament will be determined and approved at the district level. At the conclusion of the sub-district tournaments, only 8 qualifying wrestlers will remain and advance to the regional tournament. For each of the four Regional Tournaments, there are usually two and sometimes three sub regional qualifying tournaments.

If the District wishes to approve the advancement of 16 to a two day regional championship, the district will be required to run and finance the first day of the regional 16 person brackets, as this is still part of the sub-regional tournament, until there are only 8 wrestlers left to advance to regionals. At the conclusion of day 1 of the 2 day regional tournament, 8 wrestlers will be left to advance to the Saturday, 8 person, 1-day regional championship.

### **ENTRIES INTO SUB REGIONAL TOURNAMENT:**

Up to two (2) wrestlers from the same school may qualify in the same weight class for post season. This can be accomplished by automatically qualify two per school and having a two day tournament for sub-regionals (if numbers dictate).

### **ENTRY DEADLINE:**

Tournament director will provide a deadline for submitting all entries into the sub regional tournament. Each school is required to submit their line-ups no later than the deadline. Those entries are official and changing weight classes is prohibited after the deadline.

### **SEEDING SUB REGIONAL TOURNAMENT:**

Due to the number of schools and travel distances, it is recommended that seeding meetings take place at the sub regional tournament, at the conclusion of weigh ins. Teams will email to the tournament director, no later than the specified deadline, the following:

#### **INFORMATION TO BE TURNED INTO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BY PRE-DETERMINED DEADLINE:**

- Athlete(s) for each weight class
- Name of athlete spelled correctly
- Weigh athlete will wrestle
- Grade
- Overall record
- Record against females
- Losses to all females wrestling at same sub-regional
- Past state participation/placing

- **Weight Management WEIGH IN FORM**

**Tournament director will pre-seed the tournament to help facilitate a timely seeding meeting.**

“A seeded wrestler is given a preliminary ranking for the purposes of being "planted" into the bracket in a manner that is typically intended so that the best wrestlers do not meet until later in the competition.”

Seeding criteria should be considered as tools, not absolutes, in determining the seeding of one wrestler over another. Overall record, overall record against females, record against common opponents (both wins and losses) and past state placing should all be considered to assist in seeding wrestlers.

**FEMALE WEIGH IN PROCEDURES:** See New (2016) Female Weigh in Procedures

For tournaments – All wrestlers must be in the weigh in area (gym, locker room, etc.) when weigh ins begin. No one may leave weigh in area prior to weighing in. Make every effort to have a physician available during weigh in to rule on any possible skin issues (this can be a male or female MD, PA, etc.).

Athletes should all be encouraged to be in the weigh in area 15 minutes prior to the official start of weigh ins. At this time, officials/physicians can check ID, and do a skin and nail check. Try to have nail clippers on site at this time. If an athlete is told they are not cleared to wrestle due to nails, or they have a possible skin issue, PLEASE make sure they still weigh in. The nails and skin can be approved later, weigh in must be completed during the weigh in time.

**TOURNAMENT TABLE WORKERS:**

You will need a minimum of 2 adults at each score table. Though we all have experienced student scorers, please make arrangements to have experienced adults for this championship post-season event. One adult clock operator and one adult official scorer. If necessary ask other participating schools for help filling these positions.

**REGIONAL TOURNAMENT:**

The WIAA sponsors and funds the four state regional championships. From each of the regional championships, the top 4 athletes will qualify for the state championships. In some cases 5 or 3 will qualify, depending on the number of participating school per district. The WIAA will assign officials for the championship. WIAA will work with districts to determine the number of officials (based on number of mats, etc.). If the District wishes to make the regional a two-day tournament, the WIAA assigned officials will work both days, with the district paying for day 1 of the officiating.

**QUESTIONS:**

If you have any questions, reach out to your District Director, or the WIAA for assistance.

Best of Luck and Thank you for hosting this championship event!