



NCAA DII WRESTLING SEEDING PROCEDURES – SUPER REGIONAL

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee has comprised the following procedure for use in seeding each super regional tournament. The system below provides coaches with the tools and timeframe to research and vote for the best possible seeds at each weight class in their respective super region. This process will provide for a consistent and efficient application throughout the championships.

Entries:

All entries are due by **3 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, February 22**. By 5 p.m. Eastern time, all head wrestling coaches will be provided record sheets, as well as links to the wrestling comparison and voting websites from the NWCA OPC System on TrackWrestling. For questions on this system, please contact Pat Tocci at ptocci@nwca.cc. *IF A TEAM DOES NOT SUBMIT A ROSTER BY THE DEADLINE THEY MAY BE CONSIDERED NO ENTRY AND THUS NOT ABLE TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.*

Super Regional Seeding:

1. Coaches will rank 8 wrestlers per regional (with 6 being seeded). the top 6 seeds, other wrestlers will be randomly drawn into the bracket.
2. Seeding will be completed electronically and must be done by **3 p.m. Eastern time, depending on the start date of the Super Regional:**
 - **Thursday, February 25 for a Saturday super-regional start. (3p.m. eastern)**
 - **Friday, February 26 for a Sunday super-regional start. (3p.m. eastern)**

Coaches and regional hosts will receive the seeding results by approximately 8 p.m. eastern that same day. Instructions on how to access and complete the pre-seed selection process will be sent to each head coach by the NWCA.

3. Seeding protocol per NCAA Wrestling Rule 3.19 Seeding: Consideration for determining seeded wrestlers, but not necessarily in this order, is given to current season of competition: (a) a contestant's won-loss record (number of wins, win percentage, strength of competition, etc.); (b) head-to-head competition; (c) common opponent.
4. All voting will be monitored, and overall results will be made public. The NCAA national committee, NCAA site rep, tournament director or NCAA championships staff will review, based on the applicable administrative policies, an incident that constitutes failure to adhere to policies and procedures or misconduct. Any situation that is deemed unethical will be reviewed by the committee and is subject to reprimand and/or fine.
5. The NWCA OPC System on TrackWrestling website assigns a point value that correlates to the wrestlers rank and calculates a total. (The highest and lowest rankings are thrown out for this calculation.) The program will then automatically calculate the seeds. These rankings will then be used by the coaches in the regional seeding meeting to determine final seeds.

6. The regional host institution will select a moderator to run the seeding meeting (typically this is the tournament director). This moderator's main duty is to facilitate the meeting in an orderly fashion and to make sure the rules that the NCAA committee has established for the seeding are followed.
7. The seeding meeting will start with the 125-pound weight class and end with the heavyweight class. Only ONE coach per institution can talk and vote in the seeding meeting and it must be the same coach throughout the entire meeting. Any voting at the seeding meetings will be done by hand count. A seeded wrestler may not be pulled from being seeded.
8. There may be discussion on seeds that are within a certain point different (see listing below) of each other starting with the top seed and working down to the next seed in that order. If a wrestler successfully challenges another then the wrestler seeded below (newly seeded after challenge) the wrestler that just lost the challenge cannot be jumped if he is over the specific point difference (see listing below).

An example in a 10 team super region, Wrestler A has 80 points, wrestler B has 75 points and wrestler C has 69 points, if wrestler B challenges wrestler A and is successful then Wrestler C cannot challenge wrestler B even though he is within **8 points** because the new seeding and Wrestler A is over the **8 point** threshold. Each coach has two minutes to state their case for their respected wrestler (which for challenges may include previous years accomplishments) followed by 30 seconds for a rebuttal for that wrestler. *If there is a tie, then the seed will go to the wrestler with the higher initial points from the pre-ranking. If a tie cannot be broken, then the national committee will break the tie.*

The number of points to challenge will adjust depending on the number of teams competing in the super regional. The formula would be:

<i>10-11 Teams</i>	<i>8 points</i>
<i>9 teams</i>	<i>6 points</i>
<i>8 teams</i>	<i>5 points</i>
<i>7 teams</i>	<i>4 points</i>
<i>6 teams or less</i>	<i>3 points</i>

9. **For the 2021 Super Regional Championship the replacement deadline is different than usual.**
This year due to the pandemic replacements can only be made:
 - a. For a Saturday super regional the deadline is Thursday, February 25 at noon eastern time.
 - b. For a Sunday super regional the deadline is Friday, February 26 at noon eastern time.
 - c. This should be prior to departure. No extra Student-Athletes should travel with the team. Only up to ten student-athletes should travel to the super regional site.
 - d. The replacement must be emailed to rtressel@ncaa.org before the specific deadline.

Any replacements after the initial entry deadline of noon Eastern time, Monday, February 22, will be unseeded.