

Seeding process using the ranking point system.

Guiding principles:

- All evaluations and seeding of ranked wrestlers occurs from the TOP DOWN.
Start with #1 and work the way down to the final seed
- At no time can a wrestler who is ranked more than 10 points from another wrestler challenge that wrestler.
- For challenges to occur within the 10 point spread there has to be “Compelling Evidence” presented. (i.e. head to head competition, results versus common opponents etc.)
- Once the seed of a wrestler is determined and another wrestler is locked into the next seed, the top seeded wrestler cannot be challenged from others on the board. The next wrestler can also not be challenged if they started with more than a 10 point spread over any wrestler still on the board.
- Once the rankings are set the points will stay fixed and are not changed.

Determining the seed of two ranked wrestlers within 10 points of each other.

(Eg. Ranked wrestler A has 100 points, ranked wrestler B has 95 points, ranked wrestler C has 89 points and ranked wrestler D has 80 points.)

- If ranked wrestler B is planning to challenge ranked wrestler A and is within 10 points they may do so.
- If ranked wrestler B ends up winning the challenge and is seeded ahead of A then wrestler B is locked into that top seed.
- If ranked wrestler C was planning to challenge wrestler B, and was within 10 points, he, wrestler C, must wait until the A-B challenge is complete.
- If A wins the A-B challenge, then C can challenge B but not A. Wrestler D can challenge wrestler C but not one else.
- If B wins the A-B challenge, then C can no longer challenge B.
- C cannot challenge A because C is not within 10 points of A.
- Seeding would be B-A now it depends on if D and others are within 10 points of C.
- In this case D can challenge.

(Seeding Wrestler B is #1, Wrestler A is #2, Wrestler C is #3 and Wrestler D is #4)

Determining the seed of multiple wrestlers within a cluster.

(Eg. Ranked wrestler E has 69 points, ranked wrestler F has 68 points, ranked wrestler G has 60 points and ranked wrestler H has 58 points.)

A cluster is a clumping of wrestlers where the spread between the ranked wrestlers is 10 points or less.

- Wrestlers F and G can challenge E for the next seed, the 5th seed. (both are within 10 points)
- If E wins the challenge for the 5th seed then Wrestler H can jump in and challenge F and G for 6th seed.
- If Wrestler F wins the challenge between E,F,G for the 5th seed, then H has to wait to see how the challenge between E and G comes out for the 6th seed.
- If G wins the challenge between E and G for 6th seed then H cannot challenge E for 7th seed since he is not within 10 points of E.
- Once a seed is awarded the committee needs to look and see if the next ranked wrestler or wrestlers are within 10 points of the top ranked wrestler left in the cluster.

(Wrestler E is #5, wrestler H is #6, wrestler G is #7 and F is #8)