



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S WRESTLING SEEDING PROCEDURES – REGIONAL

The National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Committee has comprised the following procedure for use in seeding each 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 16**. 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 through the NWCA OPC System on TrackWrestling. For questions on this system, please contact Jackie Paquette at jpaquette@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.*

Regional Seeding:

1. Coaches will rank 10 wrestlers per regional (with 8 being seeded). the top 8 seeds only, other wrestlers will be randomly drawn into the bracket. Pigtails will be placed feeding into the lowest seed and working up based on the number of entries in the bracket.
2. Seeding will be completed electronically and must be done by **3 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, February 18**.

Coaches and regional hosts will receive the seeding results no later than 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: Consideration for determining seeded wrestlers, but not necessarily in this order, is given to current season of competition: (a) head-to-head competition; (b) common opponent; (c) a contestant's won-loss record (number of wins, win percentage, strength of competition, etc.).
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 the 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 regional seeds.

6. The regional host institution will select a moderator to run the seeding meeting (typically this is the tournament director or site rep). 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 103-pound weight class and end with the 207-pound weight 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 there is a tie in the points garnered from pre-seeding, any tie will need to be broken first. 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 16 team region, Wrestler A has 120 points, wrestler B has 115 points and wrestler C has 104 points, if wrestler B challenges wrestler A and is successful then Wrestler C cannot challenge wrestler B even though they are within 13 **points** because the new seeding and Wrestler A is over the 13 **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 each 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 competitors in the weight class competing in the regional. The formula would be:

21 teams	18 points
20 teams	17 points
19 teams	16 points
18 teams	15 points
17 teams	14 points
16 teams	13 points
15 teams	12 points
14 teams	11 points

(formula is # teams competing minus 3 would be the points needed)

**All coaches must rank in each weight class regardless if they have a competitor entered or not.*

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9. Replacements may be made up until the time that the seeding meeting begins, as brackets will be drawn at the seeding meeting. Any replacements after the initial entry deadline of 3 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, February 19, will be unseeded.