

Wrestling State Tournament Bracket Separation Plan

STATE TOURNAMENT

A. The draw for the state tournament shall be made by the state office and shall be released after the completion of all regional wrestling tournaments.

B. Wrestlers who meet the qualification shall be placed in each weight division in the state tournament. To be placed, a wrestler must be a current region champion and must have been a state place finisher during his/her high school career.

Separation placement will be in order on lines 1,16, 9, then 8. The criteria for placing shall be as follows:

1. Separate all state champions (including state champions from other states).
2. The following criteria in order shall be used to separate state champions:
 - (a) state champion at same weight,
 - (b) state champion at higher weight,
 - (c) state champion at lower weight.
 - If there are two state champions at the same weight the state champion from Texas will receive the higher separation placement.
 - If there are two state champions at the same weight and both from Texas, the champion from 5A will get priority in the 5A championship and the champion from 6A will get priority in the 6A championship.
3. Follow the same procedure as #2 above for 2nd place from previous year, then 3rd place from previous year, then 4th place from previous year, then 5th place from previous year, then finally 6th place from previous year.
4. Items #2 and #3 shall be applied, in order, to wrestlers who placed in the state tournament two years prior.
5. Items #2 and #3 shall be applied, in order, to wrestlers who placed in the state tournament three years prior.
6. Blind draw for the remaining region champions who do not meet the above criteria.

C. If a region champion scratches from the tournament before the start of the first round matches he/ she will be replaced by the 2nd place finisher from that region and the remaining qualifiers and alternate in that weight class from that region will move up one position. As such there will be a new group of four region champions at that weight class. In this situation, the weight class will be re-evaluated for separation based on the updated list of regional champions.

D. After the brackets have been released if a school suspects that an error has been made in the application of the criteria, the school should email AJ Martinez. If an error has been made, the state office will correct the error.