

USA-NJ Kid's States Seeding Criteria

Primary Seeding:

- All 8 (and only) the 8 Qualifier Winners will be seeded as 1st thru 8th seeds using prior year results.

These 8 top seeds (qualifier winners only) will be seeded using the following criteria in full 24 wrestler brackets:

- Seeded 1 through 8 according to prior year USA-NJ State tournament place as follows:
 1. Place
 2. Division
 3. Weight
- After the qualifier winners with criteria have been seeded, the qualifier winners without criteria will be placed randomly – via blind draw - in seeded positions to complete the 1 through 8 seeding.
- All brackets with less than 24 wrestlers may be adjusted by the seeding committee.
- Heavyweight has a maximum weight differential as follows:
 - Bantams-10 lbs.
 - Midgets-15 lbs.
 - Juniors-20 lbs
 - Intermediates-25 lbs.

Secondary Seeding for full 24 wrestler brackets:

1. 2nd and 3rd place qualifier placers will be seeded per a pre-determined placement formula in the bracket.

2. Wrestlers who placed 2nd and 3rd place from the same qualifier will always be on the opposite bracket from their qualifier winner (1st), and a 2nd and 3rd place from the same qualifier shall not meet before the semi-finals.

3. In the preliminary round, where a 2 wrestles a 3, adjustments may be made for the following situations, **if possible**:

- If the 2 and the 3 are from the same team

or

- If the 2 and the 3 are returning prior year State Champions

Then the following may happen:

- The 2's will never move.
- The 3's will move/swap places with the other 3 spot within the bracket quadrant. This is the only possible move.
- **This move must improve the situation** and will not be made if the new move positions 2 teammates against each other, or if the new move positions 2 returning State Champions against each other.

Reseeding a bracket

- If a seed (qualifier winner) without prior year criteria misses weight or does not weigh in, the 2 moves into the 1 spot, and the 3 moves into the 2 spot.
- If a seed (qualifier winner) with prior year criteria misses weight or does not weigh in, the seeding committee may decide to reseed the bracket.

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Qualifiers and Seeding

USA Wrestling-New Jersey runs 8 qualifying tournaments for the purpose qualifying the top 3 placers from each qualifier (wrestlers that qualify) with the intention of having a 24 wrestler bracket at the NJ State Championships.

1. All weight classes will be seeded according to prior year place finish first, then division, then weight at the USA-NJ State tournament. Next, after the state tournament placements are seeded, prior year qualifier results, are used according to prior year place finish first, then division then weight at the USA-NJ qualifier.

2. After the USA criteria, local criteria may be used for the balance of bracket seeding, at the tournament director's discretion.
3. Only wrestlers who placed 1 through 8 in the prior years USA-NJ State tournament, or 1 through 4 at a prior year USA-NJ qualifier, have criteria.
4. The remaining wrestlers will be seeded by blind draw
5. Heavyweight has a maximum weight differential as follows:
 - Bantams-10 lbs
 - Midgets-15 lbs.
 - Juniors-20 lbs
 - Intermediates-25 lbs
6. When a wrestler does not advance:
 - 3rd place assumes the second place
 - 4th place can assume the third place and qualify
 - Non-advancing wrestlers should notify the advancement table when receiving their award, the tournament director and if possible, notify the other wrestlers in the weight class.
 - This must be done that day, at that tournament with the knowledge of the tournament director, or the advancement personnel and the advancement fee must be paid. No changes after the conclusion of the qualifier.