

District III AAA 5 Section **Pattern Seeding Guidelines**

The purpose of this plan is to separate the top three sectional champions and place the two lowest ranked sectional champions, based on sectional seeding points, against each other in the quarter-final round. This plan limits the chance of the best two sectional champions facing each other in the second round, as has arguably occurred in the past. The other qualifying wrestlers will be placed into the brackets based on how the sectional champions are seeded. The second place finisher will always be in the opposite bracket of its sectional champion and in the vast majority of the weights, the third place finisher is also in the opposite bracket. At least 120 different mathematical patterns have been developed, which completely eliminates human influence on district bracket configurations. The final pairings will be based on the sectional champions' credentials. Furthermore, this pairing system will eliminate the possible thought of "throwing a bout" to gain an advantage in the pre-determined system, because the seeding will be determined by the outcomes of each section as well as the individual's accumulated competition points.

This seeding format will seed the five sectional champions. Each champion will be seeded based upon the number of seeding points earned up to the sectional tournament. The champions with the highest point value (using the current District 3 seeding formula) will be deemed the top seeded wrestler. The five sectional champions will be seeded and placed in their typical bracket spots. The fourth and fifth rated sectional champions will be seeded 4th and 5th and will face each other in the quarter-finals if both win their preliminary bout.

The Sunday after Sectionals, a committee will meet to verify the bracketing and settle any disputes. The committee, chosen by the District III Coaches Association and the District Chairman and approved by the District Chairman, will consist of three members (none shall be an active Jr. High or High School coach) and Sectional tournament directors. The current committee shall consist of the following people:

1. District Chairman
2. Independent Representative - Bill Creps
3. Media – Rod Frisco
4. Sectional Tournament Directors

In the case where a tie exists using the sectional seeding points in determining the seeds, the following are the tie-breaking criteria:

- a. Head to Head
- b. The wrestler with the most wins (record after sectionals).
- c. The wrestler with the most competition points as turned in prior to the sectional tournament.
- d. The wrestler with the most prestige points as turned in prior to the sectional tournament.
- e. Flip a coin.

DISTRICT III WRESTLING PAIRINGS

AA

2009-2010

Three models used on a rotation starting with lowest weight class through the highest. Brackets can be selected to keep returning state qualifiers separated in semi finals who are sectional champions.