

Section XI Dual Meet Championships Wild Card and Seeding Procedures

Selection of the Wild Card(s):

1) Notifying coaches of candidates.

- a. Upon the last night of the regular season (usually a Friday) the Section XI Chairman, or his designee, will e-mail the head coaches of the SCWCA listing the teams that are eligible for the Wild Card slot(s). The e-mail be sent to head coaches *only* to ensure that a school will cast only 1 vote.
- b. In the case of rescheduled matches, due to weather, or any other situation out of the control of Section XI, the chairman, or the SCWCA, the entire process will be adjusted at the discretion of the chairman and the executive board of the SCWCA.

2) Who is eligible for a Wild Card slot?

- a. All 3rd place teams are eligible.
- b. A 4th place team is only eligible if the 3rd place team in their respective league is already chosen as the 1st WC.
 - i. A 4th place team in a league cannot "jump" a 3rd place team in their league.
- c. In the case where there is a tie for 1st place (League 1 in 2016) those two team will qualify for the tournament without using a wild card slot.
 - i. Their 3rd place team is eligible for a WC.
- d. However, if there is a 3-way tie for 1st within a league (League 6 2016), that will use up a wild card slot.
 - i. That league's 4th place team is eligible for a WC since there is no technical 3rd place team for them to jump.

*If there is a case where there are two 3-way ties for league championships they will use up both wild card slots. If there are more than two 3-way ties thus creating a scenario where more than the allotted 16 qualifying teams is surpassed, the Section XI chairman and the SCWCA will follow the guidance of The Section XI administration.

3) Petitioning for a Wild card slot

- a. Upon the announcement of all eligible WC's it is up to those eligible teams to petition for themselves via "reply all" on their email. This must be done ASAP (Friday evening).
 - i. With each head coach having only 1 vote all votes must be sent to the chairman.
 - ii. In order to give the chairman enough time to allow for the proper seeding of all 16 teams all votes for WC slots are due to the section chairman by 12:00 PM on Saturday.
 1. If there is 1 slot, then the voter will name 1 team.
 2. If there are two slots, then the voter will name two teams.
 3. The 1st team listed will be their 1st choice for a WC and the 2nd team listed will be their 2nd WC choice.
 - a. The team with the most votes will receive the 1st WC.
 - b. The team with the 2nd most will receive the 2nd WC.

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4) Potential future elimination of wild cards.

- a. If one day the tournament changes to, all teams with a .500 record or better within their league become qualifiers then the selection of any wild cards will no longer exist.
 - b. Also, if Section XI divides into 8 leagues then the top 2 finishers in each league 1-6 will qualify for the dual meet championship and only the top team in leagues 7 & 8 will qualify (their 2nd and 3rd place teams will be eligible for wild card slots).
 - c. Should a situation arise where more than the allotted 16 qualifying teams is surpassed, the chairman and the SCWCA will follow the guidance of the Section XI Administration.
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Who is eligible for seeding?

- 1) All league champions and co-champions are qualified for the tournament and are eligible for seeding.
- 2) All League runner-ups are qualified for the tournament and are eligible for seeding.
 - a. If there is a tie for 2nd place in a league, then both teams are eligible and have used up a wild card slot.
 - b. If there are two ties for 2nd place in a league, then both wild card slots will be utilized.
 - c. If there are three or more ties for 2nd place in a league thus creating a scenario where more than the allotted 16 qualifying teams is surpassed, the Section XI chairman and the SCWCA will follow the guidance of The Section XI administration.

Tournament seeding:

- 1) The Section XI Dual Meet championship will utilize a 16 team single elimination tournament structure.
 - a. A Suffolk County Champion will be crowned
 - b. The Section XI Runner-Up will be acknowledged
 - c. As of the 2015-16 season there will be no 3rd place match.

Notification and Guidelines for Coaches

- 1) Once the wild card(s) have been selected, the head coaches of the 16 teams will be contacted by the chairman, or his designee via email.
 - a. The 16 coaches will then select the order in which they believe the qualifying teams (other than themselves) should be seeded, 1-15.
- 2) The following items must be adhered to when creating an individual's 15 seeds.
 - a. The voters will not seed themselves.
 - b. The 2nd place team in a league cannot be seeded above their own league's champion.
 - c. The 3rd place team cannot be seeded above the 2nd or 1st place team in their own leagues.
 - d. The 4th place team cannot be seeded above the 3rd, 2nd, or 1st place team in their own league.
 - e. The voters will not seed the 2nd WC selection above the 1st.

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- 3) All qualifying teams will meet at a designated time and location to be determined at the earliest convenience.
 - a. The seeding meeting will take place on the Sunday before the tournament starts with each team being represented.

Seeding Mechanics and Power Points

- 1) In order to fill in a 16 team single elimination tournament, the seeds will be placed on their appropriate lines.
 - a. Teams from the same league cannot meet before the quarter final round.
 - b. The 1st and 2nd place teams in each league cannot meet before the semifinals.
 - c. The same applies to teams that may have a 3 way share of the league title, they cannot meet before the semi-finals.
 - d. Teams tied for 2nd place within the same league may not meet before the quarter finals.
 - e. If there is a "4-way" split for a league title the committee will do the best job they can to split each of those 4 teams into quarter brackets.
 - f. "Wild Card" teams may meet a team from their league in the quarter finals.
 - g. "Wild Card" teams may meet in the 1st round as long as they are not from the same league
- 2) The head coaches of the 16 teams qualified for the Section XI duals will submit their votes, 1-15.
 - a. Each of their seeds will receive the following "power points."
 - i. 1st - 1 point, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 3 points, 4th - 4 points, etc.
- 3) The power points will then be totaled and the 16 teams will then be listed in order, 1-16.
 - a. Lowest points is 1st seed through most points, 16th seed.
 - b. If there is a tie between two teams the committee will then look at the brackets to make sure the appropriate separation is conformed with.
 - i. With consideration given to like opponents, the committee will then vote as to where each team will be placed.
- 4) The final brackets will be reviewed by the committee, checked for errors, and then given to the Chairman for him to present to the Section XI seeding committee.
 - a. The Section XI seeding committee (Not SCWCA) has final approval of the location of the 16 seeds.

The Committee

- 1) The committee shall consist of the following
 - a. A representative from each of the qualifying teams
 - b. The Section XI Wrestling Chairman
 - c. The four members of the executive board.
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. 2nd Vice President
 - iv. Secretary
 - v. Treasurer

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Voting:

- 1) The following voting process will apply to all votes being taken.
- 2) Each team will have 1 vote.
 - a. If there is a tie, then executive board members present will then each have 1 vote.
 - b. If there is still a tie, the chairman will have final say.

Weigh Ins & weigh In sheets:

- 1) Standard morning weigh in procedures will be used
- 2) Coaches will exchange weigh in sheets at the start of the mat side weigh in on the afternoon of round 1.
- 3) The morning after round one, the winning team must fax/scan both weigh in sheets from the previous day to the Section XI chairman. These are due to the chairman by 12:00 noon.
 - a. All weights are "locked in" for the remainder of the tournament.
 - b. A wrestler may not be weighed in and used in later rounds unless they were on the weigh in sheet from the 1st day.
- 4) Upon receipt of the 16 aforementioned weigh in sheets, the chairman will share them with all 16 of the teams, via email.

Starting weight class:

- 1) The Section XI chairman will notify all 16 teams involved in the dual meet championships of the weight class will start round 1.
 - a. This announcement will come no later than 12:00.
 - b. All of following duals will follow the normal procedures regarding the starting weights.
 - c. **For Example (2016):**
 - Round 1 - starts at 160 lbs.
 - Quarters - will start at 170 lbs.
 - Semifinals - will start at 182 lbs.
 - Finals - will start at 195 lbs.

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