

By-Law Addendum: Seeding Challenge approved 10/14/2015

TCYWL Seeding Meeting Challenge Guidelines

Background:

To keep the integrity of the TCYWL tournament at the highest level, we have proposed a plan that will hopefully allow us to put in place a system that gets the top 4 wrestlers seeded properly in each weight class for our year end tournament. The current system works very well virtually all of the time but we have had some situations in recent years that perhaps could have been avoided.

Proposal:

- A seed meeting chairperson will be appointed to oversee the meeting during the TCYWL rules meeting in November. Ideally, this will be a board member that is not an existing TCYWL coach.
- The current seeding criteria will remain in place as the primary seeding mechanism and each weight class will continue to have the wrestler's ranked top to bottom based on the current system.
- After review of the initial seeding, each team will have 2 challenges to the top 4 seeds in a weight class (i.e. each team may only challenge a maximum of 2 different weight classes total). Challenges may only be made for a wrestler outside of the top 4 to get into the top 4 or for a wrestler already within the top four to be moved up.
- Once the challenge has been enacted, the coach making the challenge needs to explain the slot they think the wrestler should be in, and be prepared with criteria as to why their wrestler should be moved up. The Head to Head and past TCYWL tournament placing should be considered heavily during this discussion. They will only have 4 minutes to explain their challenge
- After the challenge is made and criteria given, there will be 6 minutes (maximum) devoted to any rebuttals from representatives of affected wrestlers, followed by a 4 minute (maximum) discussion among the entire membership. If there is more than one challenge for a given weight class, all coaches making challenges will speak first (one at a time,) followed by rebuttals and discussion as above. The chair may allow additional time for discussion if deemed necessary.
- The seeding chair will coordinate a membership vote on the proposed change. Each team present will be allowed one vote; board members will not vote; tie goes to the original seeding. If there is a simple majority, the wrestler will be moved into the higher slot and the other wrestlers will be moved down accordingly. After the vote, no further discussion is allowed
- We will go weight class by weight class from highest to lowest. After the chairperson has asked for challenges at a given weight class, there will be no further challenges of that weight class.