



Board Meeting Briefs: June 11, 2018

Seeding coming to state traditional wrestling tournament; advisory committee updates

BOONE, Iowa – Seeding through digital tournament manager TrackWrestling is coming to the Iowa High School Athletic Association's state traditional wrestling tournament in 2019. In a unanimous decision Monday morning, the Board of Control approved a wrestling advisory committee recommendation to build brackets with criteria that seeds the top eight wrestlers in each of the 14 weight classes across all three classifications.

The online formula will replace the random draw the IHSAA previously used, which paired district champions with district runners-up for the first round of the three-day event. Now, wrestlers are compared in a pre-tournament scoring system against every other qualifier in their 16-person bracket, with the top eight wrestlers receiving seeding and the other eight drawn in at random, while separating qualifiers from the same district tournament.

The IHSAA joins approximately 30 other state associations utilizing TrackWrestling for state tournament seeding. "The seeding of wrestling tournaments is something that happens every weekend across the state and across the country," IHSAA wrestling administrator Lewie Curtis said. "Our state tournament is one of very few that hasn't used seeding to determine its brackets. With this decision, that's no longer the case."

The criteria used by TrackWrestling to determine seeds gives points to qualifiers based on the following factors, in order of their use: 1. Head-to-head competition; 2. Competition against common opponents; 3. Returning state champion; 4. Returning second- or third-place finisher in previous season (equal value); 5. Returning fourth- through eighth-place finisher from previous season (valued in order); 6. District champion; 7. Returning state qualifier in previous season. The eighth and final criteria is an individual's winning percentage in the current season.

An example of the formula with more information can be found [HERE](#).

The Board of Control approved seeding of the dual team tournament by qualifying coaches at April's meeting.

Baseball releases postseason manual and classifications

The postseason manual and classifications for the 2018 baseball season were approved by the Board of Control on Monday. The manual contains postseason policy, seeding and assignment procedures, as well as host site and financial information. Approved classifications include enrollment numbers for programs and their co-operative schools.

[Regular Season Manual](#)

| [Postseason Manual](#)

| [Classifications](#)

Basketball advisory addresses seeding

The IHSAA's basketball advisory committee met in May and presented two recommendations which were approved by the Board of Control on Monday. Both relate to postseason seeding: 1. The IHSAA will provide specific, formal protocol for district and substate seeding meetings; 2. The IHSAA's annual teleconference ahead of the state tournament will include seeding discussion among qualifying coaches. The goal of each recommendation is to provide each district, substate, and class with similar experience and methodology in making their seeding decisions.

Golf sets fall sites and assignments, establishes cardback system

In the past, IHSAA postseason ties resulted in duplicate awards and placements. To better reflect common tournament practice, a cardback tiebreaker for non-playoff ties was recommended at last week's golf advisory meeting and approved by the Board of Control on Monday. This will break ties at sectional, district, and state tournaments by utilizing hole handicaps to determine placements via cardback. Fall golf classifications, sites, and assignments for Class 4A were also approved and can be found [HERE](#).

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