



IHSAA WRESTLING

2021 State Traditional Wrestling Tournament Seeding Information

The Iowa High School Athletic Association has used TrackWrestling to seed the state traditional wrestling tournament since 2019. Each weight class is seeded using a computerized system – with oversight provided by the IHSAA – and all qualifying wrestlers will be seeded.

CRITERIA

The criteria used by TrackWrestling to determine seeds gives points to qualifiers based on the following factors, listed in order of their use:

1. Head-to-head competition (2020 Update: +2)
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
8. Winning percentage in the current season

When compared to every other wrestler in their brackets, qualifiers receive one or two “points” for their criteria advantage, reaching a maximum of 30 “points” per bracket. If no decision can be made using the criteria and winning percentages are the same, each wrestler receives a half-point (0.5 points).

EXAMPLE

Here is how the criteria would work with a hypothetical four-person draw. Wrestler A would be the No. 1, Wrestler C would be the No. 2, Wrestler B would be the No. 3, and Wrestler D would be No. 4. At the state tournament, this comparison would take place through TrackWrestling for all 16 wrestlers in all 14 weight classes for the IHSAA’s three classifications.

<u>Wrestler A</u>	<u>Wrestler B</u>	<u>Wrestler C</u>	<u>Wrestler D</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning place-winner • Beat Wrestler B head-to-head (+2) • Beat a wrestler who beat Wrestler C (+1) • Wrestler D is not a returning place-winner (+1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-time qualifier • Lost to Wrestler A head-to-head • Wrestler C is a returning state qualifier • No common criteria with Wrestler D, 30-6 record (+1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning qualifier • Lost to a wrestler who lost to Wrestler A • Wrestler B is not a returning state qualifier (+1) • Wrestler D is not a returning state qualifier (+1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-time qualifier • Wrestler A is a returning place-winner • No common criteria with Wrestler B, 28-14 record • Wrestler C is a returning qualifier
<i>Total: 4 points</i>	<i>Total: 1 point</i>	<i>Total: 2 points</i>	<i>Total: 0 points</i>