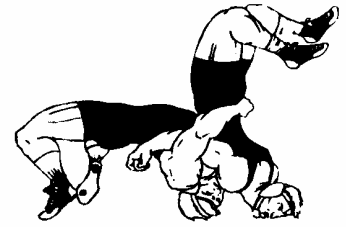




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**TO: SECTIONAL ATHLETIC COUNCILS  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS and WRESTLING COACHES**  
**FROM: NYS WRESTLING COMMITTEE**  
**DATE: JANUARY 9, 2007**  
**RE: PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING 2006-07 "AT LARGE" ENTRIES  
FOR NYS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

Based upon a recommendation from the NYS Wrestling Committee the NYS Executive and Championship Committees have approved the following change for the 2007 NYS Wrestling Tournament:

The procedure to select four wildcards at each weight class in both Division One and Division Two is listed below. This change adds (4x15x2)= 120 new wrestlers to the tournament in 2007.

**REASON FOR THE REQUEST:**

- The main goal of the change in format is to fill the 4 Bys at each weight class in both Division1 and Division 2, to make it more equitable for each wrestler in the tournament.
- This change will also allow some of our most qualified wrestlers (who are in the same Section as the best wreser in the state) to also be able to compete.
- This new format will allow for multiple entries from each section at certain weight classes. It could now be possible for a section to have 3 entries at a weight class instead of just one. The new format will thus allow for increased participation under a multiple-entry format. The new format could allow two wrestlers from the same section to advance to the NYS finals. It could actually be possible for one Section to place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State at the same weight class.

**GOAL OF FILLING THE WILDCARDS:**

The committee wants the four wildcards to be the next best available wrestlers who have not yet qualified for the tournament. It does not matter what section they are from. It would be possible for a Section to have two wildcards at one given weight class and none at any of the others. It would be possible for one Section to have a wildcard at every weight class and another Section to have no wildcards. The reverse could happen in the next year.

**FORMULA FOR DETERMINING THE WILDCARDS:**

The Wrestling Committee finalized the exact formula with their 11/9/06 Conference Call. Wildcard applicants will earn points in three ways:

- 1-**Current season:** Difference between wins and losses
- 2-**Bonus Points** based on prior year Sectional and State place finishes.
- 3-**Power points** based on the past 6 year history of how many place-winners your Section has had at the NYS tournament. The Power point scale will be adjusted on an annual basis to always reflect the most recent six years. Top 4 Sections: Earn +10, Middle 4: +5, Bottom 4: do not earn any.
- 4-A **Tie-Breaking criteria** has been developed if total points are the same. (See attached Charts for Items 2,3, and 4)



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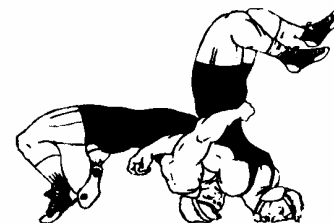


Table 1:

***BONUS POINTS used in “AT LARGE” calculations***  
*Adopted 1/13/06*

Some teams wrestle “easier” schedules and their wrestlers will have the chance to accumulate more victories than teams with “tougher schedules. To balance out the victory criteria wrestlers will earn Bonus Points for placing in their Sectional tournament this year or in prior years and for placing in the NYS Tournament in prior years.

If your wrestler is in a section that has 8 teams or less in their Division (no bonus points will be earned for placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> in the Section)

Bonus points will be earned in accordance with the following charts:

Section’s Division has <b>More than 8 teams</b>	
<b>Sectional Place</b>	<b>Bonus Pts</b>
4th Place-Section	<b>15</b>
3rd Place-Section	<b>20</b>
2nd Place-Section	<b>25</b>
1st Place-Section	<b>30</b>
6th Place-NY State	<b>35</b>
5th Place-NY State	<b>45</b>
4th Place-NY State	<b>55</b>
3rd Place-NY State	<b>65</b>
2nd Place-NY State	<b>75</b>
1st Place-NY State	<b>85</b>

Section’s Division has <b>8 teams or less</b>	
<b>Sectional Place</b>	<b>Bonus Pts</b>
4th Place-Section	<b>0</b>
3rd Place-Section	<b>0</b>
2nd Place-Section	<b>0</b>
1st Place-Section	<b>30</b>
6th Place-NY State	<b>35</b>
5th Place-NY State	<b>45</b>
4th Place-NY State	<b>55</b>
3rd Place-NY State	<b>65</b>
2nd Place-NY State	<b>75</b>
1st Place-NY State	<b>85</b>

Select only one bonus-point value per year.  
Ex: A returning Section Champ who placed 4<sup>th</sup> in NYS last year is defeated in their Sectional final: They earn 55 bonus points (not 30+55 points)



## **POWER POINTS - BASED ON 6 PRIOR YEARS –Adopted 1/13/06**

Some Sections are stronger than others. Wrestlers from the stronger Sections should earn positive “Power Points” Some Sections are weaker than others. Wrestlers from the weaker Sections should not earn “Power Points”. To determine the “stronger” and “weaker” sections results of NYS place-winners were tabulated over the past 6 years (for D2 only the last 2 yrs as that is their total length of existence at this time) Placing 6<sup>th</sup> in NYS earned the Section 1 point, 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 4 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 pts., and 1<sup>st</sup> = 6 pts. Total points earned by Sections over the past 6 years are listed to the right of the Sections Number. Since each Division has 12 Sections competing in it “Positive Power Points” are awarded to the Top 4 Strongest Sections and the 4 Middle Sections: with No “Power Points” awarded to the 4 Sections who ended at the Bottom as the 4 Weakest Sections.

The PowerPoint result tables are as follows:.

### ***DIVISION ONE (includes 2006 NYS Tournament results)***

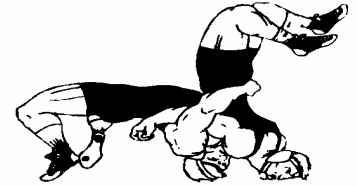
	<b>ADD</b>
SECTION 11 = 319 points	+10
SECTION 4 = 241 points	+10
SECTION 5 = 239 points	+10
SECTION 2 = 213 points	+10
SECTION 8 = 184 points	+5
SECTION 3 = 169 points	+5
SECTION 9 = 164 points	+5
SECTION 6 = 137 points	+5
SECTION 1 = 96 points	0
SECTION 10 = 54 points	0
CHSAA = 34 points	0
SECTION 7 = 31 points	<b>N/A</b>
PSAL = 8 points	0

### ***DIVISION TWO (includes 2006 NYS Tournament results)***

	<b>ADD</b>
SECTION 4 = 169 points	+10
SECTION 3 = 164 points	+10
SECTION 5 = 154 points	+10
SECTION 6 = 138 points	+10
SECTION 2 = 121 points	+5
SECTION 10 = 53 points	+5
SECTION 7 = 48 points	+5
SECTION 11 = 40 points	+5
SECTION 1 = 27 points	0
SECTION 8 = 23 points	0
SECTION 9 = 8 points	0
CHSAA = 0 points	<b>N/A</b>
PSAL = 0 points	0



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**“At Large” Tie Breaking Criteria:**  
**Adopted 1/13/06**

**PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATING THE “AT LARGE’S”:**

At the conclusion of each Sectional Tournament, the Section Chairman will forward the necessary data on both the second and third place finisher at each weight class. The formula will be applied and the data will be sorted. The Top Four point earners at each weight will earn the “At Large” berths with the following exceptions:

\*-A Tie-Breaking criteria has been developed if total points are the same.

**“At Large” Tie Breaking Criteria:**

Should wrestlers accumulate the same number of “At Large” points, the tie will be broken using the following criteria:

- 1- Head to Head
- 2- State Bonus Points Earned
- 3- Sectional Bonus Points Earned
- 4- Most Pins in the current season
- 5- Most Tech Falls in the current season
- 6- Most Major Decisions in the current season.
- 7- Coin Flip

In the possible event where the #3 place-winner from a Section earns more points than the #2 place-winner from the same Section, the following procedure will apply:

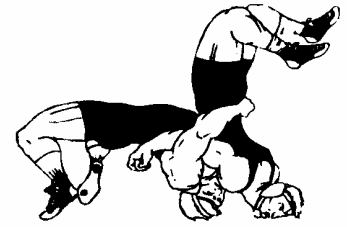
- 1- If the #3 wrestler, did not lose to the #2 wrestler at the Sectional Tournament, no changes are needed and #3 earns the “At Large” ahead of #2.
- 2- If the #3 wrestler, lost to the #2 wrestler at the Sectional Tournament, they will not be able to go ahead of #2 (even though they have more points than #2) unless #2 “carries #3 along with them:

In this situation, if #2 happens to already have enough points to be one of the four “At Large’s” (as does #3) then they both can go.

If #2 did not accumulate enough points to be one of the four “At Large’s”, then #3 will be removed from consideration (even though they have enough points). The next highest point earner will take the spot of the #3 wrestler just removed.



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**PROCEDURES AND DATES FOR SUBMITTING "AT LARGE" DATA:**

-Chairmen will seek out a sectional rep who has the Excel program and will submit an accurate report that meets the exact specifications and includes all of the data necessary to determine the "At Large" berths.

-Form requests all place-winners (1 thru 6) but only Numbers 1-3 are needed for determining the "At Large" entries. Additional place-winners can be reported at conclusion of NYS Tournament.

-Semi-final results must be submitted. A column has been added to the 2007 reporting form for Chairmen to specify if the #2 place-winner defeated the #3 place-winner with a: "Y" (Yes: #2 beat #3) or "N" (No: #2 did not beat #3)

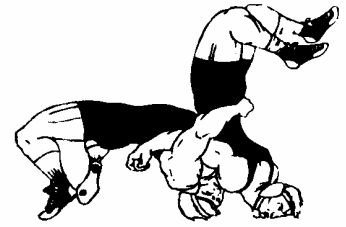
**Dates for data submission:**

Monday 2/19 (Presidents Day)	All Sectional tournaments (D1 and D2) must be concluded by this date.
Monday 2/19 by 10:00 p.m. *	D1 and D2 Excel Spreadsheets completed for: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> placewinners and e-mailed to: <b>JEFFCUILTY@HVC.RR.COM</b>
Tuesday 2/20	Jeff CUILTY-S9 sorts data by point system and sends data to Bill Kayes-S3 for verification
Wednesday 2/21 by 12:00 noon	Jeff CUILTY-S9 e-mails NYS Chairman and all Sectional Chairmen with "At Large" winners at each weight class for both D1 and D2. -Sectional Chairman inform Athletic Directors, coaches and winners in their sections. -Non-winners of "At Large" berths may appeal to their Sectional Chairman if they feel an error was made.
Thursday 2/22 by 12:00 noon	Final Appeals made to NYS Chairman. NYS Chairman decides appeals and finalizes the "At Large" berths.
Thursday 2/22 by 10:00 p.m.	NYS Chairman meets with Head Scorer and inserts participants names into pre-drawn brackets. Movements are made if needed by following the previously adopted procedures for moving brackets.
Saturday 2/24	Final brackets are submitted to all Sectional Chairmen and to the tournament program printer.
Saturday 3/10 (Can be submitted on 2/19 with original data)	D1 and D2 Excel Spreadsheets completed for: 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> placewinners and e-mailed to: <b>JEFFCUILTY@HVC.RR.COM</b>

\* Chairmen obtain and hold onto stats from their Sectional seeding meetings. Specific data on an "At Large" nomination's W/L record, pins, etc may be needed in the event of a tie in their total point values.



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**Procedure for Bracket Movements for NYS Tournament:**

- Blind draw is used to enter Section Champs into 16 man bracket.
- “At Large” entries are placed on Bye lines using codes A1, A2, A3, and A4 in order (starting with 96 lbs). Then rotating Bye line placement at each weight class: A2, A3, A4, and A1 (at 103) etc.

**Movement of Section Champs:**

- Identify any Section Champs who placed in the Top 4 in last year’s tournament.
- In a case where they are bracketed to meet prior to the finals:  
separate these prior year placewinners by moving them to the same line on the opposite half bracket.
- When 3 or more finishers are in the same weight class:  
Rank them by last year’s order of finish and place as  
Returning State Champ in one half bracket with the other two placewinners in the opposite half bracket.
- When 2 Returning State Champs and 2 runner-ups are in the same weight class:  
Returning State Champs are placed in opposite half bracket with the runner-ups placed opposite the half bracket opposite the State Champ who defeated them the year before,

**Movement of “At Large” Entries:**

- General rule is that the “At Large” wrestlers are not moved unless they are also a returning Top 4 placer from the year before.
- “At Large” wrestlers are then moved in accordance with the above procedures for moving Section Champs.
- “At-Large” entry must be moved if his first round draw puts him up against someone from his same section (unless this is not possible because of bracket movements that have already been completed. “At-Large” entries should be shifted down to next available BYE line.