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POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION

All rules and regulations set forth in this guide are subject to review and modification by the Commission on Athletics (COA).

1.1 Playing Rules

1.1.1 RULEBOOK (SEE COA BYLAW 4.)

All wrestling competition shall follow NCAA rules with the following exceptions:

- A. Student athletes weighing in at a weight class in which they are not certified to compete would be considered a not-certified participant and the following sanctions shall be applied.
 1. First Violation
 - a. Forfeiture of scheduled event
 - i. Dual: forfeiture of the entire dual meet.
 - ii. Tournament: classified as flagrant misconduct – The offending wrestler shall be disqualified from the tournament and all points earned by the wrestler deducted from the team score.
 - b. Letter sent to the offending college's athletic director.
 - c. Offending student athlete declared not-certified for the next scheduled event.
 - d. Offending head coach required to sit out the next scheduled event.
 2. Second Violation
 - a. Same student athlete – Section A (1) shall apply and the athlete shall be declared not certified for the remainder of the season.
 - b. Different student athlete: Section A (1-4) shall apply.
 - c. Letter sent to athletic director (c.c. division dean).
 - d. Head coach shall be removed for the remainder of the sport season.
- B. The required initial weight certification information must be in the office of the COA wrestling representative at least three (3) days prior to a college's first scheduled competition. Certification of additional student athletes shall follow the same guidelines prior to participation of the athlete. Non-compliance would result in forfeiture of scheduled contest involving non-certified student athletes.
- C. Each head coach shall have in his possession his team's weight descent information at every event. Upon request, he shall present the information. Teams not complying with the aforementioned guideline shall forfeit the scheduled contest or be declared not ineligible for participation in the scheduled tournament.
- D. Final certification information shall be presented at the regional championships prior to weigh-ins. Teams not complying with this guideline will be declared ineligible for participation in the regional championships.
- E. At least one (1) coach for each wrestling team will be CPR certified and will be re-certified annually prior to the start of competition.

1.2 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

1.2.1 DATE (SEE COA BYLAW 3.11)

There shall be two (2) regional tournaments held on the second (2nd) Saturday after Thanksgiving. Each tournament shall include the colleges listed in the regions below.

1.2.2 REGIONS 10/13/06 4/5/07

NORTH

Chabot College
Fresno City College
Lassen College
Modesto Jr. College
Sacramento City College
San Joaquin Delta College
Santa Rosa Jr. College
Shasta College
Sierra College
Skyline College
West Valley College

SOUTH

Bakersfield College
Cerritos College
Cuesta College
East Los Angeles College
Moorpark College
Mt. San Antonio College
Palomar College
Rio Hondo College
Santa Ana College
Victor Valley College
West Hills Lemoore College

1.2.3 OFFICIALS

- A. Regional tournament officials shall be recommended and selected by the coaches in each region and then contracted for by the event manager of the host colleges. (See COA Bylaws 6.8.4 and 6.8.5.)
- B. The head official or coordinator of officials shall be paid an additional maximum stipend of \$200.

1.2.4 ENTRY FEES (SEE COA BYLAW 6.8.3.)

1.2.5 SCORING AND TIMING

- A. Scoring shall be in accordance with current NCAA rules. Eight (8) individual places shall be scored, and official team scoring shall be recorded for all colleges. To determine a true sixth (6th)-place qualifier to the state meet, the sixth (6th)- and seventh (7th)-place wrestlers will wrestle prior to the completion of the regional tournament if they have not wrestled each other during the regional tournament. However, no team points will be awarded. 10/13/06
- B. Timing and scoring devices shall be visible to spectators and participants.
- C. The regional tournament time schedules shall be:

FRIDAY

6:00PM–8:00PM: Coaches general meeting and seeding meeting

SATURDAY

8:00AM: Weigh-in begins and continues until completion

10:00AM: Wrestling begins and continues until completion of competition

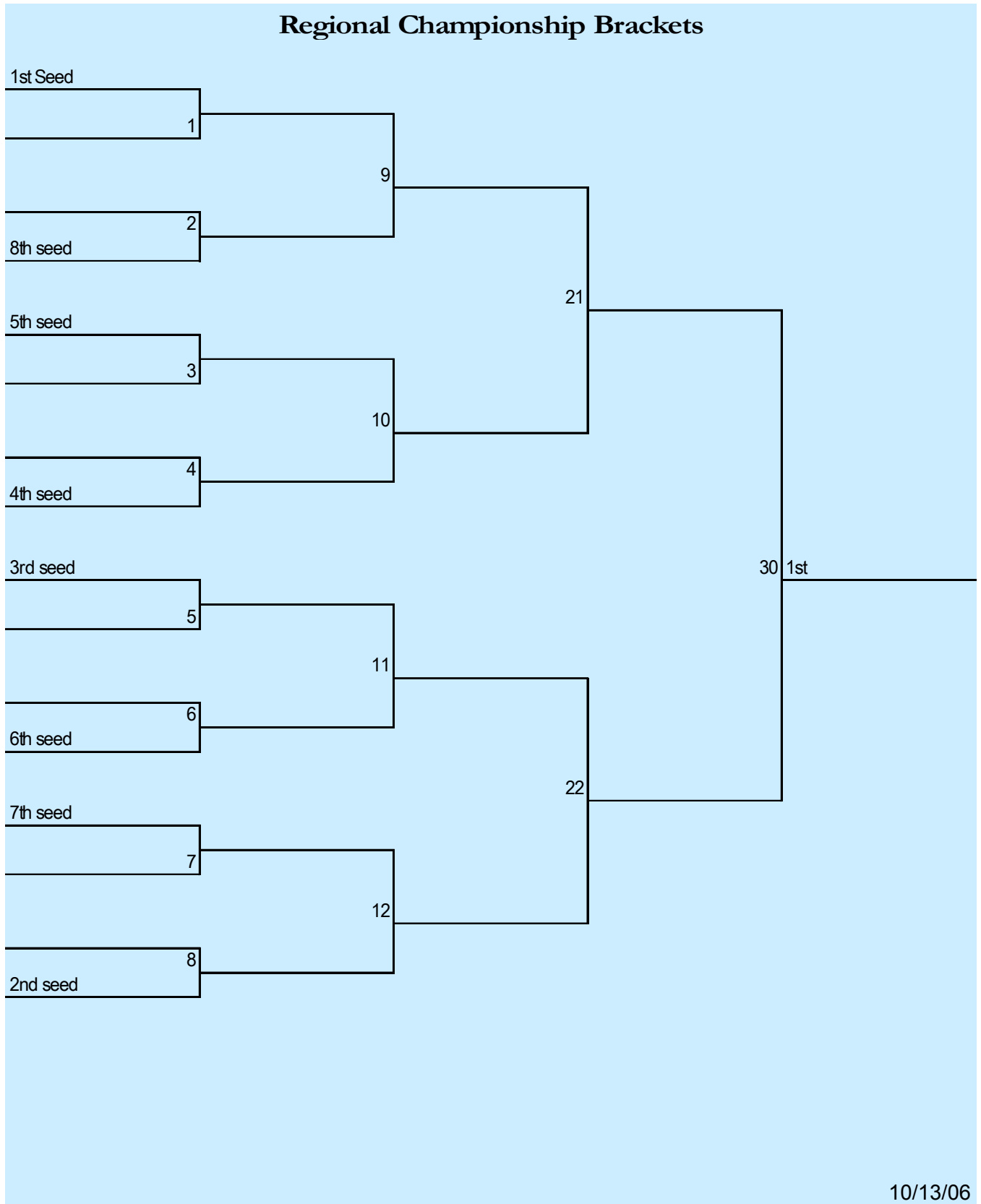
1.2.6 AWARDS (SEE COA BYLAW 7.2.)

1.2.7 WEIGH-IN AND SEEDING

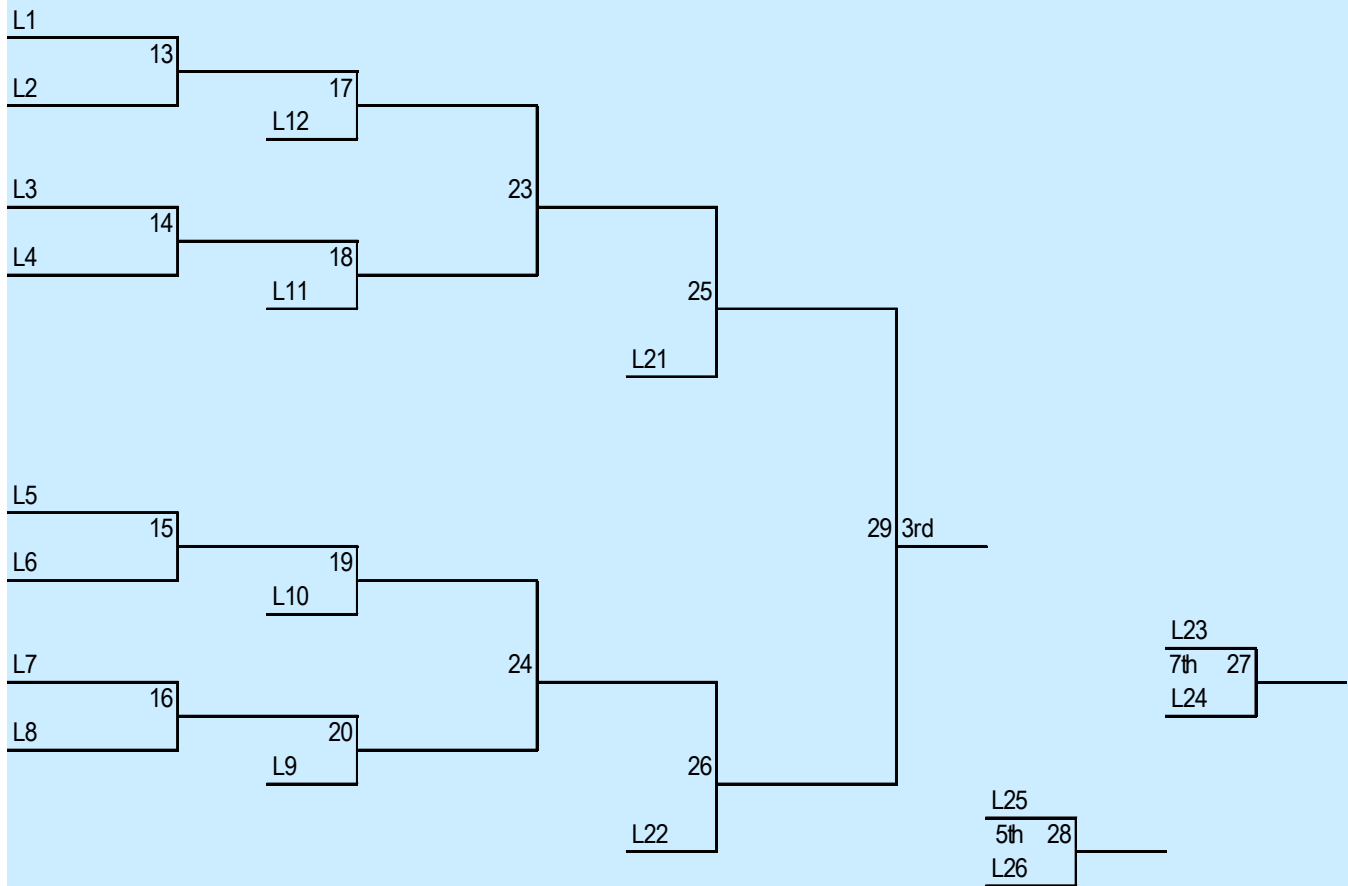
All wrestlers shall weigh-in in accordance with current NCAA rules. Seeding shall take place prior to the tournament. The event manager or his representative shall chair the meeting. Regional tournament seeds will be placed in brackets according to the NCAA Rulebook. 10/13/06

1.2.8 ENTRIES AND WEIGHT DIVISION

Each college may enter one (1) contestant in each weight division as specified in current NCAA rules.



Regional Consolation Bracket



1.3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

1.3.1 DATE AND SITE (SEE COA BYLAWS 3.11, 6.8.6 AND 6.14.3.)

- A. The state tournament site shall alternate between Northern and Southern California colleges (even-numbered years in the south, odd-numbered years in the north). Sites are to be chosen two (2) years in advance.
- B. The tentative state tournament time schedule shall be:

THURSDAY

- 1:00PM–6:00PM: Registration, check in, Executive Committee & general body meetings
- 5:00PM–6:00PM: Medical and grooming checks

FRIDAY

- 8:00AM to completion: Weigh in 10/13/06
- 10:00AM to completion: Wrestling Session I
- 4:00PM to completion: Wrestling Session II

SATURDAY

- 9:00AM to completion: Weigh in
- 10:00AM to completion: Wrestling Session III
- 6:00PM–7:00PM: Finals Ceremony
- 7:00PM to completion: Wrestling Championship finals and presentation of awards

1.3.2 WEIGH-IN

All wrestlers shall weigh-in in accordance with current NCAA rules.

1.3.3 QUALIFIERS

To be eligible for the state championship, the wrestler must have placed among the top six (6) in a regional tournament. The wrestler must compete in the same weight class in the regional and state tournaments.

At the conclusion of the regional tournaments, the host of the state tournament will choose Plan A or Plan B by the flip of a coin. The plan chosen will be assigned to the first weight division. The plans will then alternate for the remaining divisions in sequential order. Example: 125 lbs. – Plan A; 133 lbs. – Plan B; 141 lbs. – Plan A; etc.

The DRAW PLANS will **not** be assigned until the conclusion of the regional tournaments.

In the event of a regional qualifier's inability to participate in the state tournament, the coach involved shall notify the regional and state event managers when a wrestler's withdrawal is known so that an alternate can be chosen. In the event a region does not have an alternate, a qualifier will be selected by draw from the remaining region's alternates. An alternate may enter the state tournament only in the weight class in which he qualified at the regional tournament. The deadline for state tournament entry changes shall be at the close of the Thursday state tournament weigh-in.

When an alternate enters the state tournament, he is placed in the last qualifying position and all other qualifiers move up to the next higher position.

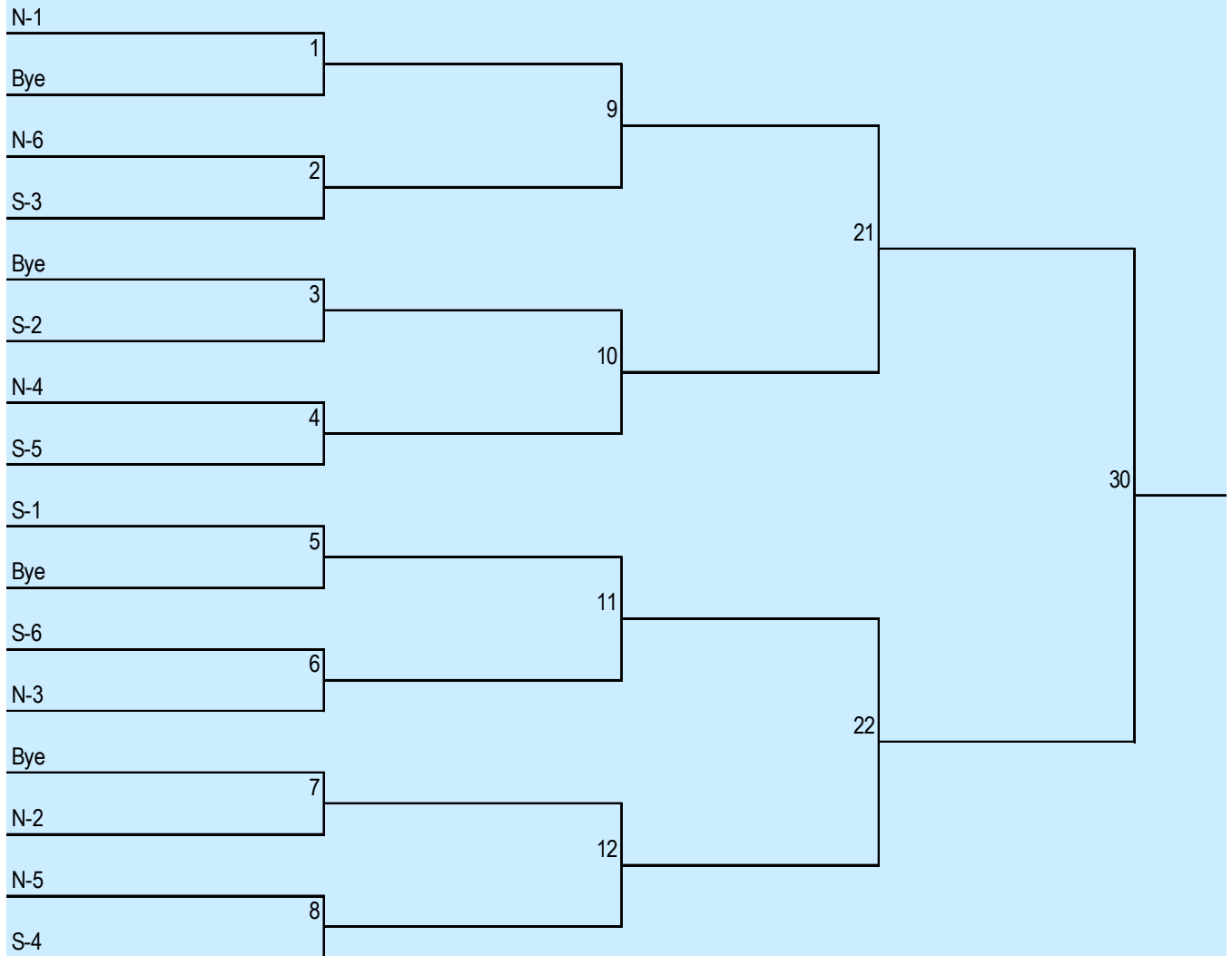
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Plan A

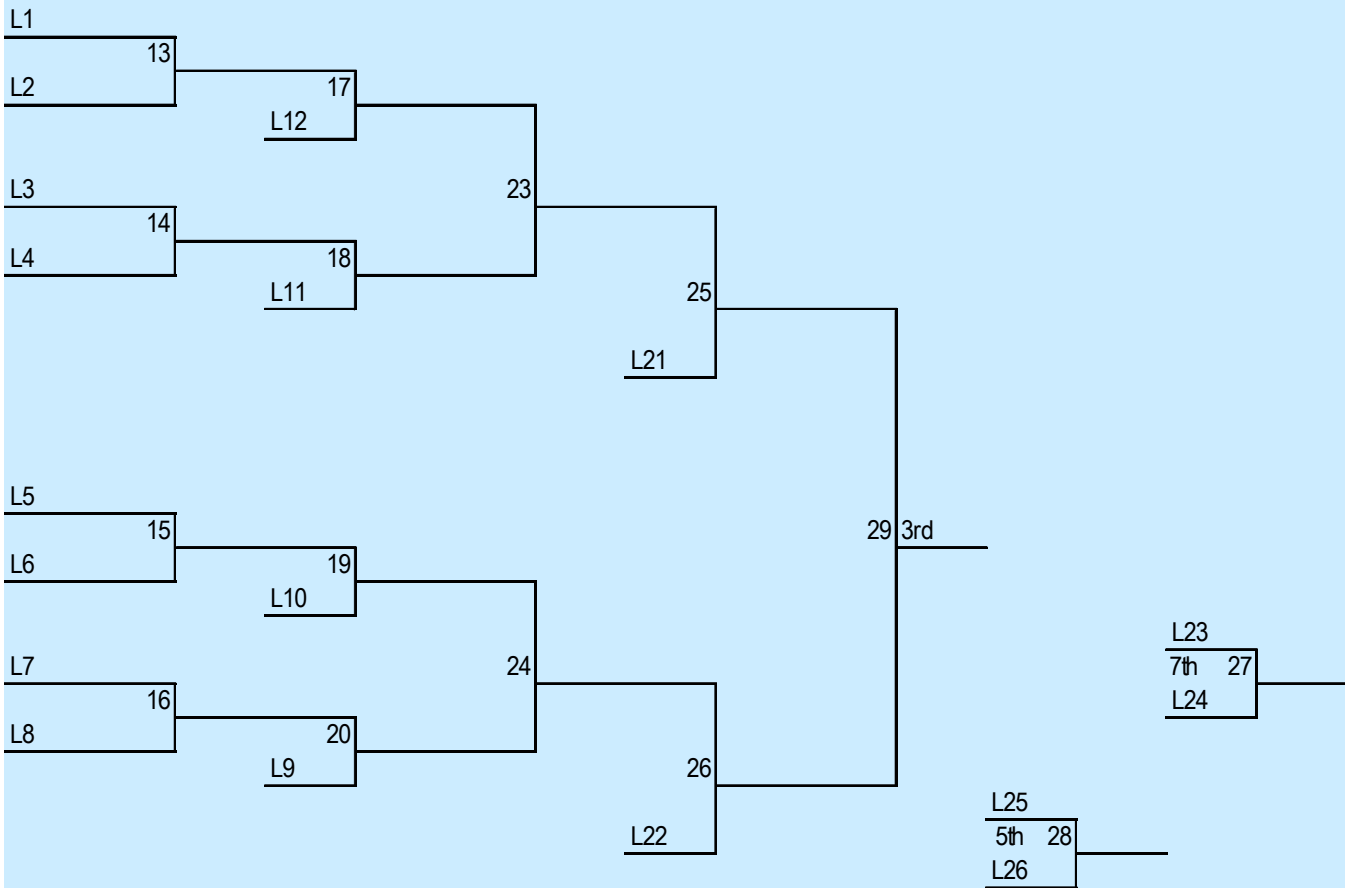


STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Plan B



State Consolation Bracket



1.3.4 EVENT MANAGER (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8, 6.14, 6.15, AND 8.1.)

The event manager shall be responsible for conducting the business details according to adopted administrative policies and procedures.

1.3.5 PRE-TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The event manager shall submit a proposed budget to the COA wrestling representative and the COA Executive Director before October 1 of the year of the tournament. On or before October 15, the event manager shall send general information to all community colleges listed in their regions. All information concerning the state tournament, including housing, entry fees, travel, schedule, and meeting information, shall be included.

1.3.6 PUBLICITY

The host college shall select a publicity director for the tournament.

1.3.7 ENTRY FEES (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8.3 AND 6.14.)

State tournament entry fees shall be \$35.00 per individual or \$350.00 per college.

1.3.8 AWARDS (SEE COA BYLAW 7.2.)

There shall be one Outstanding Wrestler award to be paid by the CCCWCA. This award shall not be funded by entry fees or the event budget.

1.3.9 TICKET PRICES 4/5/07

A. State tournament minimum ticket prices shall be:

EACH SESSION (4)

1. \$8.00 for all seats, except
2. \$5.00 for identified students, faculty, staff, senior citizens age 60 and over, and children less than 12 years of age.

ALL SESSIONS (4)

\$12.00 Tournament Pass

- B. The ticket sellers, takers, and custodians shall be paid at a rate consistent with the policy of the host college.
- C. After the host college has paid all approved tournament expenses, the net income shall be divided by the number of entries and each participating college shall be reimbursed according to their entries. Funds in excess of reimbursed entry fees shall be forwarded to the COA Executive Director's office. The host college shall stay within the specified budget since one (1) entry fee is paid at the beginning of the tournament and no further assessment of participating colleges can be made. Therefore, excessive expenditures become the responsibility of the host college.

1.4 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION

1.4.1 ON-SITE HOST ADMINISTRATOR FOR POSTCONFERENCE EVENTS (SEE COA BYLAW 6.12.)

1.4.2 ON-SITE PROTEST COMMITTEES FOR POSTCONFERENCE EVENTS (SEE COA BYLAW 6.13.)

1.4.3 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8, 6.14, 6.15, AND 8.1.)

1.4.4 SOUVENIR PROGRAMS AND CONCESSIONS (SEE COA BYLAW 6.8.17.)

The meet manager is responsible for providing an attractive, informative, and functional program. This program should contain past tournament records to serve as an historical document of California

community college wrestling. No entry fees may be used to produce the program. The program cost is not to be included in the official approved tournament budget. Profits from program sales may be kept by the CCCWCA or the host college. The concessions shall follow the same procedure.

1.4.5 OFFICIALS (SEE COA BYLAWS 6.8.4 AND 6.8.5.)

- A. The number of officials for the state and regional tournaments will be determined by the number of wrestling mats used. Use of four (4) mats requires six (6) officials, use of five (5) mats requires eight (8) officials, A coordinator of officials or “head“ official may be utilized. If four (4) mats and six (6) officials are used, two (2) additional officials may be utilized as assistant referees for the Saturday morning session. The number of mats used shall be determined by the tournament host and the CCCWCA Executive Committee.
- B. Potential state tournament officials shall be nominated at the previous year’s state tournament. Nominations shall be presented in writing to the CCCWCA president. The written application shall include:
 - 1. The official’s name, address, and social security number.
 - 2. A resume of wrestling officiating experience.
 - 3. A 3” x 2” head picture of the nominee.
- C. From the pool of written nominees, the tournament officials shall be determined by the CCCWCA Executive Committee at its fall meeting. A minimum of one (1) official shall be selected from each region other than the host region. Selected state officials are not required to work the regional tournaments.
- D. The head official or coordinator of officials shall receive a stipend not to exceed \$500. Pay for the state tournament officials shall not exceed \$300 per day.

1.4.6 SCORING AND TIMING

- A. Team scoring shall be in accordance with current NCAA national tournament rules.
- B. Timing and scoring devices shall be visible to spectators and participants.

1.4.7 WRESTLING COMMITTEE

The wrestling committee is composed of all California community college coaches who are in attendance at the state tournament. The committee shall meet prior to weigh-ins.

1.4.8 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall consist of the CCCWCA president, vice president/president elect, secretary/treasurer, current north and south regional event managers, current state event manager, and an at-large representative from the north and south regions. The Executive Committee shall meet four (4) times per year; fall, north/south all-star meet, state tournament, and spring. Additional meetings may be called by the president as necessary.

Excerpted from the COA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 4:

4.3 Decorum

4.3.1 Decorum at California community college events is the responsibility of all participants. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. **PARTICIPANT** — is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official, or college staff member.
- B. **DISQUALIFICATION** — is removal from an event for an accumulation of personal or technical fouls, yellow cards, etc. and is not under the jurisdiction of this policy, but are covered by the rules of the sport.

- C. **EJECTION** — is defined as the immediate removal from further participation in an event as a result of abusive, verbal or physical behavior.
1. **First Offense:** In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from the following contest. Each ejection shall be reviewed by the conference commissioner to determine if the ejection is a “strike” and covered by this policy.
 2. All ejections shall be treated as first offenses unless a previous “strike” has been declared by the conference commissioner.
 3. **Second “strike” (same Individual):** In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from all remaining contests including PC.
 4. Determination of whether or not an ejection is a “strike” may only be appealed to the conference appeals board. A decision by the conference appeals board is final.
- D. **VERBAL OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR** — is defined as, but not limited to: unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, pointing a finger, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting of opponents, or inciting undesirable crowd reactions which results in ejection.
- E. **PHYSICAL ABUSE** — is defined as any physical act that results in ejection.
- F. **EVENT** — is defined as the time a visiting team or participant arrives at the site until the time the visiting team or participant leaves the site.
- G. **FOR WATER POLO:** Game disqualification — The official may issue a participant a disqualification which results in disqualification from that contest for overaggressive play or actions that are unacceptable within the spirit of the rules and are likely to bring the game into disrepute. All applications of the rule per the NCAA Rule Book.

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4.3.2 Where official playing rules and COA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall be enforced.

4.4 Punishment for Physically Assaulting Officials

Physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault an official shall result in immediate ejection and the individual shall be disqualified from participation in California community college athletic activities for a period of sixty (60) months.

4.5 Punishment for Leaving Bench Area

Coaches or participants entering the field of play from the bench area in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and punished as outlined in Bylaw 4.3. If, in the opinion of the officials, a coach going onto the field of play was helpful to the officials in the effort to control players, the penalty against the coach may be waived.

4.6 Punishment for Violation of the Tobacco and Substance Abuse Policy

4.6.1 The use or possession of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or other controlled substances by any participant during California community college-sponsored athletic activity shall be punished by ejection.

4.6.2 Ejection for violation of Bylaw 4.6 shall be the same as those outlined in Bylaw 4.5.

4.7 Reporting of Ejections

4.7.1 Within 24 hours after a contest where there has been an ejection of a player or a participant, the coach of the team shall report the names and circumstances to the athletic director who, in turn, shall immediately inform the conference commissioner. Failure by a coach to report shall be penalized the same as in Bylaw 4.3 and 4.4. Failure of an athletic director to report may be referred to the conference commissioner for disciplinary action. Conference commissioners shall cause the report of ejections to be sent to the next team on the college’s schedule.

4.7.2 Coaches or team attendants penalized by any of the above rules are prohibited from participation during a game only, not from carrying out assigned non--game responsibilities.

4.7.3 Each person participating in a California community college athletic event shall receive a copy of this decorum policy and provide a written acknowledgment of understanding.

Sports Information:

If your college does not have a sports information professional to assist you, the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) has compiled the following to help you better serve your student athletes.

Prior to the start of each season, each coach should provide a *complete* roster (in column order: Number, Name, [first, then last], Position, Height, Weight, Year of Eligibility, Hometown, High School) to his/her college's sports information office or whoever handles sports information functions (public information, athletic secretary, athletic director, etc.), his/her sport's state statistician and the COA office. Updates should be sent as necessary.

The coach and his or her staff should also know who the local media are and have a directory (phone and fax numbers) of those media outlets. Results of each contest should be reported to the local media regardless of the outcome (win, lose, tie, rainout postponement). The coach is responsible for making sure adequate statistics are being kept on each contest and that a copy of those statistics can be provided to members of the media following each contest. Members of the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) have adopted the NCAA standards for statistical reporting.

Coaches should also be willing to serve as ambassadors for their colleges and for the good of the entire community college athletic scene, working closely with their own sports information director, the opponent's sports information director, and the media covering the contest.

The CCCSIA was created in part to help provide direction in the practice of sports information. For other information on sports information responsibilities, questions on various functions of the sports information professionals, or training and instructions for individuals who will be handling sports information responsibilities, please contact a member of the CCCSIA Executive Board.

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