

Starting with the 2008-2009 season, all teams will be allowed to enter up to an additional two (2) wrestlers in their Section 3 class tournament. Here are the guidelines and procedures that will be used in determining how a team's extra wrestler(s) will be entered into the sectional class meets:

1. All teams will submit their official entry form with all their sectional tournament entries to the class site director/coach and to Brad Hamer (this is no different than previous years). This will be submitted before the Monday morning seeding meeting begins. Each coach will also declare on the entry forms which wrestler(s) that are to be considered for the extra spot(s).
2. A team may not enter more than 2 wrestlers in a weight class at the class tournament. You may enter three (3) names on the entry form, but you can only seed 2 of them. The total number of competitors your team will be allowed is determined by the number of starters you have plus your 2 declared extras. For example, if you have only 12 weights filled with starters, you will be allowed to enter those 12 plus 2 more for a total of 14. You cannot bring 14 wrestlers and have 2 wrestlers in 7 different weight classes.
3. Before seeding each weight class, coaches will declare if they are entering a second competitor into the weight class as an extra. Once a wrestler is declared as an extra he/she may only compete in that weight class as an "extra", BUT that wrestler may compete as that team's STARTER in any weight class he/she is qualified to compete in. Extra wrestlers cannot move up or down to be an extra in another weight class, but could move to another weight to be that team's starter if there was an open spot in their team's lineup. **These extra wrestlers cannot take a spot away from another team's starting wrestler.**
4. Due to the 5 match rule, a weight class at the class tournament may not have more than 16 competitors. If a weight class has more than 16 entries on the ranking sheet, then the extra spots will be given first to the highest ranked "extra" wrestlers until all 16 lines are filled. If a weight class has less than 16 entries on the ranking sheet, then all "extra" wrestlers entered will be allowed to compete in the tournament. If one of the "extra" wrestlers was not ranked high enough at the seeding meeting to be considered for one of the 16 spots, they still may get in if a wrestler or wrestlers from other teams do not show up for the tournament creating a spot for that extra. (See example sheet)

In a nutshell

1. All starters and extra wrestler's names entered by coach before seeding meeting.
2. All wrestlers ranked at meeting.
3. All "extra" wrestlers listed against each using seeding criteria.
4. If the number of "extra" wrestlers pushes the number of entries above 16, then the "extra" wrestlers that are the highest ranked will be in until all 16 spots on the bracket are filled. In the event that there are less than 16 entries after weigh ins are over, the byes will go to the highest ranked wrestlers. 15 wrestlers means a bye for the 1<sup>st</sup> seed, 14 wrestlers means a bye for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seed, and so on.
5. In the example below, even though Jim Smith is ranked in the top 16, he is not guaranteed a spot because an extra wrestler from one team cannot take the place of a starter from another team.