

# 2008 Freestyle & Greco-Roman Pairing Information

## ELIMINATING A CONTESTANT

During the preliminary rounds leading to the round-robin finals, a wrestler is eliminated when he/she suffers a second defeat. When the wrestler is eliminated the following will happen:

The draw number at the left of the wrestler's name will be marked out on the pairing chart with a slash.

The "place" square at the far right edge of his/her name will be marked out with a slash.

A heavy black vertical bar will be placed immediately after the wrestler's last series of notations.

The wrestler's number will be marked out on the pairing work sheet and he/she won't be paired the next round.

## ROUND ROBIN FINALS

In each group where three wrestlers remain with fewer than two defeats, they must meet each other. Their places are determined by the results of these three round robin bouts. A wrestler who wins both of his round robin bouts **MUST** be the winner. Classification points are only tie-breakers. If the round robin wrestlers each win one and lose one, then the wrestler with the most classification points in the round robin wins, second high total places second, low man is third.

Two wrestlers do not meet a second time. Results of any bouts among the finalists during the preliminary rounds are carried forward into the round robin and are considered as though they were wrestled in the round robin. This also applies when there are only two finalists who have met in an earlier round.

If all the three wrestlers earn the same total classification points in the round-robin, the winner is the contestant with the most classification points for the whole tournament. Points for a carry-over are not counted twice. Any two-way tie is determined by the winner of their bout.

## THE COMPLETE LIST OF ROUND ROBIN TIE-BREAKERS IS AS FOLLOWS

1. The most classification points for the entire competition.
2. The most victories.
3. The most victories by fall.
4. The most victories by technical superiority
5. The most victories 5-0, not including falls
6. Most victories by decision (0-5 pts.)
7. The fewest defeats.
8. The least total time of the falls or technical falls during the round robin.
9. The number of technical points scored by each wrestler in his/her two round robin bouts. The one scoring the most is the winner.
10. If none of the criteria has broken the tie, the wrestlers are weighed, and the lightest wrestler wins.

Sometimes the elimination rounds leave only two wrestlers with fewer than two defeats. The bout between these two determines first and second places. There is no "forced" round-robin.

Wrestlers eliminated in the previous round are considered for third place. The one with the most classification points in the event advances. If their points are equal, the result of their bout is decisive. If they have not met, they must meet in a special bout. The wrestler with two defeats who advances in this manner does not wrestle in the round robin, but automatically places third.

For places below third in the group, each wrestler is ranked by the round in which he was eliminated and is rated within that round by the classification points they have earned. Rounds first, then points. A wrestler who goes out in Round 6 with 12 points ranks ahead of a wrestler eliminated in Round 5, no matter how many points they have.

Wrestlers eliminated in the same round with the same total points are ranked by the result of their bout. When two wrestlers who have not met are tied for any tangible award - such as a ribbon, medal, or advancement to the medal round - they must wrestle a special bout to break the tie.

Otherwise, their placing can be determined by the series of tie-breakers listed in this article, using criteria 1-7. If 1-7 do not break the tie, both wrestlers are placed equally.

## **SPECIAL BOUTS**

When a special bout is necessary, the pairing personnel will find an unused square on the wall chart, between the preliminary rounds and the round robin area, and indicate the bout by marking BLACK crescents on both sides of the special square. The head pairing master will immediately be informed that a special bout is necessary so the wrestlers can be notified and the special bout can be scheduled on the flow chart.

Most local tournaments do not create special bouts for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> places but choose to place both wrestlers equally. However, at all ISWA State Final events there must be a clear place winner. If you suspect that placement of your wrestler may require a special bout, DO NOT leave until the next round has been paired and the wall chart posted. If you leave, it is considered a forfeit and your wrestler loses the bout. A wrestler who has lost twice in preliminary rounds cannot advance to the round robin. They could however wrestle in a "Special Bout" to determine third place.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

In using tie-breakers, the first one which has any effect may settle all three places. For example: "most victories" may tally 5-4-3, and thus determine first, second, and third places.

Sometimes the first effective tie-breaker places one wrestler first or third, but leaves the other two tied. Any two-way tie is determined by the winner of their bout. For example, "most victories may tally 5-4-4, placing one wrestler first, or may tally 5-5-4, placing one wrestler third. If this is the case the two-way tie is settled head to head.

A wrestler who loses their match by injury is not eliminated unless it is his/her second loss. The injured wrestler may medal or place, even if they can not continue. AN INJURY DEFAULT does not eliminate the wrestler from placement earned.

## **FORFEITS**

A wrestler is not withdrawn from competition if he/she forfeits. Instead, the match will be recorded as a loss and he/she will receive zero classification points, with the winner receiving five points.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

Disqualification from a bout does not mean disqualification from the entire tournament unless the mat official clearly states that. If a bout sheet is unclear a clarification will be sought before pairing the next round.

## **USE OF THE RED PEN**

The red pen is used on all original wall charts to indicate the following:

- Elimination by ejection from the tournament for misconduct - the Es after the elimination bar and in the placement box.
- Notations in the preliminary round squares of bouts carried forward to the round robin.
- Crescents marking advancement to the round robin.
- The numeral indicating the place earned by the wrestler in the group or weight.
- Tallies of classification points added up for placement or tie-breakers are written immediately after the elimination bar.
- A dot to designate which wrestler wears the red singlet.

## **PAIRING ERRORS**

If, at a tournament, you spot a mistake on a wall chart or bout sheet, please report the error to the head pairer immediately. Your assistance before the fact may prevent a round from being wrestled in error and extending the length of the tournament.

Remember all pairers at both the local and state level are volunteers. They are working at the event to support both the wrestlers and the sport. But, mistakes do happen and any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated.