

LEAGUE BRACKET ROOM BASICS

BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT:

Have plenty of room to spread out and chairs for Bracket writers

Have enough Brackets (in different colors) available in 4-man and 5-man format. If doing a 6 man bracket use the same numbers you will have extras. Pee Wee can no be bigger than a 4 man.

Suggested colors (standard in Oregon at OPENS) and minimum brackets needed:

Orange/goldenrod -PeeWee 10 4-man/ 3 5-man

Pink-Bantam 40/6

Blue-Midget 50/10

White-Novice 50/10

Green-Schoolkid 40/10

Yellow-Cadet 15/5

Purple-Junior 10/5

Another option is to have 5-man brackets in a completely different color and put Age Group Name on each Bracket as it is created.

Have extra Weight Cards in White/Yellow/Blue

Have Team Rosters on hand

Have PLENTY of pencils and a sharpener

TOURNAMENT DAY:

- COACHES, REWEIGH YOUR WRESTLERS PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.
- FILL OUT A ROSTER BEFORE YOU PUT YOUR CARDS ON THE TABLE. Fill one out as your wrestlers check in with you. This Roster also helps Bracket Room check for problems when a wrestler comes in with problems during Round 1.
- USE CONSISTANT cards. At the minimum, Weight in upper LEFT corner, Birth year in upper RIGHT, Wrestler name PRINTED, USA Card Number COMPLETED, Club name included.
- Use a Plus(+) or Minus(-) to further define Wrestler's skill level.
- A copy of the wrestler's USA card attached to the back of the card.

BRACKETING ON TOURNAMENT DAY

- CLOSE Bracket room promptly at 8:05 if you want to start at 9am; parents and wrestlers OUT, Coaches IN
- CHECK BIRTH YEARS...CHECK BIRTH YEARS AGAIN...KEEP YOUR EYE ON BIRTH YEARS...
- CHECK WEIGHTS AND RECHECK AFTER GROUPS ARE FORMED
- CHECK FOR CLUBS. Try NOT to have wrestlers from same clubs in same group. If you can't avoid it, place same club wrestlers in positions number 1 and 4 on 4-man bracket sheet.
- In the League, we often move wrestlers UP an age group in order to get matches ONLY AT THE COACHES APPROVAL. IF YOUR WRESTLER MOVES UP, BE SURE TO TELL the Wrestler. Sign the back of their Weight Card indicating YOU OK'd the move.
- Keep a list of Wrestlers moved up age groups.