

The logo for AUSAW Alaska USA WRESTLING features a stylized map of Alaska in blue and red. A white silhouette of a wrestler is positioned over the map. Below the map, the word "Alaska" is written in a large, blue, cursive font, and "USA WRESTLING" is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font below it.

## AUSAW Pairing Procedures, Rules, Guidelines

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- For any requested and allowed Age Division bump up, only 1 Division up is allowed.
- For any requested Weight Class bump up, only 1 is recommended, not more than 2 allowed and only if there are no wrestlers at 1 weight class up, no leap frogging a weight is allowed.
- Juniors are allowed to bump up to Open, **recommend** only 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year Juniors.
- Special Friday or Saturday morning weigh-ins during the State Tournaments will be granted by the Tournament Director ONLY.
- At State, weights with only 1 wrestler can bump if they request, with 2 or 3 wrestlers can bump up if all are in agreement but no bumping up if 4 or more are in the weight class.
- At regular season Madison bracketed tournaments there will be no bumping up or other changes allowed to brackets. Possible exception: Brackets with 1 or 2 wrestlers.
- For Madison Bracketing, AUSAW Pairings will use a minimum of a 10% weight variance up to a maximum of 15% when necessary.
- At State, registering for all 3 styles but intentionally forfeiting out of Greco for the purpose of not having to weigh in again for Freestyle is not allowed. Forfeiting or withdrawing from Greco is only allowed in the case of injury during Folkstyle but the entry fee of any tournament withdrawn from will not be refunded under any circumstance.
- THE FOLLOWING, STARTING IN 2022, WILL ONLY APPLY IF REGISTRATION AND WEIGH-INS ARE NOT DONE THROUGH THE USAW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM: At State, weighing in for all 3 styles at the first weigh in is a privilege but also a conscious decision made by the wrestler and therefore once done is considered final by AUSAW. Pairings will not return any completed weigh in card to a wrestler wishing to weigh in again for Greco or Freestyle. If a wrestler takes from Registration, the weigh in cards for all consecutive tournaments they signed up for, they WILL weigh in for all of those consecutive tournaments. If a wrestler does not want to weigh in for consecutive tournaments at the first available weigh in, they must only take the weigh in card for the current weigh in and leave the rest of the weigh in cards at Registration.
- Upon request, a wrestler will be allowed to wrestle in two different brackets within the same tournament. (Ex.- same weight, also in a division up or a girl who would like to wrestle the same weight in both the regular bracket and the girls only bracket). There will be no 15 min. wait time between the different brackets for the wrestler in this circumstance. The wait time only applies from one match to the next within the same bracket, but not across them. Also, an upcoming match can be buried one time in an effort to accommodate the wrestler if actively wrestling a match in the other bracket. But this is only done within reason and the wrestler must acknowledge when requesting this that a forfeit is a possibility. This is mostly not allowed at the State Tournament.
- ***This list is not all encompassing of all AUSAW Pairings procedures, adopted rules or practiced guidelines. It is a listing of all previously undocumented but consistently followed practices. Every effort has been made to include everything but this is a working AUSAW document. It may from time to time have items modified, added or subtracted. The intent is to have the AUSAW Membership as fully informed as possible.***