# **Tournament Format**

#### **Brackets**

- 1) The girls will compete in one division using a 64-man bracket. In situations where there are less than 32 competitors, they will use a 32-man brackets.
  - Teams will enter one girl per weight class.
  - Brackets will be drawn at 10:00 a.m. on December 26.
- 2) The boys will use a 64-man bracket, with wrestlers competing against other wrestlers in all three divisions.
  - Brackets will be drawn at 10:00 a.m. on December 26.
- 3) Once brackets are finalized, any scratches or weight misses will be marked as byes -- brackets will not be redrawn.

#### Mats

- 1) Main Arena: Ten (10) mats will be used for Sessions 1, 2, and 3. Session 4 will use three (3) mats.
- 2) South Hall: Six (6) mats will be used for Sessions 1 and 2.

### **Placement Matches**

- 1) Matches for 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> place will be wrestled at the end of Session 3.
- 2) Finals for both boys and girls will be wrestled during Session 4 in the Main Arena, with matches staggering between the two:
  - 1st place matches for both will be wrestled on an elevated stage in the middle.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place matches will be wrestled on the outer mats next to the elevated stage.
- 3) Given the additional matches, the awards ceremony as done in the past will be eliminated. Instead, medals will be presented at matside immediately following the match. Presentation of the chart to the champion and a group picture of the top six place winners will be done separately at a location yet to be determined.
- 4) The starting weight class for Finals will be announced at the conclusion of Session 4.

## **Match Lengths**

- 1) Championship matches will be 2-2-2.
- 2) Wrestleback matches will be 1-2-2.