

Change Sweepstakes Points formula at the State Tournament

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Summary of proposal

Change the current sweepstakes formula to award sweepstakes points in semi-finals and finals in addition to preliminary rounds.

Current Practice

Currently, this is the practice per the WFCA bylaws:

for all events points will be given for the first three rounds of competition only on the following basis:

- five points for a first ranking
- four points for a second ranking
- three points for a third ranking
- two points for a fourth ranking
- one point for all other rankings

Rationale for Change

- The current system disproportionately rewards teams that field a full 25 entries. A team with 20 entries is automatically at a 15 point disadvantage simply because it didn't fill all 25 spots.
- A team with fewer than 25 entries has not won a team title since 2005. (The team had 24 entries). This creates a perception among schools that there is no chance of winning a state team championship unless you fill all of your entries. Some years (and depending on division) the perception exists that you need 25 to even crack the top six.
- By earning points in semi-finals and finals, more schools would be in contention for a team award. In addition, students advancing to out rounds would not only be competing for personal recognition, but also working toward a team award.
- The new system would reward schools that have strong competitors but aren't able to field a large squad.

Proposal Details

Change WFCA Bylaws IV.7.b.i to the following:

- i. For preliminary rounds of all events, points will be given on the following basis:
 - 5 points for a first ranking, four points for a second ranking, three points for a third ranking, two points for a fourth ranking, 1 point for a fifth ranking
- ii. For semifinals rounds of all events, 5 points will be awarded to all competitors.
- iii. For final rounds of all events, points will be given on the following basis:
 - Ten points for first place, nine points for second place, eight points for third place, seven points for fourth place, six points for fifth place, five points for all remaining finalists.

Questions and Answers

What would have been the impact of this formula on the 2017 State Tournament?

See the revised breakdown of team sweeps below.

2017 WFCA STATE TOURNAMENT REVISED SWEEPS

DIVISION 1							
TEAM	Current Place	Current Points	Entries	#Semi	#Final	Revised Points	Revised Place
Madison Memorial	1	316	25	21	17	478	1
Sun Prairie	2	287	25	16	9	390	2
Appleton East	3	277	25	16	8	376	3
Sussex Hamilton	4	237	25	11	6	304	4
Madison West	5	234	25	8	2	282	7
Homestead	6	229	25	9	5	286	6
Ronald Reagan	7	224	24	9	2	274	9
Arrowhead	8	223	25	9	2	276	8
Brookfield East	9	222	24	10	5	290	5
Franklin	10	220	25	6	4	262	10
Eau Claire North	11	185	25	2		195	11
Brookfield Central	12	107	13	6	1	137	12
Appleton North	13	94	11	3	1	114	13
Muskego	14	88	17	1		93	14
Neenah	15	41	5	2	1	54	15
Rufus King	16	37	3	2	2	53	16
Fond du Lac	17	36	6	1		41	17
Sheboygan North	18	36	4	1		41	17
Milwaukee Riverside	19	34	5	1		39	19
Oconomowoc	20	29	6			29	21
Germantown	21	27	5	1		32	20
Janesville Craig	22	21	4			21	23
Madison LaFollette	23	21	5			21	23
Oshkosh West	24	19	2	1		24	22
Middleton	25	16	2			16	26
Mukwonago	25	16	2	1		21	23

DIVISION 2							
TEAM	Current Place	Current Points	Entries	#Semi	#Final	Revised Points	Revised Place
Waunakee	1	226	25	8	3	270	1
DeForest	2	200	25	10	4	257	2
Wauwatosa East	3	196	25	5	1	222	4
Slinger	4	193	25	6	3	232	3
Port Washington	5	187	22	6	2	217	5
Pius XI	6	171	22	5	1	197	6
River Falls	7	112	16	3	1	127	7
Marquette University	8	100	14	3	1	115	8
Sauk Prairie	9	95	18	1		100	9
Sheboygan South	10	86	12	2		96	10
West Bend West	11	74	11	1		79	12
Beaver Dam	12	70	8	2		80	11
Whitefish Bay	13	54	8	2	2	64	14
West Bend East	14	52	8	1		57	15
Kaukauna	15	48	5	3	2	69	13
Wauwatosa West	16	42	7			42	17
Oshkosh North	17	40	5	2		50	16
Watertown	18	36	7	1		41	18
Nicolet	19	26	3	1		31	19
Cedarburg	20	23	3			23	20
Hortonville	21	22	4			22	21
Fort Atkinson	22	12	1	1		17	22
Janesville Parker	23	8	2			8	23

DIVISION 3							
TEAM	Current Place	Current Points	Entries	#Semi	#Final	Revised Points	Revised Place
St. Lawrence	1	229	25	8	6	287	1
Durand	2	150	25	3		165	3
Waupaca	3	148	21	6	4	185	2
Altoona	4	112	20	1		117	5
New London	5	102	14	5	3	132	4
Plymouth	6	97	12	3		112	6
New Berlin West	7	86	12	2	2	99	7
Luther Prep	8	80	12	2		90	8
Bradley Tech	9	69	12	1		74	9
Shoreland Lutheran	10	63	12			63	10
Kiel	11	57	9	1		62	11
Denmark	12	51	5	1	1	59	12
Lodi	13	45	8			45	13
IDEAS Academy	14	41	6			41	14
Delavan-Darien	15	32	6	1	1	40	15
Brown Deer	16	30	4	1		35	17
Trinity Academy	17	28	3	2		38	16
Black Hawk	18	21	7			21	18
Divine Savior	19	19	3			19	19
Messmer	20	17	2			17	20
St. Thomas More	20	17	3			17	21
Sheboygan Christian	22	13	1	1		18	22
Parkview	23	12	3			12	23
North Division	24	5	1			5	24
Milwaukee Lutheran	25	0	1			0	25