

Byes

Byes are presently determined by the luck of the draw at most tournaments. They may seed the first four wrestlers than draw for bye's for the rest. I've also seen them seed them all, place the top four in their correct positions, then draw to see who gets the byes. As a result, team champions are sometimes determined by the luck of the draw. Seed the wrestlers as they should be seeded. The 5 seed should wrestle the 4 seed. He should not have to wrestle the 1, 2, or 3 seed his first match. He has a better chance of winning, and advancing, against the 4 seed. The team with a 5 seed is being hurt by the fact that their wrestler is given little chance of winning his 1st match.

So that the upper seeds are NOT penalized for earning their seeds (byes), I propose the following:

Any wrestler with a bye should get the same points as the highest scoring wrestler in that round.

It isn't a stretch to presume that if the #3 wrestler pinned the #6 wrestler that the #1 and #2 wrestlers would probably have done the same.

It's fair, it should be done.

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