

Hi everyone,

Below are some questions/suggestions provided by various members as well as responses for you to review:

1) That participation even in small competitions should be credited with points, so regardless of placing participation would be equal to say 1 point. Here we were thinking along the lines of PCYC competitions or open club competitions.

Given the Point System in its infancy stage a simplified version to begin with would be a good starting point and from there we can consider if any other changes/additions need to be made. One of the aims of the Point System is to gather the best wrestlers together in a national circuit of a **practical number of competitions** so as to determine which athletes to send for international competitions, however, states are encouraged to have their own point system at PCYC and open club competitions to encourage participation at state and club levels.

2) That state championships of all states (or a competition proposed by each state, such as the Australia Cup or the Canberra Cup) be given equal points credit, if the competition has small numbers then the points derived from the number of competitors will be proportionately less. This will encourage a greater interstate component and ensure a fairer footing for smaller states.

Giving state championships of all states equal points and giving points proportionately to the amount of competitors in different states will complicate the Point System. We won't have a unified Point System. Choosing four and maybe later down the track five events nationally is sufficient and optimal at this stage. Because if we include every state championships in the Point System, then we will have additional four events to consider when planning a calendar of events. If we look at 2019-2020 calendar of events (see attached document) we will see that squeezing additional state championships without clashing with other events will be impossible, if we do, then we end up with competitions every two weeks without enough time for proper preparation and recover in between.

3) We would also seek to increase the number of competitions available for ex-pat wrestlers resident in Australia without an Australian Passport, so measures that include them, such as giving selection points to the highest ranked Australian athlete should be encouraged at all competitions.

Three of the proposed events in the Point System are open to all. If non Australian Citizen wins the tournament we go down the list until we find first two athletes with Australian citizenship who will wrestle off between each other for the highest points at the same event and the rest move up accordingly without wrestling each other. This will happen ONLY if non Australian Citizen WINS the tournament, if they place second or third then the champion (Australian Citizen) gets the highest points and the rest just move up.

We would like to remind everyone that the reason we choose to start with WA State Championships in the Point System is because they conducted their state championships consistency over the past few years and they have the biggest number of members. Australia Cup has been in our Calendar of events for thirteen years, only in 2013 and 2018 there was no Australia Cup. National Championship is THE main event of the year and only Australian residents are allowed to compete in it. Furthermore we would like to remind everyone that State Championships in the Point System will go to other states from year to year on a rotational basis. Same thing applies to Australia Cup, it will be changed to Canberra Cup, NSW Cup et cetera, as long as there's agreement between all states as to when and where will be next Cup and which state will host the Point System following year. Attached documents outlining major events of the concerned financial year will help all

states communicate with each other and plan ahead in setting dates for their State Championships.

4) *Is this consideration for entering international comps or is it consideration for funding to int. Comps?*

Its for funding some (not all) athletes for international comps

5) *I suggest that the previous years points be halved for the next year. This is to stop competitors just waiting for the next year to earn points. If a competitor knows that they do not have enough points to rank #1 even if they win the last competition then there is no incentive to compete. But if the points are halved it helps them set up the next year. Also it would ensure competitors are more consistent and not just wait for the right year!*

If points are halved for the next year, then the athlete who participated and placed on all events will be far ahead regardless, because he/she will also have points transferred from previous year which adds up to be more then the athlete who didn't participate.

6) *International Results should be added to the points system - as it is based on competing Internationally. I can foresee a future under this system that an Athlete would rather stay home to compete in a State Championship rather than travel and potentially get a better experience or at least a tougher competition.*

Competitions listed in UWW events are welcome as long as they don't clash with National Championship. They are high enough level to substitute any Australian event and the points are still to be same as Australian events (30 pts).

7) *In the future it would be good to see all State Championships be able to accrue points- which would help increase participation at all events.*

We are hopeful that in the future all State Championships will be able to accrue points.

8) *Oceania not being a ranking event - reason why this was not considered.*

The reason for Oceania is not in the Points System is because we could send only one athlete per weight category which means that particular athlete will be ahead in points comparing to the rest who is not competing at Oceania. Like mentioned above, any Australian event except National Championships can be substituted by UWW event (except Oceania because level of wrestling in Oceania considered below Australian wrestlers).

9) *How will the Board work to ensure that the two weight categories used (UWW versus Olympics) will play out in terms of selections moving forward. Is this likely to create issues should two athletes score in categories under UWW guidelines, however, both be vying for placement for same category using Olympic categories?*

Olympic weight categories are set for all styles, if an athlete wishes to compete at Olympic Games he/she should compete and accumulate points at one of the Olympic weight categories. Points are not transferable between weights. All 18 Olympic weight categories are present in UWW weight categories.

10) *What consideration is in place for athletes who attend competitions only to find that there is not any competition available on the day?*

Competition entries will be closed 4 weeks before the actual competition, if there's no entries at their weight division then that athlete doesn't have to attend, he/she will get 1st place points. This way athletes will have enough time (4 weeks) to buy their tickets at

reasonable prices if they have an opponents to wrestle with. With centralised National Digital Platform all athletes and coaches will be aware of whats going on.

11) Can I also make another suggestion and recommend we review this in a year to see if the points system has made a difference to increase participation and if not then what else we can do different.

Yes we can review this in a year time, it may not make a big difference in the first couple of years because its new and change takes time. We suggest to give it one full Olympic cycle (4 years) with yearly revision.

12) Would it be beneficial to organise a camp at the AIS?

Yes it would, we just need to set the date.

13) A question surrounding an injured athlete who cannot participate and the impact it will have on his/her eligibility?

Currently there's only one opportunity for an athlete to be selected whether it be Nationals or Selection Event and if they're injured for that event, there's no further avenues of recourse. The Point System applies to four different events, having missed one event still enables an athlete further opportunities to compete and a chance to be selected.