

## Don't like wrestlers cutting weight? Try the Madison System!

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**T**he Madison System is used in some parts of the country to eliminate preset weight classes both in tournaments and dual meets. This prevents wrestlers from cutting weight since they don't know the weight classes until after the brackets are drawn and posted! You can take a high-tech

approach and use a computer and spreadsheet to implement the Madison System or go low-tech by using weigh-in tags. This article will detail the low-tech approach. Here's how it works:

At registration, each wrestler turns in his entry form and receives a weigh-in tag which is a 3/4" x 4-1/4" slip of index stock

paper. Each division is represented by a different colored tag. The person taking the entry form writes the wrestler's name and school on the far-left side of the tag. If the tournament is seeded, you would also include seeding information. The wrestler takes the weigh-in tag to the scale where his weight to the nearest pound is recorded