

# Madison Weight System

Madison System - This is a popular tournament format where there are no weight classes and the tournament director pairs athletes into brackets based on weight at weigh-ins. This is a popular method because it discourages "weight cutting" in young athletes.

## Goal

This method is used to create & structure weight classes at the start of the event. It prevents the creation of full draw divisions at local events and also discourages unhealthy weight loss. It is oriented towards receiving matches since it allows nearly everyone to compete regardless of the draw makeup. Our approach is to always provide matches for competitors, regardless of their size, age, or gender, while at the same time encouraging a fun and competitive experience. Athletes are placed in competition pools where everyone is within 10% weight and two years age of each other. While in most instances this approach can be followed exactly, adjustments may sometimes be necessary in the case of a small tournament division entry.

Note: Adjustments outside the 10%/2 yr. rule (due to limited matches) should only be made with the competitors/coaches/parent or legal guardian consent.