



AutoBracket Tournament Requirements

Duplication and preparation are the keys to success. This list may look like a little “over kill” but believe me; during your tournament is not the time to be running out to buy a new toner cartridge or more paper. Before buying any hardware or supplies, check with your club member’s parents to see if they have any of these items that could be used at your tournament.

Two Computers

We recommend installing AutoBracket on at least two Windows computers that will be available at the tournament. The Windows versions that are supported are WinNT, Win2000 and WinXP. AutoBracket will not run on Win98. Mac computers are not supported at this time. In the computer world, hardware problems are inevitable. Someone will spill a cup of coffee or a can of pop on your laptop’s keyboard, an energetic wrestler will trip over your power cord and pull your laptop to the floor, your laptop’s display card will decide that in the middle of your tournament is the best time to cease to function. In the event that one computer develops problems, your tournament can be transferred to the other computer by using your flash drive. (See Flash Drive below)

512 Meg ram is recommended. It is not required, but more RAM is better when it comes time to printing large sets of brackets and bout sheets.

A newer computer that runs Windows 2000 or Windows XP is required.

Two Printers

We recommend having two printers ready to go at all times. Both printers should be installed on both computers and tested before the day of the tournament.

Laser printers are a necessity. The number of sheets per minute printing speed is dependant on the size of your tournament. A laser printer capable of printing 15 sheets per minute has been used successfully at a 500 entrant tournament. If you have 100 wrestlers in four man brackets, you have 25 brackets. 25 four man round robin brackets will require 150 score sheets. At 15 sheets per minute it takes 10 minutes to print the score sheets, another 3.5 minutes to print 2 sets of brackets, and another 8 minutes to print the coaches score sheets. In this scenario, it takes 21.5 minutes to print everything needed for one group. Obviously, faster is better.

Toner Cartridges

At least one of the printers should have a spare toner cartridge available.

Flash Drive

A small USB flash drive is needed for backup. It is recommended that your tournament be backed up to this flash drive after each major change to your tournament. This will ensure that in the event of a computer failure, the flash drive can be moved to the backup computer with little or no data loss.

Paper

We recommend having plenty of paper on hand. Usually, using a different color for each group is recommended.

Practice

Last but not least, practice using AutoBracket before your tournament. The day of your tournament is not the day to be learning AutoBracket. You will have enough pressure without the hassle of not knowing how to use the software. “Fail to Plan, Plan to Fail”