

## **2014 World Team Trials Qualification & Procedures**

### **Men's Freestyle Olympic and Non-Olympic Weights**

These are the style-specific procedures for the Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2014 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on [TheMat.com](http://TheMat.com) or by contacting the USA Wrestling National Coach.

#### **U.S. Open - April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV**

- Eight weight categories will be contested – 57kg, 61kg, 65kg, 70kg, 74kg, 86kg, 97kg, 125kg.
- The top 7 wrestlers at 57kg, 65kg, 74kg, 86kg, 97kg, and 125kg will qualify to compete in the World Team Trials Phase I.
- The top 4 wrestlers at 61kg and 70kg will qualify to compete in the World Team Trials Phase I.
- The top 7 wrestlers at 57kg, 61kg, 65kg, 70kg, 74kg, 86kg, 97kg, and 125kg will qualify to compete in the World Team Trials Phase II.
- The 2014 U.S. Open Champion at each weight will earn an automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off of the World Team Trials at that respective weight (unless Proven Performer Additional Qualification Procedures apply – see below for details).

#### **World Team Trials Phase I – May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in Madison, WI (Olympic Weights Only)**

- Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials Phase I:
  1. Past USA World/Olympic Team member
  2. Champion from a Senior-level North American or Pan American FILA International competition from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 up to the 2014 World Team Trials
  3. Top 3 finisher from the 2012 Freestyle Olympic Team Trials
  4. Top 3 finisher from the 2013 Freestyle World Team Trials
  5. Top 7 per Olympic weight class from 2014 U.S. Freestyle Open Championships
  6. Top 4 per non-Olympic weight class from 2014 U.S. Freestyle Open Championships
  7. Champion of the Freestyle 2014 Northern Plains Regional
  8. Champion of the Freestyle 2014 Northeast Regional
  9. 2014 NCAA Division I Champion
  10. One wildcard per weight may be selected by the National Freestyle Head Coach with approval of the Freestyle Sport Wildcard Subcommittee. See the wildcard selection procedure below.
- Wildcard Selection Procedure: The National Freestyle Coach may recommend an individual(s) based on competitive readiness to a three person Wildcard Subcommittee. The Committee will approve a wildcard nominee. The Freestyle Sport Wildcard Subcommittee will consist of the Freestyle Sport Committee Chair (or their designee) and two additional persons from the Freestyle Sport Committee designated by the Chair.
- The event will be conducted in a one-day format using line bracketing. The World Team Trials qualifiers will wrestle in a Trials Tournament in the morning. The winner of the Trials Tournament will challenge the wrestler who has earned automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off in a best of three series in the evening.
- True Third: If the second-place finisher from the Trials Tournament has not wrestled the third place finisher from the Trials Tournament, then they will wrestle one match during the Final Wrestle-Off session to determine a true third place for ranking on the National Team.

## **World Team Trials Phase II - July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Fargo, ND (tentative) (Non-Olympic Weights)**

- The two non-Olympic weight categories will be contested: 61kg and 70kg
- Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will be eligible for the World Team Trials Phase II:
  1. Past USA World/Olympic Team member
  2. Champion from a Senior-level North American or Pan American FILA International competition from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 up to the 2014 World Team Trials
  3. Top 3 finisher from the 2012 Freestyle Olympic Team Trials
  4. Top 3 finisher from the 2013 Freestyle World Team Trials
  5. Top 7 finisher from any weight at the 2014 Freestyle U.S. Open
  6. Champion of the 2014 Freestyle Northern Plains Regional
  7. Champion of the 2014 Freestyle Northeast Regional
  8. 2014 NCAA Division I Champion
  9. Top 2 from the 2014 Freestyle University Nationals
  10. One wildcard per weight may be selected by the National Freestyle Head Coach and with approval of the Freestyle Sport Wildcard Subcommittee. See the wildcard selection procedure below.
- Wildcard Selection Procedure: The National Freestyle Coach may recommend an individual(s) based on competitive readiness to a three person Wildcard Subcommittee. The Committee will approve a wildcard nominee. The Freestyle Sport Wildcard Subcommittee will consist of the Freestyle Sport Committee Chair (or their designee) and two additional persons from the Freestyle Sport Committee designated by the Chair.
- The event will be conducted in a one-day format using line bracketing. The World Team Trials qualifiers will wrestle in a Trials Tournament in the morning. The winner of the Trials Tournament will challenge the wrestler who has earned automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off in a best of three series in the evening.
- True Third: If the second-place finisher from the Trials Tournament has not wrestled the third place finisher from the Trials Tournament, then they will wrestle one match during the Final Wrestle-Off session to determine a true third place for ranking on the National Team.

## Proven Performer Additional Qualification Procedures (applies only to World Team Trials Phase I)

### 1. Returning World Championships Proven Performer

- If an athlete (1) wrestled for a medal in the previous year's World Championships; and (2) wrestled in two FILA international tournaments between the World Championships and the World Team Trials; and (3) wins a medal in one of the following selected group of international tournaments, that athlete earns an automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off. This supersedes the U.S. Open National Champion automatic berth.

Listed below are the selected tournaments for second chance qualifier:

- Ivan Yariguin – RUS
- Yasar Dogu – TUR
- Don Kolov – BUL
- Alexander Medved – BLR
- \* All other FILA tournaments meet the competition only requirement, but not the medalist requirement.

### 2. International Tournament Champion Exception – Second Chance Qualifier \*

- This procedure does not apply if there is a returning World Championships Proven Performer at the weight in question. See 1 above for details.
- If a wrestler: (1) wins one of the following selected international competitions at the weight being contested, and (2) loses in the finals of the World Team Trials Phase I, then both finalists will compete in a summer competition selected by the USA Wrestling National Coach.
  - If the World Team Trials runner-up earns a higher medal than the World Team Trials champion, then he will be the 2014 U.S. World Team Member (with the following exceptions)
    - **Exceptions:** In cases where (1) both athletes lose to the same wrestler and medal or (2) both win bronze, then the World Team Trials champion will be the 2014 U.S. World Team member.
  - If the World Team Trials runner-up does not earn a higher medal, the World Team Trials Champion will be the 2014 U.S. World Team Member.

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- \* **If both finalists were champions at one of the selected events above, this procedure does not apply and the World Team Trials Champion is the 2014 World Team member.**