

## **2015 World Team Trials Qualification & Procedures**

### **Men's Freestyle (all weights)**

**These are the style-specific procedures for the Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2015 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on TheMat.com or by contacting the USA Wrestling National Coach.**

#### **World Team Trials – June 12-14, 2015 in Madison, WI (all weights)**

- Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials:
  1. Top 5 placers per weight class from 2015 U.S. Freestyle Open Championships
  2. Champion of the Freestyle 2015 Northern Plains Regional (Senior)
  3. Champion of the Freestyle 2015 Northeast Regional (Senior)
  4. Up to 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.
- Automatic Berth to the Final Wrestle-Off: athletes who medaled in the 2014 Senior World Championships at the weight being contested will receive an automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off. In weights without a 2014 Senior World Championship medalist, the 2015 U.S. Open champion will receive automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off at that respective weight. If no athlete in the 2015 World Team Trials meets either of the criteria above, then the finals of the Trials Tournament will decide the 2015 World Team member in a best-of-three series.
- 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. If needed, byes will be placed with seeded wrestlers, in order of seed. 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. If no wrestler has earned automatic berth to the final wrestle off, the finals of the Trials Tournament will decide the 2015 World Team member in a best-of-three series.
- 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.