

# **2016 OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS PROCEDURES**

**November 4, 2015**

## **I. Trials Tournament (Part One)**

### **A. Bracketing**

- (1) Format to be line bracket double elimination to third place.
- (2) Byes will be placed with seeded wrestlers first, in order of seed. If any byes are remaining they will be placed in the brackets in accordance to the accepted system in use by USA Wrestling.

### **B. Schedule and Weigh-Ins**

- (1) Weigh-ins for the Part One Tournament and Final Wrestle-Off will be held the day before the competition and will be at scratch weight.
- (2) The ability for an athlete to change weight classes from the weight class they qualified at is dependent upon the style specific procedures.
- (3) A minimum of 30 minutes rest will be provided between matches.

### **C. Uniform Markings**

- (1) With the exception of standard manufacturers' equipment identification permitted by Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter (or the manufacturers' equipment identification permitted by the NGB's International Federation's rules, if applicable), the equipment, uniforms and the bibs/numbers of the competitors and officials at the Trials and Exhibitions may not bear any commercial identification or promotional material of any kind (whether commercial or noncommercial), and the NGB, along with USOC support, shall be responsible for enforcement of this USOC policy at the Trials and Exhibitions. The USOC acknowledges and agrees that each competitor's uniform may bear the logo of his or her wrestling club (provided that the wrestling club name does not reference any corporation or corporate brand and has been approved by the USOC), not to exceed the size specified in the NGB's rules and regulations.

## **II. True Third**

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- (1) In weights where the second-place finisher from the Trials Tournament has not wrestled the third place finisher from Trials Tournament, they will wrestle one match during the Final Wrestle-Off session to determine a true third place for ranking on the National Team. This is only the case in weights that have an automatic berth to the final wrestle-off.

## **III. Olympic Team Trials Officiating, Pairing, and Protest Procedures**

- ### **A. All bouts shall be officiated as prescribed by UWW rules, by an officiating team comprised of a referee, judge, and mat chairman. Their decision on all technical aspects of the bout shall be final and shall not be subject to protest.**

- (1) Mat side video will be made available for officials' use. Mat side review will be done in accordance with UWW rules. Upon review of action, the decision of the officiating team is final.

- (2) The score sheets of the judge and the mat chairman, shall be accepted as the official result of the bout, even if the scoring differs from that of numerical or electric scoreboard,

unless the officiating team determines that an error has been made and that the score sheet must be corrected.

B. Requests for information concerning the recording of results, pairing of contestants or scheduling of bouts may be directed to the chief mat official and/or chief pairing master without the filing of a written protest.

C. Protests concerning eligibility of a contestant, adherence to the terms of this document, and other matters of procedure shall be reviewed by a Protest Committee comprised as follows:

- (1) President of USA Wrestling, or his designated agent, who shall act as chairperson
- (2) One or more members of the USA Wrestling Board of Directors appointed by the chairperson of the Protest Committee. Members of the Sport Committee of the style that the protest is filed are ineligible to serve on the protest committee.
- (3) Any member of the Protest Committee shall disqualify themselves from a protest hearing if they have personal ties to any contestant in the same weight class.
- (4) Any situation not specifically addressed in this document shall be resolved under standard procedures of USA Wrestling.

#### **IV. Drug Testing**

Testing for the use of drugs or other substances prohibited by the United States Anti-Doping Agency, Olympic Anti-Doping Agency, or UWW will be conducted as part of the Olympic Team Trials process. Full cooperation of the athlete is required.