

2016 World Team Trials Procedures Men's Freestyle (Non-Olympic Weights)

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These are the style-specific procedures for the Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2016 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on www.teamusa.org/USA-Wrestling or by contacting the USA Wrestling National Freestyle Coach.

World Team Trials – November 11-13, 2016 (61kg & 70kg)

- 1) Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials:
 - a) Anyone who did NOT compete in the 2016 Olympic Games is eligible for the 2016 World Team Trials.
 - i) United World Wrestling regulations prohibit 2016 Olympians from competing at the 2016 World Championships.
- 2) Automatic berth to the final wrestle-off: athletes who medaled in the 2015 Senior World Championships at the weight being contested will receive an automatic berth to final wrestle-off, which will be decided in a best-of-three series.
 - a) On May 31, 2016 United World Wrestling released the addition of the non-Olympic weight World Championships. Thus, there was not a system in place to have a more traditional qualification process leading up to the 2016 World Championships.
 - b) USA Wrestling has set precedent that returning world medalists, in the same weight, be granted an automatic berth to the final wrestle-off the following year for their trials event.
- 3) 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 winner of the Trials Tournament will challenge the wrestler who has earned the automatic berth to the final wrestle-off. If no wrestler has earned an automatic berth to the final best-of-three series; the finals of the Trials Tournament will decide the 2016 World Team member in a best-of-three series.
- 4) Seeding meeting
 - a) Wrestlers will be seeded by a seeding committee. Majority vote is classified as the majority of the total number of voting representatives present in the meeting. If a majority vote can't be reached on a motion, then there will be a second round of voting that only includes the top two athletes based on number of votes. All voting representatives will be required to vote as there will be no abstentions allowed.
 - b) The seeding committee shall consist of one coach or representative from each of the USA Wrestling registered clubs entered in the 2016 World Team Trials. Individuals who are not members of a club will be represented by a member of the seeding committee designated by the President of USA Wrestling.
 - c) The National Head Coach will vote only in the case to break a tie.
 - d) Seeding criteria to be used in rank order:
 - i) Head to head matches from the May 2015 U.S. Open up to the 2016 World Team Trials.
 - (1) If there is an even split in matches, then the last win determines the higher seed.

- ii) Common opponents from the May 2015 U.S. Open up to the 2016 World Team Trials.
- iii) Medalists at a UWW calendar event from the May 2015 U.S. Open up to the 2016 World Team Trials.

(1) Majority vote will decide the higher seed if there are multiple medalists.

- 5) Request for a delay due to injury or illness
 - a) Due to scheduling and timing of the trials event relative to the World Championships, there WILL NOT be any delayed wrestle-offs.
- 6) True Third: In weights where an athlete has earned automatic berth to the finals, 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 session to determine a true third place for ranking on the National Team.