

# 2017 World Team Trials Qualification & Procedures

## Men's Freestyle

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These are the style-specific procedures for the Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2017 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on [www.teamusa.org/USA-Wrestling](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Wrestling) or by contacting the USA Wrestling Men's Freestyle National Coach.

**World Team Trials – June 8-10, 2017 in TBD (Weights: 57kg, 61kg, 65kg, 70kg, 74kg, 86kg, 97kg, 125kg)**

- Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials:
  1. 2016 Men's Freestyle Olympians
  2. 2016 Men's Freestyle Non-Olympic Weight World Team Member
  3. 2016 Bill Farrell Memorial International Open - the highest placed Men's Freestyle USA athlete per Olympic weight category winning a medal who has yet to qualify will earn a spot in the 2017 World Team Trials
  4. 2017 Dave Schultz Memorial International - the highest placed Men's Freestyle USA athlete per weight category winning a medal who has yet to qualify will earn a spot in the 2017 World Team Trials
  5. 2017 NCAA Division I Champions
  6. 2017 Men's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships - top 7 place finishes per weight class
  7. 2017 Northern Plains Men's Freestyle Last Chance Trials Qualifier - the highest placed Men's Freestyle USA athlete per weight category winning a medal who has yet to qualify will earn a spot in the 2017 World Team Trials
- Automatic Berth to the Final Wrestle-Off: athletes who medaled in the 2016 Olympic Games or 2016 Senior World Championships at the weight being contested will receive an automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off. In weights without a 2016 Olympic Games medalist or 2016 Senior World Championship medalist, the 2017 U.S. Freestyle Open champion will receive automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off at that respective weight. If no athlete in the 2017 World Team Trials meets either of the criteria above, then the finals of the Trials Tournament will decide the 2017 World Team member in a best-of-three series.
- 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 2017 World Team member in a best-of-three series.
- True Third: 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.