

2017 World Team Trials Qualification & Procedures

Women's Freestyle

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These are the style-specific procedures for the Women'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 or by contacting the USA Wrestling Women's National Coach.

U.S. Open – December 16-18, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV (all weights)

- Eight weight categories will be contested – 48kg, 53kg, 55kg, 58kg, 60kg, 63kg, 69kg, and 75kg.
- The top 7 wrestlers at 48kg, 53kg, 55kg, 58kg, 60kg, 63kg, 69kg, and 75kg will qualify to compete in the World Team Trials.
- The 2016 U.S. Open Champions at 48kg, 53kg, 58kg, 63kg, 69kg, and 75kg will earn the #1 seed at the same weight for the April 2017 World Team Trials.
- The 2016 Non-Olympic weight world team member (55kg & 60kg) will earn the #1 seed at the same weight for the April 2017 World Team Trials.

World Team Trials – April 27-29, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV (Weights: 48kg, 53kg, 55kg, 58kg, 60kg, 63kg, 69kg, 75kg)

- Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will be eligible for the World Team Trials:
 1. Past USA Olympic/World Team member from 2012-2016
 2. 2016 Women's Freestyle Non-Olympic Weight World Team Member
 3. 2016 Bill Farrell Memorial International Open - the highest placed Women'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. 2016 Women's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships - top 7 place finishes per weight class
 5. 2017 Dave Schultz Memorial International - the highest placed Women'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
 6. Top 3 USA athletes from each weight class at the 2017 WCWA National Championships
 7. Top 2 finishers from the 2017 University National Championships
 8. A Top 3 place finish in a UWW international tournament in Europe, Asia or Cuba. The international tournament must be within one year of the 2017 Senior Women's World Team Trials.
 9. UWW Junior National Team Members* – top 3 finishers who meet UWW Senior age group requirements (must have turned at least 18 years of age this calendar year)

* Established at the Body Bar Tournament in May 2016
- Automatic Berth to the Final Wrestle-Off: athletes who medaled in the 2016 Olympic Games or 2016 Senior Women's Freestyle Non-Olympic Weight World Championships at the weight being contested will receive an automatic berth to the Final Wrestle-Off. 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.
- The Trials Tournament will be seeded by a seeding committee consisting of one coach or representative from each of the USAW registered clubs entered in the World Team Trials.

Individuals not a member of a club will be represented by a member of the seeding committee designated by the President of USA Wrestling.

1. 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.
- The top 3 finishers at 48kg, 53kg, 55kg, 58kg, 60kg, 63kg, 69kg, and 75kg are members of the 2016-2017 National Team and the winner of the Final Wrestle-Off will be the 2017 World Team member.
 - 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.