

2018 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 2018 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on www.teamusa.org/USA-Wrestling or by contacting the USA Wrestling Women's Freestyle National Coach.

World Team Trials Challenge Tournament – May 18-20, 2018 in Rochester, MN (all 10 weights)

- Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament:
 1. 2017 Senior Women's Freestyle World Team Member
 2. November 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 2018 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament
 3. February 2018 WCWA National Champion – applies to U.S. athletes only
 4. March 2018 Bill Farrell 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 2018 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament
 5. March 2018 U23 National Champion (formerly Women's University Nationals)
 6. April 2018 Senior Women's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships - top 5 place finishes per weight class
 - Winners of the 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships at the weight being contested will receive either an automatic berth to the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament Wrestle-Off or the Final X. Automatic berths only apply to athletes who have qualified for the berth **at the weight being contested.**
 1. If there is no 2017 Senior Women's Freestyle World Championship medalist at 55kg, 57kg, and 59kg, the 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Freestyle U.S. Open Champion will advance directly to the Final X.
 2. If there is a 2017 Senior Women's Freestyle World Championship medalist at 55kg, 57kg, and 59kg, the 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Freestyle U.S. Open Champion will advance to the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament Wrestle-Off.

***See automatic berth to Final X as it pertains to the 2017 Senior World Medalist**
 7. U.S. representative at 2018 Senior Pan Am Championships
 8. May 2018 UWW Junior World Team Member* (must have turned at least 18 years of age this calendar year)
 - * Established at the Women's Age Group Nationals (formerly Body Bar)
- The finals of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament is a best-of-three series.
- The winner of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament will advance to the Final X.
- True Third: if the 2nd and 3rd place finishers from the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament did not meet each other in the challenge tournament, a wrestle-off will occur during the Final X event.
 1. The date, place, and time will be determined following the completion of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.

Final X – June 9, June 16, June 23 (top 2 athletes in all 10 weights)

- Weights will be wrestled in their entirety at the selected dates as noted above in a best-of-three series.
 1. The weights and city for each date is TBD.
- Automatic Berth to the Final X: athletes who medaled in the 2017 Senior Women’s Freestyle World Championships at **55kg, 58kg and 60kg** will receive an automatic berth to the Final X if they meet the criteria stated below. This criteria is being put in place because of the adjustment in weight classes for 2018 by United World Wrestling.
***In order for the 2017 Senior World Medalists to receive the automatic berth to the Final X, they must compete at the corresponding weights:**

<u>2017 Weight</u>	<u>2018 Weight</u>
55 kg	55 kg
58 kg	57 kg
60 kg	59 kg

1. In weights without a 2017 Senior Women’s Freestyle World Championship medalist, the 2018 U.S. Senior Women’s Freestyle Open champion will receive an automatic berth to the Final X at that respective weight. Athletes who receive automatic berth will face the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament Champion in a best-of-three series for the 2018 World Team spot.
- Delays or Replacement Due to Injury or Illness
 1. Only a 2017 world medalist who earned an automatic berth into Final X may request a medical delay for competing in the Final X.
 2. The request for delay must occur at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled weigh-in time. No request for delay will be allowed if requested after this time.
 3. The request must be submitted in writing to the respective Sport Committee Chair for review, to include a written certification of the injury or illness from a USA Wrestling-approved medical doctor. USA Wrestling’s approval of a medical doctor will not be unreasonably withheld.
 4. The request will be granted if a certified medical doctor’s note is provided within the appropriate timeframe. In the case of a delayed Final Wrestle-Off, the National Coach and athletes involved shall determine the date, time, and place for the Final Wrestle-Off. If consensus cannot be reached, the Women’s Freestyle Sport Committee shall make this determination.
 5. If a World Team member at any weight is incapacitated after the World Team Trials and prior to the World Championships, the Sport Committee shall assign the World Team spot to the next-ranked alternate at the weight in question down to the sixth-ranked wrestler from the World Team Trials; provided the next-ranked wrestler is able to make the weight and is substantially completing the requirements of World Team training.
 - For the purposes of this provision, the term ‘incapacitated’ shall mean an athlete has an injury or illness, as certified by USA Wrestling medical staff, which inhibits peak performance at the World Championships.