

2019 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 2019 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on:

www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/team-usa/team-selection-criteria

World Team Trials Challenge Tournament – May 17-18, 2019 @ Raleigh, NC (all 10 weights)

- 1) Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament:
 - a. 2018 Senior Women's Freestyle World Team Member
 - b. January 2019 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 2019 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament
 - c. February 2019 WCWA National Champion – applies to U.S. athletes only
 - d. February 2019 finalist at Klippan Lady Open – SWE
 - e. February 2019 finalist at Grand Prix of Germany - GER
 - f. April 2019 Senior Women's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships - top 5 place finishes per weight class
 - i. Winners of the 2019 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 2018 Senior Women's Freestyle World Championship medalist at the weight being contested, the 2019 U.S. Senior Women's Freestyle Open Champion will advance directly to the Final X.
 2. If there is a 2018 Senior Women's Freestyle World Championship medalist at the weight being contested, the 2019 U.S. Senior Women's Freestyle Open Champion will advance to the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament Wrestle-Off.
 - g. May 2019 U23 National Champion (formerly Women's University Nationals)
 - h. 2019 UWW ranking events series finalist (Ivan Yariguin – RUS, Dan Kolov – BUL)
 - i. U.S. representative at 2019 Senior Pan Am Championships
 - j. May 2019 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)
 - k. May 2019 Northeast Regional - 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 2019 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament
- 2) The finals of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament is a best-of-three series.
- 3) The winner of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament will advance to the Final X.
- 4) 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 at the end of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.

**Final X – June 8, 2019 @ Piscataway, NJ (top 2 athletes: 50kg, 57kg, 65kg, 68kg, 72kg)
June 15, 2019 @ Lincoln, NE (top 2 athletes: 53kg, 55kg, 59kg, 62kg, 76kg)**

- 5) Automatic Berth to the Final X: athletes who medaled in the 2018 Senior Women's Freestyle World Championships at the weight being contested will receive an automatic berth to the Final X. In weights without a 2018 Senior Women's Freestyle World Championship medalist, the 2019 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 2019 World Team spot.
- 6) Delays or Replacement Due to Injury or Illness
 - a. Only a 2018 world medalist who earned an automatic berth into the Final X may request a medical delay for competing in the Final Wrestle-Off.
 - i. Wrestle-offs must occur before the departure for the 2019 World Team Acclimation Camp.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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.
 - i. 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.