

# 2019 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 2019 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on:

[www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/team-usa/team-selection-criteria](http://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 Men's Freestyle World Team Member
  - b. 2018 U23 Men's Freestyle World Team Member
  - c. 2018 Junior Men's Freestyle World Team Member
  - d. 2019 NCAA Division I Champions
  - e. January 2019 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 2019 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament
  - f. 2019 Senior Pan American Championships medalist
  - g. April 2019 Senior Men's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships - top 7 place finishes per weight class
    - i. Winners of the 2019 U.S. Senior Men'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 Men's Freestyle World Championship medalist at the weight being contested, the 2019 U.S. Senior Men's Freestyle U.S. Open Champion will advance directly to the Final X.
      2. If there is a 2018 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championship medalist at the weight being contested, the 2019 U.S. Senior Men's Freestyle U.S. Open Champion will advance to the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament Wrestle-Off.
  - h. May 2019 Northeast Regional - 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 65kg, 79kg, 86kg, 92kg, 125kg)  
June 15, 2019 @ Lincoln, NE (top 2 athletes: 57kg, 61kg, 70kg, 74kg, 97kg)**

- 5) Weights will be wrestled in their entirety at the selected dates as noted above in a best-of-three series.
- 6) Automatic Berth to the Final X: athletes who medaled in the 2018 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championships at the weight being contested will receive an automatic berth to the Final X. In weights without a 2018 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championship medalist, the 2019 U.S. Senior Men'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.
- 7) 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 Men'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 fifth-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.