

USA WRESTLING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
ANOC WORLD BEACH GAMES SAN DIEGO 2019
APRIL 12, 2019

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the ANOC World Beach Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

To be eligible to participate in the ANOC World Beach Games San Diego 2019, all athletes must hold a valid license issued by their National Federation.

All athletes participating in the ANOC World Beach Games San Diego 2019 must be born:

- On/or before 31 December 2000 (19 years of age)
- Athletes born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2001 will have to provide a medical certificate and authorization of a parent or legal guardian to UWW

1.1.4. Other requirements

- Athlete must be a member in good standing with USA Wrestling at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

Sunday, April 28, 2019 – Women’s Beach World Games Qualifier, Las Vegas, Nev.

Saturday, May 18, 2019 – U.S. Beach National Championships, Carolina Beach, N.C. (Senior Men’s Division)

Saturday, May 18, 2019 – Last Chance Women’s Beach World Games Qualifier, Carolina Beach, N.C. (if necessary*)

Sunday, June 23, 2019 – Special wrestle-off if necessary**

* If there is a weight class which is not contested at the Women’s Beach World Games Qualifier on April 28, a last chance event at that/those weight class(es) will be held at the U.S. Beach National Championships in Carolina Beach, N.C., on May 18.

United World Wrestling has selected the first two events of its 2019 Beach World Series as qualifying events for the ANOC World Beach Games. These events are scheduled for Chaves, Portugal (March 29-30) and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (May 10-11). The top eight athletes in each weight class from the Beach Wrestling World Series Rankings after the event in Brazil qualify their nation to participate in the ANOC World Beach Games.

** If a U.S. athlete places in the top eight in the Beach Wrestling World Series Rankings in a specific weight after the Brazil event, that athlete will qualify for a best-of-three match special wrestle-off against the winner of the Women’s Beach World Games Qualifier or the U.S. Beach National Championships (for the men), which will take place on June 23 in Colorado Springs, Colo. In this case, the winner of the best-of-three special wrestle-off will represent the USA at the ANOC World Beach Games at that weight class.

As host country, the U.S. is guaranteed eight (8) Host Country Quota Places, one per weight category (see 1.3.).

For the quota places that are to be filled through the guaranteed Host Country Quota Places (i.e., a U.S. athlete does not place in the top eight of the Beach Wrestling World Series Rankings), the winner of the finals at the Women’s Beach World Games Qualifiers and the U.S. Beach

National Championships (for the men) will earn the position on the U.S. World Beach Games Team.

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

The events listed in 1.2.1. are open to all U.S. citizens who meet the requirements listed in Section 1.1.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

The U.S. World Beach Games Team will consist of eight athletes, four men and four women. There will be one team member at each of the eight weight classes in the competition:

Men: 70kg, 80kg, 90kg, +90kg
Women: 50kg, 60kg, 70kg, +70kg

Each qualifying tournament listed in 1.2.1. will be contested in a direct elimination bracket, with a full consolation bracket to third place.

A maximum of four athletes will be seeded in each weight class. To be eligible for a seed, an athlete must have these achievements, in the following priority order:

1. UWW Beach World medalist
2. U.S. Beach National Champion
3. U.S. Beach National Runner-up
4. U.S. Beach National Bronze medalist

If more than one athlete meets a specific seeding criteria, the higher seed goes to the athlete who: 1) earned the honor at the most recent event; 2) earned the honor at the same weight class.

The finals of the qualifying tournament will be a best-of-three series, featuring the winners of the semifinals. The winner of the finals earns the position on the U.S. World Beach Games Team, unless a special wrestle-off is necessary as noted in 1.2.1.

True Second: If the 2nd and 3rd place finishers from any weight contested at one of the qualifying tournaments did NOT wrestle each other in the tournament, they will wrestle one match at the end of the tournament to determine true second. The winner of this match (that is, the 2nd place

finisher) will serve as the first replacement for the U.S. World Beach Games Team.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): N/A
- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee: N/A
 - 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee: N/A

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, USA Wrestling has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Wrestling may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Wrestling:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Wrestling Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Wrestling. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Wrestling, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USA Wrestling Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Wrestling's Bylaws (<https://content.themat.com/forms/Bylaws.pdf>) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct>
<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

- 3.2. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, WADA, UWW, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If a replacement athlete is needed, USA Wrestling will work down the results from the applicable qualifying tournament (listed in 1.2.1.) in rank order through the fourth-place finisher.

If none of the athletes with a top four place finish from the applicable qualifying tournament (1.2.1.) can participate, a replacement will be selected by USA Wrestling's ad-hoc Associated Styles Committee, following these criteria in priority order:

1. Past UWW Beach World medalist
2. Past U.S. Beach National Champion
3. Past U.S. Beach National Runner-up
4. Past U.S. Beach National Bronze medalist

- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Refer to 4.1.1.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Wrestling will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the ANOC World Beach Games and are included as attachments:

USA Wrestling Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB in the following location(s):

- 7.1. USA Wrestling Web site:
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/team-usa/team-selection-criteria>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

- 7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before June 30, 2019.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition (if any):
N/A

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, UWW, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, PASO, WADA, UWW, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Cody Bickley, USA Wrestling High Performance Manager
- Gary Abbott, USA Wrestling Director of Communications, Associated Styles Committee staff liaison

- Chris Brown, Associated Styles Committee Athlete Member

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Wrestling Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://content.themat.com/forms/Bylaws.pdf>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or United World Wrestling rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or United World Wrestling rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Wrestling. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.



14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA WRESTLING may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at ombudsman@usathlete.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Wrestling.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Rich Bender		4/16/19
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Gary Abbott Director of Communications and Special Projects (Associated Styles liaison)		2/16/19

USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Anthony Ramos		4/16/2019
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* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

USA Wrestling Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Wrestling Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the National Team. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the National Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Wrestling;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will not commit an anti-doping rule violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the United World Wrestling (UWW) rules;
- am not currently serving a sanction for an anti-doping rule violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of UWW;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;

- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings;
- am aware that USA Wrestling sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Wrestling apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover up any USA Wrestling sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Wrestling apparel;
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Wrestling under conditions authorized by USA Wrestling and give event organizers and USA Wrestling the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Wrestling or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Wrestling apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Wrestling logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Wrestling (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Wrestling and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman
[at 719-866-5000](tel:719-866-5000) or athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org
 for further information regarding my rights under this Code
 that are not answered by USA Wrestling.

PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature

Date

NGB Name

Sport

<p>PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION (For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</p>

Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)