

2021 Senior 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 2021 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on:

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

World Team Trials Tournament – September 3-5, 2021 @ TBD (all 10 weights)

- 1) Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials Tournament:
 - a. Any athlete who qualified for the April 2021 Men's Freestyle US Olympic Team Trials
 - b. November 2020 UWW U23 Men's Freestyle Nationals - the highest placed Men's Freestyle USA athlete per weight category
 - c. November 2020 UWW Junior Men's Freestyle Nationals - the highest placed Men's Freestyle USA athlete per weight category
 - d. March 2021 NCAA Division I Champions
 - e. April 2021 Senior Men's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships - top 5 place finishes per weight class
 - f. May 2021 Senior Pan American Championships medalist
 - g. July 2021 Last Chance Qualifier Champion
 - i. Athletes already qualified are NOT allowed to enter this event.

2021 World Team Selection:

- 2) The 2020 Tokyo Olympic Medalist, if competing at the same weight, will receive the automatic selection to the 2021 World Team at that same weight.
 - a. They must declare their intent to compete at the 2021 World Championships by August 15, 2021.
 - b. If the Tokyo Olympic Medalist chooses not to participate at the 2021 World Championships, the World Team spot will be determined from the 2021 World Team Trials Tournament.
- 3) Automatic Berth to World Team Trials: Athletes who wrestled for medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and stay at the same Olympic weight category or choose to move one adjacent weight category (10 weights), will be placed into the semi-finals of that weight.
 - a. If there is one athlete, who wrestled for a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, that individual will be placed in the bottom semi-final.
 - b. If there are two athletes, who wrestled for a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, the seeding committee will determine which individual will be placed into which semifinal (top and bottom).
- 4) The finals of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament is a best-of-three series for the 2021 Men's Freestyle World Team selection.
- 5) There will be NO delayed wrestle-offs.
- 6) 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 last qualifying event* wrestled at that weight class; provided the next-ranked wrestler is able to make the weight and is substantially completing the requirements of World Team training.

- a. 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.

*Qualifying events are classified as:

- 2020 Tokyo Olympic Trials
- 2021 Senior World Team Trials