

**USA WRESTLING – JUNIOR OLYMPIC WRESTLING COMMITTEE BOARD REPORT
2021 – USA Wrestling Board of Director’s Report**

During the 2021 National Convention, the Youth Development Council, National Junior Council, Women’s Age Group Council and the National Coaches Council passed recommendations that were submitted to the USA Wrestling National Council of State Chairpersons for approval. Throughout the year, the JOWC met to provide additional recommendations. In addition, the National Council of State Chairpersons proposed recommendations for consideration for the USA Wrestling Board of Directors.

The report below is comprised of the recommendations **APPROVED** by the USA Wrestling Board of Directors related to USA Wrestling’s grassroots programming. These policies are intended to have an effective date of September 1, 2021 unless otherwise noted.

A. Seeding Criteria – 14U National Duals

Current:

14U National Champion	5 points
Previous year 12U National Champion	4 points
14U National Place Winner	3 points
Current year 14U Regional Champion	2 points
Previous year 12U National Place Winner	1 point
Current year 14U Regional Place Winner	1 point

Proposed:

<i>14U/U15 National Champion</i>	5 points
Previous year 12U National Champion	4 points
<i>14U/U15 National Place Winner</i>	3 points
Current year 14U Regional Champion	2 points
Previous year 12U National Place Winner	1 point
Current year 14U Regional Place Winner	1 point

B. Seeding Criteria – 16U National Duals

Current:

Junior National Champion	5 points
16U National Champion	5 points
UWW Cadet National Champion	5 points
Junior National Place Winner	3 points
16U National Place Winner	3 points
UWW Cadet National Place Winner	3 points
14U National Champion	3 points
Current Year 16U Regional Champion	2 points
Current Year Junior Regional Champion	2 points
Current Year 16U Regional 2nd-3 rd	1 point
Current Year Junior Regional Place Winner	1 point

Proposed:

<i>UWW Age Level World Medalist</i>	<i>6 points</i>
Junior National Champion	5 points
16U National Champion	5 points
UWW Cadet National Champion	5 points
Junior National Place Winner	3 points
16U National Place Winner	3 points
UWW Cadet National Place Winner	3 points
<i>14U/U15 National Champion</i>	3 points
Current Year 16U Regional Champion	2 points
Current Year Junior Regional Champion	2 points
<i>U15 National Place Winner</i>	<i>2 points</i>
Current Year 16U Regional 2nd-3 rd	1 point
Current Year Junior Regional Place Winner	1 point
<i>Previous Year 14U National Place Winner</i>	<i>1 point</i>

C. Seeding Criteria – Junior National Duals

Current:

UWW Junior World Champion	5 points
Junior National Champion	5 points
UWW Junior National Champion	5 points
16U/UWW Cadet National Champion	4 points
UWW Junior World Place Winner	3 points
Junior National Place Winner	3 points
UWW Junior National Place Winner	3 points
UWW Junior World Team Member	2 points
16U/UWW Cadet National Place Winner	2 points
Current Year Junior Regional Champion	1 point

Proposed:

<i>UWW Age Level World Medalist</i>	<i>6 points</i>
Junior National Champion	5 points
UWW Junior National Champion	5 points
16U/UWW Cadet National Champion	4 points
Junior National Place Winner	3 points
UWW Junior National Place Winner	3 points
UWW Junior World Team Member	2 points
16U/UWW Cadet National Place Winner	2 points
Current Year Junior Regional Champion	1 point

D. Automatic Qualifier – Junior & 16U Nationals

For any automatic qualifier based on placement at a national championships, the same shall hold true for any World/Olympic Team Trials.

E. Separation Criteria – Junior & 16U Nationals

For any separation criteria based on placement at a national championships, the same shall hold true for any World/Olympic Team Trials.

F. Participation – Junior & 16U Nationals

State teams shall be limited to four (4) wrestlers per age per style per weight class. Wrestlers who earn automatic qualifier status shall not count against any limit.

Note: This proposal does not impact number of participants per state in the Girls divisions, as there are currently no limits for roster size.

G. Automatic Qualifier – Junior & 16U Nationals

The following shall serve as automatic qualifiers at Junior & 16U Nationals and shall not count against any roster limit:

Current year 1st-6th Place at USA Wrestling Regionals (placement must be in the same age and style)

Current year 1st-8th Place at U15 Nationals (placement must be in the same style)

Current year 1st-8th Place at UWW Cadet Nationals (placement must be in the same style)

Current year 1st-8th Place at UWW Junior Nationals (placement must be in the same style)

Previous year 1st-8th Place at Junior Nationals (placement must be in the same style)

Previous year 1st-8th Place at 16U Nationals (placement must be in the same style)

H. Weight at Kids Nationals

Current:

At Kids Nationals, provided a wrestler has qualified for Kids Nationals or been granted a waiver to compete, he/she may not compete lower than the lowest weight weighed in at any regional.

Proposed:

At Kids Nationals, provided a wrestler has qualified for Kids Nationals or been granted a waiver to compete, he/she may not compete lower than the lowest weight weighed in at any regional, minus one weight class.

I. Eligibility at Kids Nationals

Current:

In order to be eligible for Kids Nationals, one must compete in his/her own regional or receive a waiver to compete by his/her state chairperson.

Proposed:

In order to be eligible for Kids Nationals, one must compete in any regional or obtain a waiver to compete from his/her state chairperson.