

2024 World Team Trials Procedures

Men's Freestyle

August 15, 2024

These are the style-specific procedures for the Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2024 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on:

<https://www.themat.com/team-usa/team-selection-criteria>

World Team Trials Tournament – September 14-15, 2024 @ Omaha, NE (61kg, 70kg, 79kg, 92kg)

- 1) Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament:
 - a. All eligible athletes, whom are currently USA Wrestling members, can enter the 2024 Senior World Team Trials.
- 2) The finals of the World Team Trials Tournament are a best-of-three series.
- 3) Weights will be wrestled in their entirety at the selected dates as noted above in a best-of-three series.
- 4) Automatic Berth to the World Team Trials finals: athletes who medaled in the 2023 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championships, at the weight being contested, will receive an automatic berth to the World Team Trials finals at that same weight category. Athletes who receive automatic berth will face the World Team Trials Tournament Champion in a best-of-three series for the 2024 World Team spot.
 - a. To receive an automatic berth in the World Team Trials, the 2023 Senior World Medalists must declare, in writing via email to: cbickley@usawrestling.org their intent to accept the automatic berth, as well as the weight they will compete at, by: **6:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Monday, September 9th, 2024.**
 - b. Should any 2023 Senior World Championship Medalist choose to compete at a different weight in which he medaled; he will NOT earn the automatic berth to the finals in the new weight category he enters.
 - i. If a 2023 Senior World Championship Medalist, at an Olympic weight class, chooses to compete at an adjacent weight class; that individual will receive an automatic #1 seed at the 2024 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.
 - ii. A 2023 Senior World Championship Medalist may only move one World weight category up or down immediately adjacent to their 2023 World Championships weight in order to receive the automatic #1 seed at the 2024 World Team Trials Tournament.
- 5) Delays or Replacement Due to Injury or Illness
 - a. No delays will be allowed.
 - b. 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 fourth-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.