

2027 World Team Trials Qualification & Procedures

*Olympic Weights

Men's Freestyle

July 6, 2026

These are the style-specific procedures for the Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2027 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on:

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

World Team Trials Tournament – April 19-25, 2027 @ Las Vegas, NV

57kg, 65kg, 74kg, 86kg, 97kg, 125kg

- 1) Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials Tournament:
 - a. 2024 Senior Men's Freestyle Olympic or World Team Member
 - b. 2025 & 2026 Senior Men's Freestyle World Team Member
 - c. 2026 (starting July 1) Senior Men's Freestyle National Team Member
 - d. 2026 U23 Men's Freestyle World Medalist
 - e. 2026 U20 Men's Freestyle World Medalist
 - f. 2026 U17 Men's Freestyle World Champion (age eligible)
 - g. 2026 Senior Men's Freestyle U.S. Open Top 7 place finisher
 - h. 2026 Senior Men's Freestyle Pan American Championships Medalist
 - i. 2026 Senior Men's Freestyle World Team Trials Challenge Tournament top 4 place finisher
 - j. November 2026 Bill Farrell International Men's Freestyle top 3 place finisher, who is a U.S. athlete
 - k. 2026 & 2027 Senior Men's Freestyle UWW sanctioned event Gold Medalist
 - i. UWW Schedule: <https://uww.org/events>
 - l. 2026 & 2027 Men's Freestyle Medalists at UWW Ranking Series events
 - m. March 2027 NCAA Division I top 3 place finisher
 - n. April 2027 Senior Men's Freestyle Last Chance Qualifier
 - i. Champion only
 - ii. Qualified athletes are NOT eligible to enter this event
- 2) Automatic berth to the World Team Trials finals: athletes who medaled in the 2026 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championships, at the weight being contested, will receive an automatic berth to the 2027 World Team Trials finals (best-of-three series) 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 2027 World Team spot.
 - a. To receive an automatic berth in the World Team Trials finals, the 2026 Senior World Medalists must declare, in writing via email to: cbickley@usawrestling.org their intent to accept the automatic berth, at the same weight in which they medaled by:
6:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Monday, April 12, 2027.
- 3) Weights will be wrestled in their entirety at the selected dates as noted above in a best-of-three series.
- 4) Delays or Replacement Due to Injury or Illness
 - a. Only a 2026 Senior World Medalist, who earned an automatic berth into the World Team Trials, may request a medical delay for competing in the World Team Trials.
 - i. Delayed wrestle-offs must be concluded by Friday, July 31, 2027.
 - 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 time frame. 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 an agreement cannot be reached, then the Men's Freestyle Sport Committee will determine the date and place for the Final Wrestle-Off.
- 6) If a 2027 World Team member at any weight is incapacitated after the World Team Trials and prior to the World Championships, the Men's Freestyle Sport Committee shall assign the position to the next-ranked alternate at the weight in question up to and including the fourth-ranked wrestler from the World Team Trials, provided the next-ranked wrestler is able to make weight and is substantially completing World Team training requirements as determined by the Sport Committee and approved by the Executive Committee of USA Wrestling.
- 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.
- 7) If a scenario arises that is not addressed in these procedures, the Men's Freestyle Sport Committee will reconvene to determine the most objective and fair solution for the athletes via the field of play.