

2024 UWW U20 Men's Freestyle Pan American & World Team Trials Procedures

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2024 UWW U20 Men's Freestyle World Team Selection

In Men's Freestyle, the 2024 UWW U20 Men's Freestyle World Team Trials will be a two-stage process.

The winner of the 2024 UWW U20 National Championships (Las Vegas, NV) will earn an automatic berth to the best-of-three wrestle-off series against the World Team Trials challenge tournament champion.

If you are unable to attend the 2023 UWW U20 National Championships (Las Vegas), you can qualify into the final 2024 UWW U20 World Team Trials Event by meeting one of the criteria stated below.

<u>In Men's Freestyle</u>, the Pan American representative will be selected following rank order 1st-8th place from the 2024 UWW U20 National Championships (Las Vegas). The Pan American Championships is a partially funded tour to be held July 11-14, 2024, in Lima, Peru.

*A passport will be required, so it is highly recommended that you plan on securing a passport prior to the selection event. USA Wrestling will work down the list in rank order. If for any reason an athlete can't make the weight or is unable to pay the participation fee or secure a passport, USA Wrestling reserves the right to take the necessary steps to fill the team as quickly as possible.

UWW U20 Men's Freestyle (*only) Division

Qualifying Criteria: Must be born 2004-2007

- > Previous U20 UWW National Champion or UWW World Team Member
- > Previous U17 UWW National Champion or UWW World Team Member
- > Any medalist from a UWW scheduled event from 2023 & 2024 calendar years
- > Top six place winners from the 2023 Junior Nationals (Fargo)
- Champion from the 2023 16U Nationals (Fargo)
- > Top eight place winners from the 2023 & 2024 UWW U20 National tournament (Las Vegas)
- > Top eight place winners from the 2023 UWW U20 World Team Trials
- > Any All-American from the 2023 U23 Nationals
- > Any All-American from the 2023 or 2024 NCAA I, II or III Nationals
- > Any All-American from the 2024 Folk-style Nationals (Cedar Falls)
- > Top four place winners from the April 2024 U.S. Senior Men's Freestyle Olympic Trials
- > Any All-American from the 2024 NAIA Nationals
- > Any All-American from the 2024 Junior College Nationals

Event Registration: All athletes wishing to compete at the **UWW U20 World Team Trials** <u>MUST</u> register online via www.usawmembership.com

For questions, please contact Pete Isais, USA Wrestling Director of National Events, at 719.598.8181 or email <u>pisais@usawrestling.org</u>.

Late Registration: Athletes who fail to register online for the trials will be charged all applicable fees and late fee payable at registration.

To further our chances of performing well at the world level, USA Wrestling will incorporate the U20 Worlds with a mandatory pre-worlds training camp. USA Wrestling is looking to provide an opportunity to compete internationally, as well as provide further training before the U20 World Championships. This may require that some of the funding come from the individuals themselves and/or their clubs or universities.

The camp schedule will be:

• Approximately two weeks of preparation, focusing on techniques and drills. The athletes will be expected to arrive in competition shape with their weight under control. Hard wrestling will not be required between

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wrestlers in the same weight category unless requested.

• Any required expenses on the athlete's part will be discussed and guidance will be given to help athletes get expense money together with dates established for receiving any funds needed.

Men's Freestyle will have camps prior to departure for the World Championships. Camps will be held in Colorado Springs, CO at the Olympic Training Center. Questions should be directed to Zack Espositio.

There will be a team meeting following the finals. Departure needs be arranged after this meeting.

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The UWW U20 World Championships is a funded tour. There will be extended camps in the U.S. prior to the UWW U20 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain from September 2nd -8th, 2024.

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For questions on specific style criteria concerning the UWW U20 World Team Trials, contact Cody Bickley, USA Wrestling National Teams High Performance Director, at (719) 598-8181 or <u>cbickley@usawrestling.org</u>