



PARIS 2024



# USA WRESTLING



MEDIA GUIDE







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## EVENT SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

3 p.m. – Qualification rounds (GR 60 kg, 130 kg; WFS 68 kg)

9 p.m. – Semifinals (GR 60 kg, 130 kg; WFS 68 kg)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

11 a.m. – Repechage (GR 60 kg, 130 kg; WFS 68 kg)

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (GR 77 kg, 97 kg; WFS 50 kg)

6:15 p.m. – Semifinals (GR 77 kg, 97 kg; WFS 50 kg)

7:30 p.m. – Medal matches (GR 60 kg, 130 kg; WFS 68 kg)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

11 a.m. – Repechage (GR 77 kg, 97 kg; WFS 50 kg)

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (GR 67 kg, 87 kg; WFS 53 kg)

6:15 p.m. – Semifinals (GR 67 kg, 87 kg; WFS 53 kg)

7:30 p.m. – Medal matches (GR 77 kg, 97 kg; WFS 50 kg)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

11 a.m. – Repechage (GR 67 kg, 87 kg; WFS 53 kg)

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (MFS 57 kg, 86 kg; WFS 57 kg)

6:15 p.m. – Semifinals (MFS 57 kg, 86 kg; WFS 57 kg)

7:30 p.m. – Medal matches (GR 67 kg, 87 kg; WFS 53 kg)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

11 a.m. – Repechage (MFS 57 kg, 86 kg; WFS 57 kg)

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (MFS 74 kg, 125 kg; WFS 62 kg)

6:15 p.m. – Semifinals (MFS 74 kg, 125 kg; WFS 62 kg)

7:30 p.m. – Medal matches (MFS 57 kg, 86 kg; WFS 57 kg)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

11 a.m. – Repechage (MFS 74 kg, 125 kg; WFS 62 kg)

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (MFS 65 kg, 97 kg; WFS 76 kg)

6:15 p.m. – Semifinals (MFS 65 kg, 97 kg; WFS 76 kg)

7:30 p.m. – Medal matches (MFS 74 kg, 125 kg; WFS 62 kg)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

11 a.m. – Repechage (MFS 65 kg, 97 kg; WFS 76 kg)

12 p.m. – Medal matches (MFS 65 kg, 97 kg; WFS 76 kg)

*\*All times local. Paris, France, is located six hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Time Zone. (GMT+2)*

## HOW TO FOLLOW WRESTLING AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



Every match is available to stream digitally through NBC's Peacock streaming service. Subscription required.



Select sessions will be televised live on USA Network and other various NBC-affiliated networks. Check local listings.



USA Wrestling will provide comprehensive coverage from Paris on [TheMat.com](https://www.themat.com) and its social media platforms, including written recaps, video interviews, photo galleries and behind-the-scenes content.



Brackets, results, schedule, match highlights and more can be found at [NBCOlympics.com](https://www.nbcolympics.com).



HELEN MAROULIS



NAME	STYLE	WEIGHT CLASS	RESIDENCE	CLUB/REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER	COLLEGE
Kamal Bey	Greco-Roman	77 kg	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Army WCAP	N/A
Payton Jacobson	Greco-Roman	87 kg	Elkhorn, Wis.	Sunkist Kids WC/Northern Michigan-NTC	Northern Michigan Univ.
Joe Rau	Greco-Roman	97 kg	Chicago, Ill.	Titan Mercury WC	Elmhurst College
Adam Coon	Greco-Roman	130 kg	Fowlerville, Mich.	New York AC/Cliff Keen WC	Univ. of Michigan
Sarah Hildebrandt	Women's Freestyle	50 kg	Colorado Springs, Colo.	New York AC	King Univ.
Dominique Parrish	Women's Freestyle	53 kg	Corvallis, Ore.	Sunkist Kids WC/Beaver Dam RTC	Simon Fraser Univ.
Helen Maroulis	Women's Freestyle	57 kg	Rockville, Md.	Sunkist Kids WC	Missouri Baptist Univ./Simon Fraser Univ.
Kayla Miracle	Women's Freestyle	62 kg	Tempe, Ariz.	Sunkist Kids WC	Campbellsville Univ.
Amit Elor	Women's Freestyle	68 kg	Walnut Creek, Calif.	Titan Mercury WC/New York City RTC	Diablo Valley College
Kennedy Blades	Women's Freestyle	76 kg	Chicago, Ill.	Sunkist Kids WC	Arizona State Univ./Univ. of Iowa
Spencer Lee	Men's Freestyle	57 kg	Iowa City, Iowa	Titan Mercury WC/Hawkeye WC	Univ. of Iowa
Zain Retherford	Men's Freestyle	65 kg	State College, Pa.	Titan Mercury WC/Nittany Lion WC	Penn State Univ.
Kyle Dake	Men's Freestyle	74 kg	Port Matilda, Pa.	Titan Mercury WC/Nittany Lion WC	Cornell Univ.
Aaron Brooks	Men's Freestyle	86 kg	Hagerstown, Md.	Titan Mercury WC/Nittany Lion WC	Penn State Univ.
Kyle Snyder	Men's Freestyle	97 kg	State College, Pa.	Titan Mercury WC/Nittany Lion WC	Ohio State Univ.
Mason Parris	Men's Freestyle	125 kg	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Titan Mercury WC/Cliff Keen WC	Univ. of Michigan



2024 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS **CHAMPIONS**





KYLE SNYDER

The U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team, which will compete August 5-11 at Champ de Mars Arena in Paris, France, includes full six-athlete teams in men's freestyle and women's freestyle, plus four Greco-Roman wrestlers. Team USA comes off a historic nine-medal performance at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

The team is an exciting mix of experience and young talent. A pair of Olympic champions and two-time Olympic medalists are heading to a third Olympic Games—Helen Maroulis (WFS 57 kg) and Kyle Snyder (MFS 97 kg). Two other Olympic medalists are wrestling in their second Olympic Games—2020 Olympic bronze medalists Kyle Dake (MFS 74 kg) and Sarah Hildebrandt (WFS 50 kg). Also competing in a second Olympic Games will be Kayla Miracle (WFS 62 kg). There are 11 first-time Olympians on the U.S. wrestling squad.

Senior World champions who will compete in their first Olympic Games are two-time reigning World champion Amit Elor (WFS 68 kg), 2022 World champion Dominique Parrish (WFS 53 kg) and 2023 World champion Zain Retherford (MFS 65 kg). Retherford also owns a World silver medal. Other past Senior World medalists on the team include a pair of heavyweights who both starred at Michigan, 2018 World silver medalist Adam Coon (GR 130 kg) and 2023 World bronze medalist Mason Parris (MFS 125 kg).

Two-time Senior World Team member Joe Rau (GR 97 kg) is headed to Paris after coming up just short of qualification status for the previous two Olympics. Athletes who will be competing on their first U.S. Senior-level team are Kennedy Blades (WFS 76 kg),

Spencer Lee (MFS 57 kg), Aaron Brooks (MFS 86 kg) and Payton Jacobson (87 kg).

Three-time Senior World Team member Kamal Bey (GR 77 kg) was a late addition to the Olympic field for Team USA following a redistribution of allocations. He earned his place in Paris by finishing in fourth place at the World Olympic Games Qualifier.

Lee, Brooks, Blades and Bey are past age-group World champions with proven track records of international success.

## WRESTLERS TO WATCH

**Helen Maroulis** was the first U.S. woman to win an Olympic gold medal in wrestling, doing so at the 2016 Rio Olympics. She made history for a second time by becoming the first U.S. woman to win two Olympic wrestling medals, adding a bronze medal to her resume at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She is back in Paris as the first female U.S. wrestler to compete in three Olympic Games and is looking to become the first to win two gold medals.

**Kyle Snyder** is on pace to become one of the most credentialled wrestlers of all-time. He became the youngest U.S. wrestler to win the Olympics, doing so at the 2016 Rio Olympics at age 20. He followed with a silver medal outing at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He is a three-time World champion and seven-time World medalist. Snyder is the most consistent performer on the World and Olympic stage in U.S. wrestling history. He has won a medal at the World Championships or Olympic Games every year since his Senior-level debut in 2015. A podium finish in Paris would give him 10-straight medal performances, extending his U.S. record of nine-straight medals.





SARAH HILDEBRANDT

**Sarah Hildebrandt** has posted a remarkable international career with an Olympic bronze medal from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and four World Championships medals to her credit. The one thing eluding her is a gold medal. She has earned a medal at every World and Olympic tournament since Tokyo and has made two appearances in the World finals during her career. If she can solve the style puzzle presented by the Asian countries, specifically Japan and Mongolia, Hildebrandt will be well positioned to get her gold. Of note, Hildebrandt brought in her brother, Drew, who was a NCAA Div. I wrestler for Central Michigan and Penn State, earning All-America status for the Chippewas, to be her primary training partner for the Olympics.

**Kyle Dake** is a four-time World champion, five-time World medalist and earned bronze at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He has been the standard bearer at 74 kg this Olympic quad. After winning back-to-back World titles in 2021 and 2022, Dake was defeated in the 2023 World finals by Tokyo Olympic champion and three-time World champion Zaurbek Sidakov of Russia. With Sidakov not participating in Paris, Dake is the odds-on-favorite in his weight class.

## TOP STORYLINES

### Men's freestyle enters Paris as back-to-back World champions

The U.S. men's freestyle program enters Paris with more upward momentum than ever, having won back-to-back team World titles in 2022 and 2023. Two years ago, the U.S. won eight World medals of a possible 10 in men's freestyle, followed by seven World medals last year. Six different athletes won individual World titles in men's freestyle during this two-year

stretch, including three Olympic Team members—Kyle Snyder, Kyle Dake and Zain Retherford. Four members of last year's World Championships roster qualified for the Olympic Team—the aforementioned trio, plus Mason Parris, who was a World bronze medalist in 2023.

### Elor looks to establish herself as the top pound-for-pound wrestler in women's freestyle

Emerging U.S. superstar Amit Elor can solidify her spot as the pound-for-pound best female wrestler in the world with a gold medal outing in Paris. The 20-year-old prodigy is an eight-time gold medalist at World Championship events across the U17, U20, U23 and Senior age divisions. She has already set multiple records for the U.S. women. In 2022, Elor reset the mark for youngest World champion in U.S. history at age 18. The past two years, Elor won gold medals at the Senior, U23 and U20 World Championships, setting another remarkable benchmark. Due to reduced weight classes for the Olympic Games, Elor was forced to change weights for her run to Paris. She dropped from 72 kg to 68 kg and looks as strong as ever, qualifying the weight class for Paris at the Pan American Qualifier and topping the U.S. Olympic Team Trials field. Elor is a two-time World champion on the Senior level with a perfect 25-0 record to her name. She is riding a 78-match win-streak with her last loss coming in the semifinals of the 2019 U17 World Championships.

### Age-group phenom returns after extensive layoff to make Olympic Team

The re-emergence of Spencer Lee has U.S. wrestling fans enthralled and the 57 kg Olympic field on notice.



Lee won age-group World titles for the U.S. in three-straight years (2014-16), once at the U17 level and twice in the U20 age bracket. He took seven years away from the freestyle circuit to focus on his collegiate career with Iowa, where he was a three-time NCAA champion and two-time Dan Hodge Trophy winner. Since his return, Lee ousted 2020 Olympic bronze medalist and past World champion Thomas Gilman at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, and ran the gauntlet at the “last chance” World Olympic Games Qualifier, to earn his place in Paris. His style of wrestling is suited perfectly for the freestyle rules set and puts him squarely in contention for a gold medal.

### Brooks, Blades take over for Olympic medalists

Fans witnessed a changing of the guard at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials with Aaron Brooks and Kennedy Blades dethroning legends of the sport looking for a final go at the Olympic Games. Brooks, who is a two-time age-group World champion and four-time NCAA champion for Penn State, upended reigning Olympic and World champion David Taylor at 86 kg in men’s freestyle. Blades, who is a U20 World champion and three-time age-group World medalist, took the baton from six-time World champion and Olympic silver medalist Adeline Gray at 76 kg in women’s freestyle. Prior to these Olympic Trials results, Taylor and Gray were proven performers and top contenders for gold medals in their respective weight categories. It’s now up to Brooks and Blades to uphold those lofty expectations.

### Bey goes from first man out to Olympic podium contender

The most dynamic Greco-Roman wrestler on the U.S. roster, Kamal Bey, was given new life after finishing as the first man out of Olympic qualification status at the World Olympic Games Qualifier in Istanbul, Turkey. Bey finished in fourth place at the “last chance” Olympic Qualifier, where only the top three placers earned a place in Paris. Individual Neutral Athlete Sergei Kutuzov, formerly representing Russia, defeated Bey in Turkey and took a qualification spot. Thereafter, Kutuzov was ruled ineligible to compete in Paris, moving Bey into this qualification spot for the Olympic Games. Bey was a U20 World champion for the U.S. in 2017 and has long been considered one of the top Greco-Roman medal favorites for Team USA. Although he will compete in one of the deepest weight classes in Paris, Bey has proven he can compete well against the World’s elite.

## OLYMPIC QUALIFIER FACTS

- 291 wrestlers from 63 countries across six continents will compete in wrestling at the Olympic Games.
- United States leads all nations with 16 athletes qualified to compete at the Olympic Games. Japan is next in line with 13 qualified athletes. Azerbaijan and China both have 12 qualified athletes.
- Europe leads all continents with 109 wrestlers from 28 countries qualified to compete at the Olympic Games.
- United States, Japan and Mongolia are the only countries to qualify each women’s freestyle weight class for the Olympic Games.
- Algeria, Lithuania, New Zealand and Uzbekistan will be represented in women’s freestyle at the Olympic Games for the first time.
- Egypt and Iran are the only countries to qualify each Greco-Roman weight class for the Olympic Games.
- Honduras will be represented in Greco-Roman at the Olympic Games for the first time.
- United States and Azerbaijan are the only countries to qualify each men’s freestyle weight class for the Olympic Games.
- Dominican Republic will be represented in men’s freestyle wrestling at the Olympic Games for the first time.

### MOST OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS BY COUNTRY

COUNTRY	QUALIFIERS	MFS	WFS	GR
United States	16	6	6	4
Japan	13	4	6	3
Azerbaijan	12	6	1	5
China	12	4	5	3
Egypt	11	4	1	6
Iran	11	5	0	6
Turkey	11	2	5	4
Cuba	10	3	2	5
Kyrgystan	10	3	3	4
Mongolia	9	3	6	0
Ukraine	9	3	4	2
Algeria	8	1	2	5
Kazakhstan	8	4	0	4
Georgia	7	4	0	3
Germany	7	1	4	2
Moldova	7	2	3	2
Uzbekistan	7	3	1	3





★ **GRECO-ROMAN** ★  
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## HERB HOUSE

National Greco-Roman Head Coach

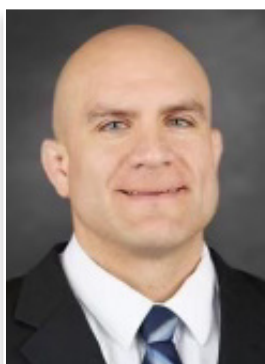
Herb House was named USA Wrestling National Greco-Roman Head Coach in January 2024, being promoted from his role as National Greco-Roman Assistant Coach where he served admirably for over one year.

House is a long-time coach on the U.S. Greco-Roman scene across numerous age levels. He has been a member of the U.S. Greco-Roman coaching staff at eight World Championships, plus two Olympic Games. House was named USA Wrestling Greco-Roman Coach of the Year in 2018.

He has been a volunteer coach on a regular basis at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center, working with the USOPTC resident Greco-Roman athletes, and helping at the many camps held there. He also served as a coach for the New York Athletic Club, which has won numerous national Greco-Roman team titles and placed many wrestlers on Olympic, World and Greco-Roman National Teams.

House has served as a volunteer leader within USA Wrestling's governance. He was the First Vice President of the organization for much of 2022. He previously served on the Board of Directors, has been the Chairperson of the Greco-Roman Sport Committee, and was a member of the Ethics and Membership Committee.

As an athlete, House was a successful Greco-Roman wrestler. In 1992, he won a U20 World bronze medal. On the Senior level, he won a bronze at the 1993 Pan American Championships. In 1997, he took fourth at the CISM Military World Championships competing for the U.S. Army WCAP program. Domestically, House won four University national titles, two Armed Forces titles and secured six top-five finishes at the U.S. Open.



## JUSTIN RUIZ

National Greco-Roman Program Director

Justin Ruiz was named the USA Wrestling National Greco-Roman Program Director in January 2024. Ruiz originally came to USA Wrestling in November 2022 as Director of Donor and Alumni Relations before transitioning to a leadership role with the Greco-Roman program.

Ruiz has extensive coaching experience, serving as an assistant wrestling coach for Utah Valley University for four years (2007-08, 2012-2015). For three years, he served as National Team Developmental Coach for Utah USA Wrestling, coaching multiple age-group All-Americans. He was a co-owner of a wrestling club in Orem, Utah, which developed numerous successful athletes who went on to wrestle in college. Ruiz also coached professional and amateur MMA fighters for The Pit Elevated in Orem, Utah for close to three years.

Ruiz was one of the nation's top Greco-Roman athletes for many years, winning a bronze medal at 96 kg in Greco-Roman at the 2005 World Championships. He competed in six Senior World Championships, two U20 World Championships and a University World Championships. He was a 2007 Pan American Games champion, and won a silver medal at the 2003 Pan American Games. He placed second in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials twice in his career. Ruiz was a member of the first and only U.S. team to win the World Team title in Greco-Roman wrestling, with its victory at the 2007 Senior World Championships.

In college, Ruiz was a two-time NCAA All-American for the University of Nebraska. He was a three-time Utah state champion for Taylorsville High School and was the recipient of the national Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award in 1998.





**KAMAL BEY**

**Weight Class:** 77 kg  
**Style:** Greco-Roman  
**Residence:** Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**Hometown:** Oak Park, Ill.  
**Club:** U.S. Army WCAP  
**Personal Coach:** Spenser Mango  
**High School:** Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)  
**Born:** Jan. 3, 1998 (Age 26)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2019 (7th), 2022 (31st), 2023 (10th)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2016 (U20, 8th), 2017 (U20, Gold), 2017 (U23, 21st), 2018 (U20, 5th)  
**Top Achievements:** U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, two-time Final X champion, four-time U.S. Open champion, U20 World champion

[Team USA Biography](#)

## Team USA’s “last man in” Kamal Bey ready for opportunity at hand

The 77 kg bracket will be one to watch, with a mix of young and experienced athletes battling for gold. The top seed is Nao Kusaka of Japan, a 2023 World bronze medalist. He is one of the younger competitors in the field with just four appearances at age-group tournaments and one appearance on the Senior level in 2023.

On the same side of the bracket as Kusaka are No. 4 seed Malkhas Amoyan of Armenia, No. 5 seed Yosvanys Pena Flores of Cuba and No. 8 seed Aram Vardanyan of Uzbekistan. Amoyan is a three-time World medalist. Pena Flores is one of three athletes with past Olympic experience, having competed at the 2020 Tokyo Games. Vardanyan brings experience from five World tournaments to the field.

Sanan Suleymanov of Azerbaijan, the returning World silver medalist, is seeded No. 2. Suleymanov has collected two World medals in four appearances. He also holds experience from six age-group World Championships.

In Suleymanov’s half-bracket is reigning World Champion Akzhol Makhmudov of Kyrgyzstan, who holds the No. 3 seed. Makhmudov’s dominant performance in Belgrade marked him as a serious threat for gold. At the 2020 Tokyo Games, Makhmudov returned to Kyrgyzstan with a silver medal.

Demeu Zhadravey of Kazakhstan, an Asian Olympic Qualifier finalist, is seeded No. 6. Zhadravey enters with Olympic experience from Tokyo, plus a World silver medal from 2017.

Zoltan Levai of Hungary, who secured his spot through the World Olympic Games Qualifier, is seeded No. 7. Levai is one of the more experienced athletes in the field with 14 age-group World tournaments and a World runner-up finish under his belt.

For the United States, Kamal Bey will be making his first Olympic appearance. Bey, a three-time Senior World Team member, had success at the U20 level, winning a World title in 2017. Bey is coming off a gold medal finish at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile, last November, and earned a spot in Paris following a fourth-place finish at the World Olympic Games Qualifier after quotas were reallocated.

Rounding out an exciting field of competitors are Abd Elkrim Ouakali of Algeria, Aik Mnatsakanian of Bulgaria, Jair Cuero Muñoz of Colombia, Mahmoud Abdelrahman of Egypt, Jonni Sarkkinen of Finland, Amin Kaviyaninejad of Iran and Burhan Akbudak of Turkey.

### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Nao KUSAKA (JPN)
- No. 2 - Sanan SULEYMANOV (AZE)
- No. 3 - Akzhol MAKHMUDOV (KGZ)
- No. 4 - Malkhas AMOYAN (ARM)
- No. 5 - Yosvanys PENA FLORES (CUB)
- No. 6 - Demeu ZHADRAYEV (KAZ)
- No. 7 - Zoltan LEVAI (HUN)
- No. 8 - Aram VARDANYAN (UZB)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Abd Elkrim OUKALI (ALG)
- Aik MNATSAKANIAN (BUL)
- Jair CUERO MUNOZ (COL)
- Mahmoud ABDELRAHMAN (EGY)
- Jonni SARKKINEN (FIN)
- Amin KAVIYANINEJAD (IRI)
- Burhan AKBUDAK (TUR)
- Kamal BEY (USA)**

*\*Entries are subject to change until 24 hours prior to competition.*







**PAYTON JACOBSON**

**Weight Class:** 87 kg  
**Style:** Greco-Roman  
**Residence:** Elkhorn, Wis.  
**Hometown:** Elkhorn, Wis.  
**RTC:** Northern Michigan NTC  
**Club:** Sunkist Kids WC  
**Personal Coach:** Andrew Bisek  
**College:** Northern Michigan Univ.  
**High School:** Elkhorn, Wis. (Elkhorn Area)  
**Born:** Sept. 12, 2002 (Age 21)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2022 (U20, 8th), 2023 (U23, 13th)  
**Top Achievements:** U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion

[Team USA Biography](#)

## Newcomer Payton Jacobson looks to announce himself to the world in Paris

Leading the field as the No. 1 seed is Ali Cengiz of Turkey, the 2023 World champion. Cengiz's dominance and technical skill have made him a top competitor, and he will be looking to add an Olympic gold to his two World medals in Paris.

Zhan Beleniuk of Ukraine, a returning World bronze medalist and two-time World champion, is seeded No. 4. He has meaningful experience at two Olympic Games, earning gold in Rio and silver in Tokyo. Nursultan Tursynov of Kazakhstan, the 2023 World fifth-place finisher, is seeded No. 5. Tursynov seeks his first Senior-level medal after five past World Championships plus an appearance at the Tokyo Games. The No. 8 seed is Carlos Munoz of Colombia, a Pan American Olympic Qualifier finalist and 2016 Olympian.

Returning World finalist and two-time World medalist David Losonczi of Hungary highlights the opposite half-bracket as the No. 2 seed. Semen Novikov of Bulgaria, a 2023 World bronze medalist and past European champion, holds the No. 3 seed. Novikov is a two-time U23 World champion.

Bachir Sid Azara of Algeria, a finalist at the African/Oceania Olympic Qualifier, is seeded No. 6. Sid Azara competed at the Tokyo Games. He has yet to make a Senior World or Olympic podium but did claim bronze at the U20 level previously. Aleksandr Komarov of Serbia, a

European Olympic Qualifier finalist, is seeded No. 7. Komarov seeks his first Senior-level medal after winning five age-group World titles.

87 kg is one of the more experienced weight classes with five of the 16 athletes drawing experience from previous Olympic Games. Sid Azara, Tursynov and Mohamed Metwally of Egypt competed in Tokyo, Munoz Jaramillo competed in Rio, and Beleniuk competed in both sets of Games.

The United States representative at 87 kg is Payton Jacobson. This is Jacobson's inaugural Senior team, drawing experience from his two age-group World Championships appearances. The 21-year-old is new to the weight class on the international scene. He has the element of surprise on his side as most in the field won't be familiar with his approach.

The last six competitors rounding out the 87 kg field are Rafiq Huseynov of Azerbaijan, Haitao Qian of China, Turpal Bisultanov of Denmark, Lasha Gobadze of Georgia, Alireza Mohmadiyani of Iran and Arkadiusz Kulynycz of Poland.

### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Ali CENGIZ (TUR)
- No. 2 - David LOSONCZI (HUN)
- No. 3 - Semen NOVIKOV (BUL)
- No. 4 - Zhan BELENIUK (UKR)
- No. 5 - Nursultan TURSYNOV (KAZ)
- No. 6 - Bachir SID AZARA (ALG)
- No. 7 - Aleksandr KOMAROV (SRB)
- No. 8 - Carlos MUNOZ JARAMILLO (COL)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Rafiq HUSEYNOV (AZE)
- Haitao QIAN (CHN)
- Turpal BISULTANOV (DEN)
- Mohamed METWALLY (EGY)
- Lasha GOBADZE (GEO)
- Alireza MOHMADIPIANI (IRI)
- Arkadiusz KULYNYCZ (POL)
- Payton JACOBSON (USA)**

*\*Entries are subject to change until 24 hours prior to competition.*







**JOE RAU**

**Weight Class:** 97 kg  
**Style:** Greco-Roman  
**Residence:** Chicago, Ill.  
**Hometown:** Chicago, Ill.  
**RTC:** Illinois RTC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Brian Graham  
**College:** Elmhurst College  
**High School:** Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)  
**Born:** March 17, 1991 (Age 33)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2014 (23rd), 2019 (16th), 2023 (19th)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2014 (University, 10th)  
**Top Achievements:** Two-time U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, three-time Pan American champion, Pan American Olympic Qualifier champion, three-time U.S. Open champion, NCAA Div. III champion  
[Team USA Biography](#)

## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Artur ALEKSANYAN (ARM)
- No. 2 - Abubakar KHASLAKHANAU (AIN)
- No. 3 - Mohammadhadi SARAVI (IRI)
- No. 4 - Gabriel ROSILLO KINDELAN (CUB)
- No. 5 - Arvi SAVOLAINEN (FIN)
- No. 6 - Mindaugas VENCKAITIS (LTU)
- No. 7 - Mihail KAJIA (SRB)
- No. 8 - Kevin MEJIA CASTILLO (HON)

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Fadi ROUABAH (ALG)
- Mohamed GABR (EGY)
- Roberti KOBLIASHVILI (GEO)
- Lucas LAZOGIANIS (GER)
- Uzur DZHUZUPBEKOV (KGZ)
- Seungjun KIM (KOR)
- Joe RAU (USA)**
- Rustam ASSAKALOV (UZB)

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## From retirement to Olympian, Joe Rau takes aim at elusive medal

Leading the group as the No. 1 seed at 97 kg is Artur Aleksanyan of Armenia, the 2023 Senior World silver medalist. Aleksanyan's remarkable track record establishes him as a frontrunner in Paris. He will be aiming to add a second Olympic gold to his impressive resume that includes three Olympic medals, four World titles and seven World medals.

Two-time age-group World champion Abubakr Khaslakhanaou, competing as an Individual Neutral Athlete, is seeded No. 2.

Mohammadhadi Saravi of Iran, a 2023 Senior World bronze medalist, holds the No. 3 seed. Saravi has secured three medals in four Senior World Championship appearances, including gold in 2021, making him one to watch in Paris. He also competed at the 2021 Tokyo Games.

Gabriel Rosillo Kindelan of Cuba, the 2023 Senior World champion and Tokyo Olympian, is seeded No. 4. Entering Paris, Rosillo Kindelan is considered the gold medal favorite.

Two-time age-group World champion Arvi Savolainen of Finland, who secured his spot through the World Olympic Games Qualifier, is seeded No. 5. Mindaugas Venckaitis of Lithuania, a European Olympic Qualifier finalist, is seeded No. 6.

Two-time World bronze medalist Mihail Kajia of Serbia was a late addition to the field following

an injury withdrawal from Czech Republic's Artur Omarov. Kajia, a 2020 Olympian, slots in as the No. 7 seed.

Rounding out the top eight seeds is Kevin Mejia Castillo of Honduras, a Pan American Olympic Qualifier finalist. His journey to the Olympics has been marked by significant achievements, as he has competed at 13 World tournaments between all age-groups. Mejia is one of the more experienced athletes in the field.

The United States will be represented by Joe Rau, a first-time Olympian that intends to make his mark on the Paris stage. Rau has been a part of three Senior World teams and is a three-time Pan American Championships gold medalist. He came out of retirement in 2023 to make a run at the Olympic Games.

Others in the field are Fadi Rouabah of Algeria, Mohamed Gabr of Egypt, Roberti Kobliashvili of Georgia, Lucas Lazogianis of Germany, Uzur Dzhuzupbekov of Kyrgyzstan, Seungjun Kim of South Korea and Rustam Assakalov of Uzbekistan. Kobliashvili and Assakalov are two-time World medalists with past Olympic experience. Dzhuzupbekov was an Olympian in Tokyo.







ADAM COON

**Weight Class:** 130 kg  
**Style:** Greco-Roman  
**Residence:** Fowlerville, Mich.  
**Hometown:** Fowlerville, Mich.  
**RTC:** Cliff Keen WC  
**Club:** New York AC  
**Personal Coach:** Momir Petkovic  
**College:** Univ. of Michigan  
**High School:** Fowlerville, Mich.  
**Born:** Nov. 14, 1994 (Age 29)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2018 (Silver), 2019 (21st)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2011 (U17 11th GR, Gold FS), 2014 (U20 Bronze GR, Bronze FS)  
**Top Achievements:** World silver medalist, two-time U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, Pan American champion, three-time NCAA Div. I All-American

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## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Amin MIRZAZADEH (IRI)
- No. 2 - Abdellatif MOHAMED (EGY)
- No. 3 - Lingzhe MENG (CHN)
- No. 4 - Alin ALEXUC CIURARIU (ROU)
- No. 5 - Heiki NABI (EST)
- No. 6 - Mantas KNYSTAUTAS (LTU)
- No. 7 - Yasmani ACOSTA FERNANDEZ (CHI)
- No. 8 - Seungchan LEE (KOR)

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Sabah SHARIATI (AZE)
- Kiril MILOV (BUL)
- Mijain LOPEZ (CUB)
- Jello KRAHMER (GER)
- Alimkhan SYZDYKOV (KAZ)
- Oussama ASSAD (MAR)
- Muhammet BAKIR (TUR)
- Adam Coon (USA)**

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## American Adam Coon among athletes standing in the way of Olympic history

Topping the list of skilled wrestlers at heavyweight as the No. 1 seed is Amin Mirzazadeh of Iran, the current Senior World champion. Mirzazadeh is a two-time World champion and three-time World finalist. He draws experience from the 2020 Tokyo Games, where he placed fifth.

Abdellatif Mohamed of Egypt, a 2023 Senior World bronze medalist, is seeded No. 2. Mohamed has competed at seven World Championships among the age-group and Senior levels, plus two Olympic Games.

Lingzhe Meng of China, who placed fifth in the 2023 World Championships, is the No. 3 seed. Meng is seeking his first World medal after competing at six age-group and four Senior World Championships.

The No. 4 seed is Alin Alexuc Ciurariu of Romania, who earned his spot through the World Olympic Games Qualifier. Alexuc Ciurariu has competed at 10 Senior World events, earning a bronze in 2022, and will be a four-time Olympian when he steps on the mat in Paris.

Two-time World champion and Olympic silver medalist Heiki Nabi of Estonia is seeded No. 5.

2022 World bronze medalist and Tokyo Olympian Mantas Knystautas of Lithuania comes in at No. 6 as a late add replacing Tunisia's Amine Guennichi.

Yasmani Acosta Fernandez, representing Chile, was a finalist at the Pan American Olympic Qualifier, and is the No. 7 seed. Acosta Fernandez's resume is backed by five Senior World Championships and Tokyo Olympic appearances. He previously competed for Cuba before transferring to Chile.

Rounding out the top-eight seeds is Seungchan Lee of Korea, a finalist at the Asian Olympic Qualifier.

2018 World runner-up Adam Coon takes the mat for Team USA. Coon's powerful build and aggressive wrestling style will make waves on the Olympic stage.

The top athlete to watch for in this weight class is four-time Olympic champion Mijain Lopez of Cuba. Lopez will be looking to make history in Paris, seeking his fifth Olympic gold. There has never been a Summer Olympian win gold medals in the same individual event five consecutive times. Lopez won gold in Beijing, London, Rio and Tokyo.

Completing the field are Sabah Shariati of Azerbaijan, Kiril Milov of Bulgaria, Jello Krahmer of Germany, Alimkhan Syzdykov of Kazakhstan, Oussama Assad of Morocco, Amine Guennichi of Tunisia, and Muhammet Bakir of Turkey.







ZHOLAMAN SHARSHENBEKOV

## Kyrgyzstan's Sharshenbekov seeks third-straight gold at 60 kg

Leading the charge as the top seed at 60 kg is Zholaman Sharshenbekov of Kyrgyzstan, the two-time reigning World Champion. He has collected four Senior World medals and was seventh the 2020 Tokyo Games.

The No. 2 seed is Liguo Cao of China, who earned his country's spot in Paris by securing a bronze medal at the 2023 Senior World Championships.

The most experienced wrestler in the group is the No. 3 seed Victor Ciobanu of Moldova. This will be Ciobanu's second Olympic Games, adding to his extensive list of World Championship tournaments. He has competed at 12 age-group World tournaments and nine Senior World tournaments, claiming three medals. Ciobanu qualified through the European Olympic Games Qualifier following an eighth-place finish in Belgrade.

No. 4 seed Kenichiro Fumita of Japan adds a layer of depth to the competition as an Olympic silver medalist and two-time World champion. Mehdi Mohsen Nejad of Iran, seeded fifth, will be on the same side of the bracket as Fumita and Sharshenbekov, as will No. 8 seed Razvan Arnaut of Romania.

Uzbekistan's Islomjon Bakhrarov, seeded sixth, is a returning World bronze medalist. No. 7 seed Raiber Jose Rodriguez Orozco of Venezuela was a Tokyo Olympian and is the reigning Pan American champion.

Abdelkarim Fergat of Algeria brings the total of past Olympians in the field to five. Egypt's Moamen Ahmed Rabie Mohamed is the only athlete entered in the weight that has not yet competed at a Senior World Championships.

Also entered to compete are Kevin DeArmas Rodriguez of Cuba, Enes Basar of Turkey, Aidos Sultangali of Kazakhstan, Seung Ri of North Korea, Murad Mammadov of Azerbaijan, Georgi Tibilov of Serbia, Enes Basar of Turkey, and IOC Refugee team entry Jamal Valizadeh.

## Tokyo gold medalist Orta Sanchez top contender at 67 kg

Leading the pack as the No. 1 seed at 67 kg is returning World runner-up Hasrat Jafarov of Azerbaijan. Jafarov is a two-time World medalist, earning one silver and one bronze in three trips to the World Championships.

Luis Orta Sanchez of Cuba, the reigning Olympic and World champion, is seeded No. 2. Orta Sanchez's powerful and dynamic style has earned him a gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Games. On the same side of the bracket as Orta Sanchez is No. 3 seed Slavik Galstyan of Armenia, No. 6 seed Mamadassa Sylla of France and No. 7 seed Saeid Esmaeili of Iran.

Galstyan qualified the weight for Armenia with a fifth-place finish at the 2023 Senior World Championships. The 27-year-old has competed at five World Championships, earning a bronze medal in 2019. Sylla qualified after wrestling to the finals of the European Olympic Games Qualifier. Esmaeili brings unpredictability to this weight class, as we have yet to see him on the World stage.

Serbia's Mate Nemes, a 2023 World bronze medalist, holds the No. 4 seed. Nemes has consistently performed at the highest level, earning three World medals, including a gold in 2022. He competed, but did not reach the podium, at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

There are a total of six competitors at 67 kg with previous Olympic experience. Orta Sanchez, Nemes, Ramaz Zoidze of Georgia, Souleyman Nasr of Tunisia and Parviz Nasibov of Ukraine were in the field at the 2020 Tokyo Games. Andres Roberto Montano Arroyo of Ecuador competed at the 2016 Rio Games.

Amantur Ismailov of Kyrgyzstan, an Asian Olympic Qualifier finalist, is seeded No. 5. Ismailov has one World bronze medal on his resume. Valentin Petic of Moldova is seeded No. 8. Petic earned his spot through the World Olympic Games Qualifier and was a U17 World Champion in 2016.

Also, in the field at 67 kg in Paris is Ishak Ghaïou of Algeria, Nestor Almanza Truyol of Chile, Mohamed Elsayed of Egypt, Kyotaro Sogabe of Japan.





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## TERRY STEINER

National Women's Freestyle Head Coach

In 2002, shortly after the International Olympic Committee announced that women's wrestling would be in the 2004 Athens Olympics, USA Wrestling hired Terry Steiner as its first National Women's Coach. Since then, Steiner has built Team USA into an elite power in international women's wrestling and helped create opportunity that has led women's wrestling to become the fastest growing female sport in the nation.

Steiner heads into his sixth Olympic Games with a full six-athlete team, fully capable of a historic performance in Paris. In his five previous Games, Steiner has coached nine Olympic medalists, including Olympic champions Helen Maroulis (2016) and Tamyra Mensah-Stock (2020), plus two silver medalists and five bronze medalists. In 2020, Team USA had a record four Olympic medalists, and Maroulis became the first U.S. woman to win two Olympic medals. There were only four weight classes at the first three Olympics, and six in the last two.

At the World Championships, Steiner has consistently developed champions and medalists, and regularly scored podium finishes in the team standings. In the 20 Senior World Teams led by Steiner, the U.S. has won an astonishing 69 medals, with 21 golds, 17 silvers and 31 bronzes. The 21 golds were won by 10 women, with Adeline Gray winning six titles, Helen Maroulis winning three, and Tamyra Mensah-Stock and Amit Elor claiming two. Three U.S. Women's World teams have won seven medals (2003, 2022, 2023) and two teams had three champions (2019, 2022).

Under his leadership, the USA has also become a leader at the age-group levels in women's wrestling, developing numerous individual World champions and medalists, as well as teams which have reached the podium.

Previously, Steiner had worked as a Div. I assistant coach at Wisconsin and Oregon State. He was a talented Senior-level men's freestyle wrestler, a 1996 Pan American champion, who placed at the U.S. Open a number of times.

In college, Steiner was a 1993 NCAA champion for Iowa and helped lead the Hawkeyes to three NCAA team titles (1991, 1992 and 1993). A three-time All-American, he also placed third and fifth, wrestling for the legendary Hall of Fame coach Dan Gable. He was a two-time state champion at Bismarck Century High School in North Dakota. His twin brother Troy was also an NCAA champion at Iowa, a multiple state champion, and has been a successful coach at the college and international levels.



## KATIE KRIEBEL

National Women's Freestyle Assistant Coach

Katie Kriebel was named National Women's Freestyle Assistant Coach in April 2022, joining the coaching staff, led by Head Coach Terry Steiner and alongside National Women's Freestyle Developmental Coach Jessica Medina.

Since joining USA Wrestling, the U.S. women wrestlers have won 14 Senior World medals, including gold medals from Amit Elor (2x), Dom Parrish and Tamyra Mensah Stock, while placing second as a team at both World Championships. The USA has also claimed 27 age-group World medals during the two years.

Kriebel was an elite wrestler, and developed into a successful coach at the college, high school and club levels. Competing under her maiden name Downing, Katie won World bronze medals for Team USA in 2005 and 2007. She was a five-time World Team Trials champion and three-time U.S. Open champion. Kriebel added a Junior World silver medal in 1999. She was a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center resident athlete in Colorado Springs, Colo., from 2003-09, where she returned to coach with USA Wrestling.

She served as an assistant coach at her hometown Pendleton Heights High School in Indiana from 2013-2022, first coaching the boys team, then a co-ed team and their growing girls team. She was the founder and head coach of Krieb's Club for freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling in Indiana.

She was an assistant coach for the women's wrestling team at Oklahoma City University from 2011-12. She has been an active coach with USA Wrestling nationally, as well as with the Indiana State Wrestling Association (ISWA). She coached USA Wrestling's Senior Pan American team in 2011, and the U.S. team that wrestled in the Klippan Lady Open in Sweden in 2014. Kriebel also coached Team Indiana for the Junior and 16U National Duals in 2021.

Kriebel attended the University of Minnesota-Morris, which was the first college to sponsor a varsity women's wrestling program. She competed during the era before there were college women's national tournaments, earning medals on the USA Wrestling Senior circuit as well at the international level. She received the Willis Kelley UMM Outstanding Female Athlete Award in 2002. She competed on her boys high school team. Kriebel was elected to the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2010.





**SARAH HILDEBRANDT**

**Weight Class:** 50 kg  
**Style:** Women's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**Hometown:** Granger, Ind.  
**Club:** New York AC  
**Personal Coach:** Vladislav Izboinikov  
**College:** King Univ.  
**High School:** Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn)  
**Born:** Sept. 23, 1993 (Age 30)  
**Past Olympics:** 2020 (Bronze)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2016 (10th), 2018 (Silver), 2019 (9th), 2021 (Silver), 2022 (Bronze), 2023 (Bronze)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2012 (U20, 11th), 2013 (University, 8th), 2013 (U20, 10th)  
**Top Achievements:** Olympic bronze medalist, four-time World medalist, eight-time Pan American champion, two-time WCWA national champion

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## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Yui SUSAKI (JPN)
- No. 2 - Otgonjargal DOLGORJAV (MGL)
- No. 3 - Ziqi FENG (CHN)
- No. 4 - Evin DEMIRHAN (TUR)
- No. 5 - Alisson CARDOZO REY (COL)
- No. 6 - Sarah HILDEBRANDT (USA)**
- No. 7 - Mariya STADNIK (AZE)
- No. 8 - Oksana LIVACH (UKR)

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Ibtissem DOUDOU (ALG)
- Yusneylis GUZMAN LOPEZ (CUB)
- Nada MOHAMED (EGY)
- Anastasia BLAYVAS (GER)
- VINESH (IND)
- Emanuela LIUZZI (ITA)
- Gabija DILYTE (LTU)
- Aktenge KEUNIMJAEVA (UZB)

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## Sarah Hildebrandt returns to Olympic stage in search of second medal

The No. 1 seed is 2020 Olympic champion Yui Susaki of Japan, also a four-time World champion (2017, 2018, 2022, 2023), the dominant wrestler of this generation. Susaki seeks a second Olympic title and to add to her legacy within Japan's storied history. Add in age-group titles, and she has 11 World and Olympic golds. Her half-bracket will include No. 4 Evin Demirhan of Turkey, No. 5 Alisson Cardoza Rey of Colombia and No. 8 Oksana Livach of Ukraine.

Demirhan, a 2022 European champion who was fifth in the 2023 World Championships, is competing in her second Olympic Games. Cardoza Rey, also fifth at the 2023 Worlds, has limited international success, and qualified through the Pan American Olympic Qualifier. Livach, a 2018 Senior World bronze medalist, was fifth in the 2020 Olympics and was a 2013 U17 World champion.

The bottom half-bracket is more loaded with experience. The No. 2 seed is three-time Senior World medalist Otgonjargal Dolgorjav of Mongolia, a World finalist in both 2022 and 2023. She is short and very powerful. Her half-bracket includes No. 3 Ziqi Feng of China, No. 6 Sarah Hildebrandt of the USA and No. 7 Mariya Stadnik of Ukraine, one of the sport's top legends.

Feng, a 2023 World bronze medalist, was second in the 2024 Asian

Championships and a 2019 U23 World silver medalist. Hildebrandt, a 2020 Olympic bronze medalist, boasts four Senior World medals, including two silver medals. Hildebrandt has an explosive offense. Dolgorjav has given Hildebrandt fits in recent victories over the American. Stadnik is a rare four-time Olympic medalist (silvers in 2012 and 2016, bronzes in 2008 and 2020) and two-time World champion, but at age 35 is a longshot for the title.

Two past World medalists are unseeded and will be drawn in. India's Vinesh was a 2019 and 2022 World bronze medalist and is in her third Olympics. Anastasia Blayvas of Germany, 2023 World bronze medalist at 55 kg and a two-time age-group World medalist, dropped down in weight.

Other qualifiers are Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, a 2023 Pan American Games champion and 2020 Olympian, four-time African bronze medalist Ibtissem Doudou of Algeria, two-time age-group World medalist Nada Mohamed of Egypt, plus Gabija Dilyte of Lithuania, Emanuela Liuzzi of Italy and Aktenge Keunimjaeva of Uzbekistan. Liuzzi was a late addition to the field after Son Hyang Kim of North Korea withdrew. The big question is if anybody in this field can halt Susaki's dominance.





**DOMINIQUE PARRISH**

**Weight Class:** 53 kg  
**Style:** Women's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Corvallis, Ore.  
**Hometown:** Scotts Valley, Calif.  
**RTC:** Beaver Dam RTC  
**Club:** Sunkist Kids WC  
**Personal Coach:** Nate Engel  
**College:** Simon Fraser Univ.  
**High School:** Scotts Valley, Calif.  
**Born:** Nov. 5, 1996 (Age 27)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2022 (Gold), 2023 (22nd)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2017 (U23, 9th), 2018 (U23, 5th), 2019 (U23, 7th)  
**Top Achievements:** World champion, Pan American champion, Pan American Olympic Games Qualifier finalist, U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, two-time WCWA national champion

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## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Lucia YEPEZ GUZMAN (ECU)
- No. 2 - Emma MALMGREN (SWE)
- No. 3 - Akari FUJINAMI (JPN)
- No. 4 - ANTIM (IND)
- No. 5 - Maria PREVOLARAKI (GRE)
- No. 6 - Christianah OGUNSANYA (NGR)
- No. 7 - Qianyu PANG (CHN)
- No. 8 - Andreea ANA (ROU)

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Annika WENDLE (GER)
- Mia AQUINO (GUM)
- Mariana DRAGUTAN (MDA)
- Khulan BATKHUYAG (MGL)
- Hyo Gyong CHOE (PRK)
- Zeynep YETGIL (TUR)
- Dominique PARRISH (USA)**
- Betzabeth ARGUELLO VILLEGAS (VEN)

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## World champion Dom Parrish returning to gold medal form as Paris Games approach

The No. 1 seed is Lucia Yopez Guzman of Ecuador, a 2023 World bronze medalist and two-time Pan American Games champion. Yopez also boasts a 2021 U23 World title, and competed in the 2020 Olympics. Her half-bracket will include No. 4 Antim of India, No. 5 Maria Prevolaraki of Greece and No. 8 Andreea Ana of Romania

Antim, a 2023 World bronze medalist, won U20 World titles in 2022 and 2023, and a 2021 U17 World bronze. Prevolaraki, the most experienced entry in the draw, won three Senior World bronzes (2012, 2017, 2022) and will be in her fourth Olympics. Ana has won three straight European titles, was a 2021 U23 World champion and wrestled in the 2020 Olympics.

The No. 2 seed is Emma Malmgren of Sweden. Malmgren was fifth in the last two Senior Worlds (2022, 2023), won a 2021 U20 World title and was second in the Senior Europeans this season. Her half bracket features No. 3 Akari Fujinami of Japan, No. 6 Christianah Ogunsanya of Nigeria and No. 7 Quiyanu Pang of China.

Two-time World champion Fujinami, just 20, has pinned or scored a technical fall in all of her World matches. She won a 2018 U17 World title and most recently won the 2023 Asian Games. Ogunsanya has won two straight Senior African titles. 2020 Olympic silver medalist Pang also won World bronze medals in

2018 and 2019, and was a 2016 Asian champion.

2022 World champion Dominique Parrish is unseeded and will be drawn in. Although not placing at the 2023 Worlds, Parrish has looked good in the 2024 season, earning the quota at the Pan American Olympic Qualifier and adding a Poland Open title. Parrish made three U23 World teams on her way up the ladder.

World medalists Mariana Dragutan of Moldova and Batkhuyag Khulan of Mongolia are unseeded. Dragutan won her World bronze in 2023 at 55 kg and was a European silver medalist this year. Khulan, a 2022 World silver medalist and Zeynep Yetgil of Turkey, a two-time European bronze medalist, are contenders. Others getting drawn in are 2023 Asian Games bronze medalist Hyo Gyong Choe of North Korea, 2019 Pan American Games silver medalist and 2016 Olympian Betzabeth Arguello Villegas of Venezuela, 2020 and 2021 European bronze medalist Annika Wendle of Germany and three-time Oceania champion Mia Aquino of Guam.







HELEN MAROULIS

**Weight Class:** 57 kg  
**Style:** Women's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Rockville, Md.  
**Hometown:** Rockville, Md.  
**Club:** Sunkist Kids WC  
**Personal Coach:** Angel Cejudo  
**College:** Simon Fraser Univ. and Missouri Baptist Univ.  
**High School:** Marquette, Mich., and Rockville, Md. (Colonel Zadok Magruder)  
**Born:** Sept. 19, 1991 (Age 32)  
**Past Olympics:** 2016 (Gold), 2020 (Bronze)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2008 (8th), 2011 (5th), 2012 (Silver), 2013 (7th), 2014 (Bronze), 2015 (Gold), 2017 (Gold), 2018 (21st), 2021 (Gold), 2022 (Silver), 2023 (Bronze)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2008 (U20, Bronze), 2009 (U20, 17th), 2010 (U20, Bronze), 2011 (U20, Silver)  
**Top Achievements:** First U.S. woman to win Olympic gold medal in wrestling, first two-time Olympic medalist in women's wrestling, three-time World champion, seven-time World medalist, four-time WCWA national champion  
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### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Tsugumi SAKURAI (JPN)
- No. 2 - Anastasia NICHITA (MDA)
- No. 3 - Odunayo ADEKUOROYE (NGR)
- No. 4 - Anhelina LYSAK (POL)
- No. 5 - Helen MAROULIS (USA)**
- No. 6 - Kexin HONG (CHN)
- No. 7 - Giulia PENALBER (BRA)
- No. 8 - Luisa VALVERDE (ECU)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Chaimaa AOUISSI (ALG)
- Hannah TAYLOR (CAN)
- Sandra PARUSZEWSKI (GER)
- Rckaela AQUINO (GUM)
- ANSHU (IND)
- Aurora RUSSO (ITA)
- Khongorzul BOLDSAUKHAN (MGL)
- Alina HRUSHYNA AKOBIIA (UKR)

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## Helen Maroulis in search of U.S. record third Olympic medal in women's wrestling

The No. 1 seed is three-time World champion Tsugumi Sakurai of Japan. Sakurai won her first World title at 55 kg in 2021, and the next two at 57 kg. In the 2024 Asian Championships, she lost in the finals to China's Yongxin Feng. Sakurai was 2016 U17 World champion. Her half-bracket will include No. 4 Anhelina Lysak of Poland, No. 5 Helen Maroulis of the USA and No. 8 Luisa Valverde of Ecuador.

Maroulis was the first U.S. woman to win Olympic gold (2016), to win two Olympic medals (2020 bronze) and to make three Olympic teams. She boasts nine World/Olympic medals and beat the legend Saori Yoshida of Japan in the Rio finals. To get another gold, she must beat Sakurai, who beat her at 2022 and 2023 Worlds. Lysak, a 2022 World bronze medalist, was fifth in the 2023 Worlds and a two-time age-group World champion. Valverde, a two-time Pan American champion, was a 2020 Olympian and won 2011 U20 World bronze.

The No. 2 seed is 2022 World champion Anastasia Nichita of Moldova. Nichita won her World title at 59 kg, and lost to Sakurai in the 2023 World finals. She was a 2020 Olympian and 2018 U20 World champion. Her half bracket features No. 3 Odunayo Adekuroye of Nigeria, No. 6 Kexin Hong of China and No. 7 Giulia Penalber of Brazil.

Adekuroye is a four-time Senior

World medalist (three bronzes, one silver) and is in her third Olympic Games. Her height and style offers challenges to top opponents. Hong earned China's quota at 57 kg at the Asian Olympic Qualifier and has three international golds so far in 2024. Penalber, a 2023 Pan American Games champion, has not medalled in seven Senior World appearances.

Among those unseeded are Anshu of India, a 2022 World silver medalist who lost to Maroulis in the finals. Anshu was a 2020 Olympian and won four age-group World medals. 2022 World bronze medalist Alina Hrushyna Akobiia of Ukraine has won three Senior European titles. Aurora Russo of Italy, a 2023 U20 World champion, and Khongorzul Boldsaikhan of Mongolia, who was fifth in the 2020 Olympics, are talented. Watch for Canada's Hannah Taylor, a 2023 Pan American Games silver medalist and two-time U23 World bronze medalist. Others include 2024 African silver medalist Chaimaa Aouissi of Algeria, two-time European bronze medalist Sandra Paraszewski of Germany and 2020 Olympian Rckaela Aquino of Guam.





**KAYLA MIRACLE**

**Weight Class:** 62 kg  
**Style:** Women's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Tempe, Ariz.  
**Hometown:** Bloomington, Ind.  
**Club:** Sunkist Kids WC  
**Personal Coach:** Lee Pritts  
**College:** Campbellsville Univ.  
**High School:** Culver, Ind. (Culver Academy)  
**Born:** April 26, 1996 (Age 28)  
**Past Olympics:** 2020 (12th)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2019 (8th), 2021 (Silver), 2022 (Silver), 2023 (14th)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2011 (U17, 8th), 2012 (U17, Silver), 2014 (U20, Bronze), 2015 (U20, 8th), 2016 (U20, Bronze), 2017 (U23, 5th), 2018 (U23, 5th), 2019 (U23, Silver)  
**Top Achievements:** 2020 Olympian, two-time World silver medalist, two-time Pan American Olympic Games Qualifier finalist, three-time Pan American champion, two-time U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, four-time age-group World medalist, four-time WCWA national champion  
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## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Aisuluu Tynybekova (KGZ)
- No. 2 - Sakura Motoki (JPN)
- No. 3 - Grace Bullen (NOR)
- No. 4 - Iryna Koliadenko (UKR)
- No. 5 - Bilyana Dudova (BUL)
- No. 6 - Luisa Niemesch (GER)
- No. 7 - Ana Godinez Gonzalez (CAN)
- No. 8 - Kayla Miracle (USA)**

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Ameline Douarre (FRA)
- Hanbit Lee (KOR)
- Orkhon Purevdorj (MGL)
- Esther Kolawole (NGR)
- Kriszta Incze (ROU)
- Johanna Lindborg (SWE)
- Siwar Bouseta (TUN)
- Nesrin Bas (TUR)

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## Drawing from Tokyo Olympic experience Kayla Miracle primed for Paris medal run

The No. 1 seed is 2020 Olympic silver medalist and three-time World champion Aisuluu Tynybekova of Kyrgyzstan. The most consistent star in this weight, Tynybekova won World gold in 2019, 2021 and 2023 and a bronze in 2017. She has won gold in eight of her last nine tournaments. Her half-bracket will be very tough, including No. 4 Iryna Koliadenko of Ukraine, No. 5 Bilyana Dudova of Bulgaria and No. 8 Kayla Miracle of the USA.

Koliadenko was a 2020 Olympic bronze medalist, 2019 World silver medalist and a 2023 World bronze medalist. She won three European titles and three age-group World medals. Dudova was a 2021 World champion at 59 kg, a 2018 World silver medalist at 57 kg and was fifth in the 2013 Worlds.

Miracle was a World silver medalist in 2021 and 2022. She has a potential quarterfinal battle with Tynybekova, who beat her in the 2021 World finals. She beat World finalist Macey Kilty to make U.S. team and has four age-group World medals on the resume. Paris would be perfect timing for Miracle to stand on the top of the podium.

The No. 2 seed is Sakura Motoki of Japan, who lost to Tynybekova in the 2023 World finals and the 2024 Asian finals. She was third in the 2021 Senior Worlds and won U20 and U17 World titles. Her half bracket features No. 3 Grace Bullen of Norway, No. 6

Luisa Niemesch of Germany and No. 7 Ana Godinez Gonzalez of Canada.

Bullen, a 2022 World silver medalist and 2023 World bronze medalist, is the 2024 European champion. She won U17 and U23 World titles. Niemesch was fifth in the 2017 and 2023 Senior Worlds, competed in the 2016 Olympics and won three age-group World medals. Godinez Gonzalez was fifth in the 2022 Senior Worlds, won a 2021 U23 World gold and 2023 U23 World bronze and boasts two Pan American titles.

2017 World champion and 2013 U20 World champion Orkhon Purevdorj of Mongolia is unseeded and being drawn into the bracket. 2020 Olympian Kriszta Incze of Romania, who wrestled in six Senior Worlds, is also unseeded. 2023 U23 World champion Nesrin Bas of Turkey, 2021 U23 World bronze medalist Esther Kolawole of Nigeria, 2018 U20 World bronze medalist Johanna Lindborg of Sweden and 2020 Olympian and Siwar Bouseta of Tunisia are entered. Host France is represented by 2023 U23 European silver medalist Ameline Douarre. Korea's Hanbit Lee swapped in for North Korea's Hyon Gyong Mun after Kim withdrew from the field.







**AMIT ELOR**

**Weight Class:** 68 kg  
**Style:** Women's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Walnut Creek, Calif.  
**Hometown:** Walnut Creek, Calif.  
**RTC:** New York City RTC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Sara McMann  
**College:** Diablo Valley College  
**High School:** Pleasant Hill, Calif. (College Park)  
**Born:** Jan. 1, 2004 (Age 20)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2022 (Gold), 2023 (Gold)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2019 (U17, Bronze), 2021 (U17, Gold), 2021 (U20, Gold), 2022 (U20, Gold), 2022 (U23, Gold), 2023 (U20, Gold), 2023 (U23, Gold)  
**Top Achievements:** two-time World champion, Youngest Sr. World champion in U.S. history (Age 18, 2022), Pan American Olympic Games Qualifier finalist, Pan American champion, six-time age-group World champion, seven-time age-group World medalist  
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## U.S. prodigy Amit Elor among six World champions in stacked 68 kg field

The No. 1 seed is 2023 World champion Buse Tosun of Turkey, who also won 2018 and 2021 World bronze medals, and a 2018 U23 World title. She wrestled in the 2016 Olympics. Her half-bracket will include No. 4 Irina Ringaci of Moldova, No. 5 Tetiana Sova Rizhko of Ukraine and No. 8 seed Feng Zhou of China.

A 2021 World champion at 65 kg, Ringaci added World bronze medals in 2022 and 2023. She boasts U23 and U20 World titles. Sova Rizhko was a 2022 European champion and 2024 runner-up, and won two age-group World medals. Zhou, with a 2015 World silver and 2018 World bronze, is in her third Olympics.

The No. 2 seed is Delgermaa Enkhsaikhan of Mongolia. Her half bracket features No. 3 Koumba Larroque of France, No. 6 Blessing Oborududu of Nigeria and No. 7 Soleymi Caraballo Hernandez of Venezuela.

Enkhsaikhan was a 2023 World silver medalist and won two age-group World medals. Larroque has won four Senior World medals, including a 2018 silver and three bronzes. She also boasts five age-group World gold medals. Oborududu, a 2020 Olympic silver medalist, has been in eight Senior Worlds, with her best finish being fifth. This is her fourth Olympics. Caraballo Hernandez was a 2022 Pan American champion.

Two-time World champions Amit Elor of the USA and Nonoka Ozaki of Japan, plus 2019 World champion Linda Morais of Canada and 2021 World champion Meerim Zhumanazarova of Kyrgyzstan, get drawn in randomly.

Elor won 2022 and 2023 Senior World titles at 72 kg. At all ages, she boasts eight freestyle World titles, and won three World golds in both 2022 and 2023. The youngest Senior World champion ever for the USA, she could be our youngest Olympic champion with gold medal in Paris.

Ozaki was a 2022 World champion at 62 kg and 2023 World titleist at 65 kg. She won a Senior World bronze in 2021 and claimed four age-group World titles. Morais, also is a two-time World bronze medalist, won two World University Championships. Zhumanazarova was a 2020 Olympic bronze medalist and a three-time age-group World medalist.

Others in the field are 2023 U23 World silver medalist Nisha of India, seven-time Oceania champion Tayla Ford of New Zealand, three-time age-group World medalist Wiktoria Choluj of Poland and 2024 Asian Olympic Qualifier finalist Sol Gum Pak of North Korea.

Unseeded wrestlers will blow up the



### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Buse CAVUSOGLU TOSUN (TUR)
- No. 2 - Delgermaa ENKHSAIKHAN (MGL)
- No. 3 - Koumba LARROQUE (FRA)
- No. 4 - Irina RINGACI (MDA)
- No. 5 - Tetiana SOVA RIZHKO (UKR)
- No. 6 - Blessing OBORUDUDU (NGR)
- No. 7 - Soleymi CARABALLO HERNANDEZ (VEN)
- No. 8 - Feng ZHOU (CHN)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Linda MORAIS (CAN)
- NISHA (IND)
- Nonoka OZAKI (JPN)
- Meerim ZHUMANAZAROVA (KGZ)
- Tayla FORD (NZL)
- Wiktoria CHOLUJ (POL)
- Sol Gum PAK (PRK)
- Amit ELOR (USA)**

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**KENNEDY BLADES**

**Weight Class:** 76 kg  
**Style:** Women's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Chicago, Ill.  
**Hometown:** Chicago, Ill.  
**Club:** Sunkist Kids WC  
**Personal Coach:** Israel Martinez  
**College:** Arizona State Univ., Committed to Univ. of Iowa (Fall 2024)  
**High School:** Kingston, Pa. (Wyoming Seminary)  
**Born:** Sept. 4, 2003 (Age 20)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2019 (U17, 7th), 2021 (U20, Gold), 2023 (U20, Bronze), 2023 (U23, Silver)  
**Top Achievements:** U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, U20 World champion, three-time age-group World medalist  
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## Age-group sensation Kennedy Blades takes first shot at Senior medal in Paris

The No. 1 seed is 2023 World silver medalist Aiperi Medet Kyzy of Kyrgyzstan, who was fifth at the 2020 Olympics and added a World bronze in 2021. She was a 2021 U23 World champion. In 2024, she won her third Asian Championships gold. Her half-bracket includes No. 4 Catalina Axente of Romania, No. 5 Milaimys Marin Potrille of Cuba and No. 8 Bernadett Nagy of Hungary.

Axente was fifth in the 2023 Senior Worlds and is successful in Beach wrestling. Marin Potrille was a 2018 Youth Olympic Games champion, 2019 U23 World champion and 2023 Pan American Games champion. Nagy won two age-group World medals and two Senior European bronze medals.

The No. 2 seed is 2023 World champion Yuka Kagami of Japan. Kagami claimed a 2022 World bronze medal, won two U17 World titles, a U20 World title and a U23 World silver medal. Her half bracket features No. 3 Tatiana Renteria of Colombia, No. 6 Hannah Reuben of Nigeria and No. 7 Justina Di Stasio of Canada.

Renteria, a 2023 World bronze medalist, was a 2023 U23 World champion and 2021 U23 World silver medalist. She was second in the 2023 Pan American Games. Reuben, a 2016 Olympian, was second in the 2022 Commonwealth Games. DiStasio was a 2018 World champion, 2017 World bronze medalist and a 2019 Pan

American Games champion.

Perhaps the biggest name among the unseeded is 2020 Olympic bronze medalist Yasamin Adar Yigit of Turkey, also a 2017 and 2022 World champion. Adar Yigit also boasts a 2018 World silver medal and seven European titles.

2021 U20 World champion Kennedy Blades of the USA beat 2020 Olympic silver medalist and six-time World champion Adeline Gray to make Team USA. Blades has a 2023 U23 World silver and a 2022 U20 World bronze and her style is difficult to manage.

Davaanasan Enkh Amar of Mongolia was a 2023 World silver medalist and two-time Asian bronze medalist. 2023 European champion and 2017 U20 World silver medalist Yuliana Yaneva of Bulgaria has high hopes. Juan Wang of China was fifth in the 2018 Worlds and Genesis Reasco Valdez of Ecuador was fifth in the 2022 Worlds. Wang was 2018 World Military champion and Reasco won the 2024 Pan American Championships. Reetika of India was 2023 U23 World champion and 2022 U20 World bronze medalist. 2020 Olympian Zaineb Sghaier of Tunisia is a two-time African champion.

### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Aiperi MEDET KYZY (KGZ)
- No. 2 - Yuka KAGAMI (JPN)
- No. 3 - Tatiana RENTERIA (COL)
- No. 4 - Catalina AXENTE (ROU)
- No. 5 - Milaimys MARIN POTRILLE (CUB)
- No. 6 - Hannah RUEBEN (NGR)
- No. 7 - Justina DI STASIO (CAN)
- No. 8 - Bernadett NAGY (HUN)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Yuliana YANEVA (BUL)
- Juan WANG (CHN)
- Genesis REASCO VALDEZ (ECU)
- REETIKA (IND)
- Davaanasan ENKH AMAR (MGL)
- Zaineb SGHAIER (TUN)
- Yasemin ADAR YIGIT (TUR)
- Kennedy BLADES (USA)**

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## BILL ZADICK

National Men's Freestyle Head Coach

Bill Zadick has been at the helm of the U.S. Men's Freestyle program as National Men's Freestyle Head Coach for eight years, leading Team USA to unprecedented success at the World and Olympic level. He has coached three U.S. teams to Senior World team titles (2017, 2022, 2023), including the first back-to-back World titles in American wrestling history. Under Zadick at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, all five U.S. men's freestyle wrestlers entered won medals, with golds by David Taylor and Gable Steveson, a silver from Kyle Snyder and bronze medals from Thomas Gilman and Kyle Dake. The 2024 U.S. Olympic team in men's freestyle features a top challenger in all six weight classes.

During the six Senior World Championships since Zadick has led the program, the U.S. has won an amazing 39 medals, including 17 gold medals, 11 silver medals and 11 bronze medals. Eight different athletes won the 17 gold medals and 15 different athletes compiled the 30 medals. The 2022 World Team had a record eight finalists. In both 2022 and 2023, the men's freestyle team helped the USA win the overall medal count in all styles for the first time ever. In 2017, Zadick was named USOPC National Coach of the Year.

Zadick has been a part of USA Wrestling's professional national coaching staff since 2009, when he started as Resident Coordinator and Assistant National Coach. Paris will be his fourth Olympic Games as part of the USA Wrestling coaching staff, as he was involved in London in 2012, Rio de Janeiro in 2016 and Tokyo in 2021. During his stretch as USA Wrestling's Developmental Coach from 2011-14, Zadick helped build the United States into a World power in men's freestyle on the age-group levels. This success has continued to expand since he moved to the top freestyle position, with Team USA setting new records at the age-group divisions.

As an athlete, Zadick was a 2006 Senior World champion, and also competed on the 2001 Senior World Team. He is the last American to win a World title at his international weight class. His younger brother, Mike, brought home a silver medal from the same tournament. Zadick was runner-up at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in 2000 and 2008 and won two U.S. Open titles. He was a U.S. Olympic Training Center resident athlete at the time he won his World title.

He was also a NCAA Div. I champion for Iowa in 1996 and two-time All-American, placing fifth in 1995. The Hawkeyes won three NCAA team titles during his career under the legendary Dan Gable. He won four Montana state titles for Great Falls High School, one of the state's greatest athletes in history.

In 2021, Zadick was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member, the highest honor.





## JOE RUSSELL

Manager of Men's Freestyle Programs

Joe Russell was hired as USA Wrestling's Manager of Freestyle Programs in May 2017, to work with new National Freestyle Head Coach Bill Zadick's staff. Since his arrival, the U.S. men's freestyle program has thrived at the Senior and age-group levels. Three U.S. teams won Senior World team titles (2017, 2022, 2023), including the first back-to-back World titles in American wrestling history. All five U.S. men's freestyle wrestlers entered won medals at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. In the six Senior World Championships during Russell's tenure, the USA has won an amazing 39 medals, including 17 gold medals, 11 silver medals and 11 bronze medals.

Russell has helped coach U.S. Senior and age-group tour teams to success as part of the freestyle staff, at the Olympic, World, Continental and Grand Prix levels. The U23 World Team program has been among the areas which Russell has focused. Since his arrival, the USA has won 20 U23 World medals, including seven champions. In 2023, the USA won the U23 World Team title, with a record four champions and six medalists.

Prior to joining USA Wrestling, Russell was the head coach at NCAA Div. I George Mason University. Russell led the program to 41 dual-meet victories and coached six wrestlers to eight berths at the NCAA Championships. Prior to his arrival at George Mason, Russell was a longtime assistant coach at the University of Minnesota where he helped guide the Gophers to three NCAA team championships and six Big Ten championships. In addition, he coached 11 individual NCAA champions, 31 individual conference champions and 84 NCAA All-Americans.

Russell has had extensive experience coaching the international styles with USA Wrestling throughout his coaching career. He was selected as coach for the U.S. Cadet Greco-Roman World Team in 1999 and 2013. Russell also coached three Junior Pan American Championship teams in freestyle and Greco-Roman in 2002, 2004 and 2014. While at Minnesota, as part of the Minnesota Storm coaching staff, he coached numerous national All-Americans at the age-group level in freestyle and Greco-Roman and did the same at George Mason with the Patriot Elite Wrestling Club. In 1999, he was named USA Wrestling University/UWW Junior Person of the Year.

In 2007, Russell was awarded the Medal of Courage by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, which is given to a wrestler or former wrestler who has overcome what appear to be insurmountable challenges, providing inspiration to others. Russell was an elite high school wrestler in Gresham, Ore., and was already competing on the Senior level in Greco-Roman while still a teenager. In 1985, a horrifying motorcycle accident left Russell fighting for his life and facing severe damage to his body and brain. With amazing will and courage, Russell battled back through a long and grueling recovery process to not only return to the mat, but become a success in all aspects of his life.



SPENCER LEE

**Weight Class:** 57 kg  
**Style:** Men's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Iowa City, Iowa  
**Hometown:** Murrysville, Pa.  
**RTC:** Hawkeye WC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Tom Brands  
**College:** Univ. of Iowa  
**High School:** Murrysville, Pa. (Franklin Regional)  
**Born:** Oct. 14, 1998 (Age 25)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2013 (U17, 7th), 2014 (U17, Gold), 2015 (U20, Gold), 2016 (U20 Gold)  
**Top Achievements:** Pan American champion, World Olympic Games Qualifier finalist, U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, two-time U20 World champion, U17 World champion, three-time NCAA Div. I champion, two-time Dan Hodge Trophy recipient

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## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Stevan MICIC (SRB)
- No. 2 - Rei HIGUCHI (JPN)
- No. 3 - Arsen HARUTYUNYAN (ARM)
- No. 4 - Meirambek KARTBAY (KAZ)
- No. 5 - Zelimkhan ABAKAROV (ALB)
- No. 6 - AMAN (IND)
- No. 7 - Wanhao ZOU (CHN)
- No. 8 - Gulomjon ABDULLAEV (UZB)

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Aliabbas RZAZADE (AZE)
- Gamal MOHAMED (EGY)
- Diamantino IUNA FAFE (GBS)
- Bekzat ALMAZ UULU (KGZ)
- Roman BRAVO YOUNG (MEX)
- Vladimir EGOROV (MKD)
- Darian CRUZ (PUR)
- Spencer LEE (USA)**

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## Age-group superstar Spencer Lee returns to World stage for Team USA after lengthy layoff

The top seed at 57 kg is 2023 World champion Stevan Micic of Serbia, who competed in college for Northwestern and Michigan and was a U20 World medalist for the USA before changing nations. His half-bracket will include No. 4 Meirambek Kartbay of Kazakhstan, No. 5 Zelimkhan Abakarov of Albania and No. 8 Gulomjon Abdullaev of Uzbekistan.

Kartbay was fifth in the 2023 Worlds and consistent in the Ranking Series events. Abakarov was a 2022 World champion and a 2023 World bronze medalist and originally hailed from Russia earlier in his career. Abdullaev competed in the 2020 Olympics and won the Asian Olympic Games Qualifier.

The No. 2 seed is Rei Higuchi of Japan, a 2022 World champion and 2023 World bronze medalist who won a silver medal in the 2016 Olympic Games. Higuchi is one of the top favorites in this weight class. His half bracket will include No. 3 Arsen Harutyunyan of Armenia, No. 6 Aman of India and No. 7 Wanhao Zou of China.

Harutyunyan has won a bronze medal at World Championships for three straight years and won three straight European gold medals. Aman was a 2022 U23 World champion and 2023 Asian champion who is seeking his first World medal. Zou's best finish at the Senior Worlds was fifth in 2022 and boasts a U23 World bronze.

The rest of the field will be drawn into the bracket. U.S. entry Spencer Lee is on his first Senior-level U.S. team but won three age-group World titles won in dominating fashion. Lee has returned after overcoming injuries during his college career at Iowa and is healthy and motivated. He was impressive while winning the World Olympic Games Qualifier.

Two other U.S. college wrestlers include Roman Bravo Young of Mexico and Darian Cruz of Puerto Rico. Bravo Young won two NCAA titles for Penn State and Cruz was an NCAA champ for Lehigh. Both qualified through the Pan American Olympic Qualifier. Cruz competed in two Senior Worlds, while Bravo Young has no Senior World-level experience.

None of the other qualifiers have been a Senior World or Olympic medalist. Aliabbas Rzazade of Azerbaijan has been a U23 World champion. Bekzat Almaz Uulu of Kyrgyzstan won a U23 World medal. Vladimir Egorov of North Macedonia, Gamal Mohamed of Egypt and Diamantino Iuna Fafe of Guinea Bissau and round out the field. Mohamed won the African/Oceania Olympic Qualifier.







**ZAIN RETHERFORD**

**Weight Class:** 65 kg  
**Style:** Men's Freestyle  
**Residence:** State College, Pa.  
**Hometown:** Benton, Pa.  
**RTC:** Nittany Lion WC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Cody Sanderson  
**College:** Penn State Univ.  
**High School:** Benton, Pa.  
**Born:** May 21, 1995 (Age 29)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2017 (11th), 2019 (26th), 2022 (Silver), 2023 (Gold)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2012 (U17, Gold)  
**Top Achievements:** World champion, two-time World finalist, Pan American champion, U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, U17 World champion, three-time NCAA Div. I champion, two-time Dan Hodge Trophy recipient

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## Reigning 70 kg World champion Zain Retherford drops to 65 kg for Paris run

The top seed at 65 kg is Vazgen Tevanyan of Armenia, who won a bronze medal at the 2023 Senior Worlds. He is a past U23 World champion, boasts three age-group World medals and was a 2023 European champion.

His half bracket will include No. 4 Sebastian Rivera of Puerto Rico, No. 5 seed Maxim Sacultan of Moldova and No. 8 seed Tulga Tumur Ochir of Mongolia. Rivera competed for Northwestern and Rutgers. He won a World silver medal in 2023 and was fifth in the 2022 Worlds. Sacultan was fifth at the 2023 Senior Worlds. Tumur Ochir was a 2021 World bronze medalist and a 2023 Asian Games champion.

The No. 2 seed is 2022 World champion Rahman Amouzad of Iran, who also boasts three age-group World titles. Amouzad won the 2024 Asian Championships. His half-bracket will include No. 3 seed Ismail Musukaev of Hungary, No. 6 seed Haji Aliyev of Azerbaijan and No. 7 seed Islam Dudaev of Albania. Based upon past achievements, this side of the Olympic bracket seems much stronger than the top half.

Musukaev was a 2023 World champion, boasts two World bronze medals and was fifth in the 2020 Olympics. He wrestled for Russia before moving to Hungary. Aliyev is a three-time World champion and two-time Olympic medalist, with as deep a resume as anybody wrestling in

Paris. Dudaev qualified through the World Olympic Games qualifier. He won two age-group World medals for Russia before heading to Albania.

2023 World champion and 2022 World silver medalist Zain Retherford of the USA will get drawn in, because his achievements were at 70 kg. None of the seeds will want to wrestle him in the first round. A three-time NCAA champion at Penn State, Retherford considered retirement this year but instead went all-in on his Olympic run.

Other non-seeded qualifiers include two-time World medalists Alejandro Valdes of Cuba and Ernzar Akhmataliev of Kyrgyzstan. Valdes is in his third Olympic Games. Also in the field is U.S. collegian Austin Gomez of Mexico, who wrestled for Iowa State, Wisconsin and Michigan. Kotaro Kiyooka of Japan won the Asian Olympic Games Qualifier and emerged from a tough weight class in Japan. Others in the draw are Georgii Okorokov of Australia, Goderdzi Dzebisashvili of Georgia and Gaku Akazawa of Samoa. Okorokov, a 2016 U20 European champion for Russia, and Akazawa qualified at the African/Oceania Olympic Qualifier.

### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Vazgen TEVANYAN (ARM)
- No. 2 - Rahman AMOUZAD (IRI)
- No. 3 - Ismail MUSUKAEV (HUN)
- No. 4 - Sebastian RIVERA (PUR)
- No. 5 - Maxim SACULTAN (MDA)
- No. 6 - Haji ALIYEV (AZE)
- No. 7 - Islam DUDAEV (ALB)
- No. 8 - Tulga TUMUR OCHIR (MGL)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Georgii OKOROKOV (AUS)
- Alejandro VALDES TOBIER (CUB)
- Goderdzi DZEBISASHVILI (GEO)
- Kotaro KIYOOKA (JPN)
- Ernazar AKMATALIEV (KGZ)
- Austin GOMEZ (MEX)
- Gaku AKAZAWA (SAM)
- Zain RETHERFORD (USA)**

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**KYLE DAKE**

**Weight Class:** 74 kg  
**Style:** Men's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Port Matilda, Pa.  
**Hometown:** Ithaca, N.Y.  
**RTC:** Nittany Lion WC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Casey Cunningham  
**College:** Cornell Univ.  
**High School:** Lansing, N.Y.  
**Born:** Feb. 25, 1991 (Age 33)  
**Past Olympics:** 2020 (Bronze)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2018 (Gold), 2019 (Gold), 2021 (Gold), 2022 (Gold), 2023 (Silver)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2008 (U20 GR, 14th)  
**Top Achievements:** Olympic bronze medalist, four-time World champion, five-time World finalist, four-time Pan American champion, four-time NCAA Div. I champion, Dan Hodge Trophy recipient

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## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Kyle DAKE (USA)**
- No. 2 - Turan BAYRAMOV (AZE)
- No. 3 - Georgios KOUGIOUMTSIDIS (GRE)
- No. 4 - Daichi TAKATANI (JPN)
- No. 5 - Hetik Cabalov (SRB)
- No. 6 - Feng LU (CHN)
- No. 7 - Tajmuraz SALKAZANOV (SVK)
- No. 8 - Bacar NDUM (GBS)

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Mahamedkhabib KADZIMAHAMEDAU (AIN)
- Chermen VALIEV (ALB)
- Geandry GARZON CABALLERO (CUB)
- Amr HUSSEN (EGY)
- Iman MAHDAVI (EOR)
- Yones EMAMICHOHAEI (IRI)
- Frank CHAMIZO (ITA)
- Viktor RASSADIN (TJK)
- Razambek JAMALOV (UZB)
- Anthony MONTERO CHIRINOS (VEN)

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## Team USA's Kyle Dake tops the list of gold medal favorites at 74 kg

Four-time World champion and 2023 World silver medalist Kyle Dake of the USA gets the No. 1 seed at this weight class and is considered the favorite to win the Olympic gold. Dake won a bronze medal at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo and beat a talented field in the U.S. Olympic Trials to get his Olympic return trip. Zaurbek Sidakov of Russia, who beat Dake last year, is not in Paris.

Dake's half-bracket will include No. 4 Daichi Takatani of Japan, No. 5 Hetik Cabalov of Serbia and No. 8 Bacar Ndum of Guinea Bissau.

Takatani won a 2023 World bronze medal and won a pair of age-group World medals. Cabalov is a three-time World medalist, including a World gold in 2014. He competed for Russia through 2020 before transferring to Serbia. Ndum is a two-time African champion who qualified at the Africa/Oceania Olympic Qualifier.

The No. 2 seed is Turan Bayramov of Azerbaijan, who has been an age-group World champion at the U17 and U23 levels. A 2020 Olympian, Bayramov qualified for Paris through the European Olympic Qualifier and was also fifth at the 2021 and 2023 Senior Worlds. His half-bracket will include No. 3 Georgios Kougioumtsidis of Greece, No. 6 Feng Lu of China and No. 7 Tajmuraz Salkazanov of Slovakia.

Kougioumtsidis was fifth at the 2023 Senior Worlds, won two straight U23 European titles and boasts an age-group World medal. Lu was seventh at the 2023 World Championships and was a 2023 Asian U23 champion.

Salkazanov is a two-time Senior World silver medalist, a World bronze medalist and a 2018 U23 World champion.

The top star being drawn into the bracket is Frank Chamizo of Italy, a two-time World champion and Olympic medalist who did not initially qualify for Paris. With the IOC selection of Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) and the subsequent withdrawal of Russia athletes, Chamizo got in.

After initially being ruled out of the Paris field, Tokyo Olympic silver medalist Mahamedkhabib Kadzimahamedau has been granted entry as an Individual Neutral Athlete. He finished with silver at the 2024 European Championships.

Other veterans to watch are two-time World medalist Yones Emamichoghaei of Iran and four-time World medalist Geandry Garzon of Cuba.

Past U23 World champions Chermen Valiev of Albania and Razambek Jamalov of Uzbekistan are also in the draw. 2024 Asian silver medalist Viktor Rassadin of Tajikistan, who qualified through the final World Olympic Qualifier, was a 2026 World University champion for Russia. Also in the field are Amir Hussen of Egypt and Anthony Montero Chirinos of Venezuela.







**AARON BROOKS**

**Weight Class:** 86 kg  
**Style:** Men's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Hagerstown, Md.  
**Hometown:** Hagerstown, Md.  
**RTC:** Nittany Lion WC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Cael Sanderson  
**College:** Penn State Univ.  
**High School:** Hagerstown, Md. (North Hagerstown)  
**Born:** June 15, 2000 (Age 24)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2017 (U17, Gold), 2018 (U20, Silver), 2019 (U20, 17th), 2023 (U23, Gold)  
**Top Achievements:** U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, U23 World champion, U17 World champion, four-time NCAA Div. I champion

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## Aaron Brooks overtakes Olympic champion to represent Team USA in Paris

Two-time World bronze medalist Azamat Daulenbekov of Kazakhstan gets the No. 1 seed. Daulenbekov was a 2024 Asian champion and has won three age-group World medals.

His half-bracket will include No. 4 Javrail Shapiev of Uzbekistan, No. 5 Magomed Ramazanov of Bulgaria and No. 8 Hayato Ishiguro of Japan. Shapiev was fifth in the 2023 World Championships and fifth in the 2020 Olympic Games. He most recently was second in the 2024 Asian Championships. Ramazanov qualified through the World Olympic Qualifier in Istanbul, and just started wrestling for Bulgaria after competing for Russia most of his career. Ishiguro was a 2018 U20 World champion.

The No. 2 seed is 2016 Olympic champion and 2020 Olympic silver medalist Hassan Yazdani Charati of Iran. Yazdani boasts three World titles. He was defeated by David Taylor of the USA in the Tokyo Olympics and in the World finals in 2022 and 2023. An injury reportedly threatened his Olympic run, but a recent win in Poland shows he is rounding into form.

His half-bracket will include No. 3 Myles Amine of San Marino, No. 6 Bat-Erdene Byambasuren of Mongolia and No. 7 Dauren Kurugliev of Greece. Amine, who wrestled for the University of Michigan, was a 2020 Olympic bronze medalist and won a 2023 World bronze medal. He has won two European silver

medals. Byambasuren, a 2018 U20 World bronze medalist, qualified through the Asian Olympic Qualifier. Kurugliev, who wrestled a decade for Russia, was a 2024 European champion and qualified at the World Olympic Qualifier.

Getting drawn into the bracket is U20 World champion and U23 World champion Aaron Brooks of the United States, who knocked off 2020 Olympic champion David Taylor in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials. Brooks, a four-time NCAA champion at Penn State, did not get seeded as he has little Senior experience. Another U.S. collegian in the draw is Ethan Ramos of Puerto Rico, who competed for the University of North Carolina. Ramos qualified through the Pan American Olympic Qualifier.

Osman Nurmagomedov of Azerbaijan has won three Senior World medals, including a silver medal at 92 kg in 2023. Vladimeri Gamkrelidze of Georgia was a 2023 World silver medalist at 79 kg, and a 2022 U23 World champion. Vasy Mykhailov is a two-time World bronze medalist at 79 kg and competed in the 2020 Olympics at 74 kg. Others in the draw are Fateh Benferdjallah of Algeria, Jayden Lawrence of Australia and Alexander Moore of Canada.

### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Azamat DAULETBEKOV (KAZ)
- No. 2 - Hassan YAZDANICHARATI (IRI)
- No. 3 - Myles AMINE (SMR)
- No. 4 - Javrail SHAPIEV (UZB)
- No. 5 - Magomed RAMAZANOV (BUL)
- No. 6 - Bat BYAMBASUREN (MGL)
- No. 7 - Dauren KURUGLIEV (GRE)
- No. 8 - Hayato ISHIGURO (JPN)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Fateh BENFERDJALLAH (ALG)
- Jayden LAWRENCE (AUS)
- Osman NURMAGOMEDOV (AZE)
- Alexander MOORE (CAN)
- Vladimeri GAMKRELIDZE (GEO)
- Ethan RAMOS (PUR)
- Vasy MYKHAILOV (UKR)
- Aaron BROOKS (USA)**

*\*Entries are subject to change until 24 hours prior to competition.*





KYLE SNYDER

**Weight Class:** 97 kg  
**Style:** Men's Freestyle  
**Residence:** State College, Pa.  
**Hometown:** Woodbine, Md.  
**RTC:** Nittany Lion WC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Jake Varner  
**College:** Ohio State Univ.  
**High School:** Olney, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel), Colorado Springs, Colo. (Coronado)  
**Born:** Nov. 2, 1995 (Age 28)  
**Past Olympics:** 2016 (Gold), 2020 (Silver)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2015 (Gold), 2017 (Gold), 2018 (Silver), 2019 (Bronze), 2021 (Silver), 2022 (Gold), 2023 (Bronze)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2013 (U20, Gold), 2014 (U20, Bronze)  
**Top Achievements:** Olympic champion, two-time Olympic medalist, three-time World champion, seven-time World medalist, 10-time Pan American champion, three-time NCAA Div. I champion  
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## THE OLYMPIC FIELD

### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 - Magomedkhan MAGOMEDOV (AZE)
- No. 2 - Akhmed TAZHUDINOV (BRN)
- No. 3 - Kyle SNYDER (USA)**
- No. 4 - Ibrahim CIFTCI (TUR)
- No. 5 - Givi MATCHARASHVILI (GEO)
- No. 6 - Erik THIELE (GER)
- No. 7 - Alisher YERGALI (KAZ)
- No. 8 - Zbigniew BARANOWSKI (POL)

### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Awusayiman HABILA (CHN)
- Arturo SILOT TORRES (CUB)
- Luis PEREZ SOSA (DOM)
- Mostafa ELDERS (EGY)
- Amirali AZARPIRA (IRI)
- Radu LEFTER (MDA)
- Nicolaas DE LANGE (RSA)
- Murazi MCHEDLIDZE (UKR)

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## Kyle Snyder seeks return to top of Olympic podium, third-straight Olympic medal

Magomedkhan Magomedov of Azerbaijan gets the No. 1 seed at this weight class. Magomedov won a 2023 World silver medal and a 2022 World bronze medal. He was a Junior World champion for Russia in 2018 and switched nations in 2022.

His half-bracket will include No. 4 Ibrahim Ciftci of Turkey, No. 5 Givi Matcharashvili of Georgia and No. 8 Zbigniew Baranowski of Poland. Ciftci was fifth in the 2023 World Championships and was a European bronze medalist the last two years. His top age-group achievement was a 2017 U23 World bronze. Matcharashvili has claimed Senior World bronze medals the last two years and has claimed two straight European titles. Baranowski competed in the 2016 Olympic Games and has competed in seven Senior Worlds without a medal.

The No. 2 seed is sensational young Akhmed Tazhudinov of Bahrain, the 2023 World champion, who beat Olympic champions Abdurashid Sadulaev of Russia and Kyle Snyder of the USA in his World debut. Originally from Russia, he did not represent them internationally at all. Tazhudinov has won eight of the nine international events he has entered for Bahrain.

His half-bracket features 2016 Olympic champion and 2020 Olympic silver medalist Kyle Snyder at the No. 3 seed. Snyder is one of the world's greatest and most

consistent stars. Winner of a World or Olympic medal for nine straight seasons, Snyder has won three World gold medals to go with his Olympic title. He aims to join an elite group of three-time Olympic medalists. Fans are focusing on a monumental Tazhudinov vs. Snyder rematch in the semifinals.

No. 6 Erik Thiele of Germany and No. 7 Alisher Yergali of Kazakhstan are also in the bottom half-bracket, neither with a Senior World-level medal. Thiele was a 2016 U20 World silver medalist, while Yergali has a U23 World bronze and a U20 World silver.

The top name being drawn into the bracket is Amirali Azarpira of Iran, a 2021 and 2022 U23 World champion who qualified through the Asian Olympic qualifier. Moldova's Radu Lefter was a 2021 U23 World silver medalist. Arturo Silot Torres of Cuba was a 2021 Pan American Games champion and qualified at the Pan American Olympic Qualifier. 2021 Asian silver medalist Awusayiman Habila of China is entered. Qualifying through Africa/Oceania were Mostafa Elders of Egypt and Nicolaas De Lange of South Africa. Also competing are Luis Perez Sosa of the Dominican Republic and Murazi Mchedlidze of Ukraine.







MASON PARRIS

**Weight Class:** 125 kg  
**Style:** Men's Freestyle  
**Residence:** Ann Arbor, Mich.  
**Hometown:** Lawrenceburg, Ind.  
**RTC:** Cliff Keen WC  
**Club:** Titan Mercury WC  
**Personal Coach:** Josh Churella  
**College:** Univ. of Michigan  
**High School:** Lawrenceburg, Ind.  
**Born:** Oct. 1, 1999 (Age 24)  
**Past Sr. Worlds:** 2023 (Bronze)  
**Past Age-Group Worlds:** 2019 (U20, Gold)  
**Top Achievements:** World bronze medalist, two-time Pan American champion, U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion, U20 World champion, NCAA Div. I champion, Dan Hodge Trophy recipient

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## Generations clash at heavyweight with Mason Parris in the mix as title contender

Amir Zare of Iran gets the No. 1 seed at this weight class. Zare is the top heavyweight of recent years, with 2021 and 2023 World titles, plus bronze medals at the 2020 Olympics and the 2022 Worlds. He won golds in the last five international events he has entered.

His half-bracket includes No. 4 Taha Akgul of Turkey, No. 5 Daniel Ligeti of Romania and No. 8 Zhiwei Deng of China. Akgul has won 10 World or Olympic medals, including a 2016 Olympic gold and World titles in 2014, 2015 and 2022. Akgul has won the last seven European Championships he entered. Ligeti had his best Worlds effort with fifth place in 2023. Deng, a 2016 and 2020 Olympian, won a Senior World silver medal in 2018 and a bronze medal in 2019.

The No. 2 seed is Geno Petriashvili of Georgia, who also has been at the top, with World titles in 2017, 2018 and 2019. He was beaten in the closing seconds of the 2020 Olympic finals by U.S. star Gable Steveson. Petriashvili also won 2016 Olympic bronze, and like Akgul, boasts 10 World or Olympic medals.

His half bracket will include No. 3 Mason Parris of the USA, No. 6 Giorgi Meshvildishvili of Azerbaijan and No. 7 Robert Baran of Poland. Parris won a 2023 Senior World bronze medal and was a 2019 U20 World champion. Parris won the 2023 Pan American Games and the 2024 Pan American

Championships. His only loss at the 2023 Worlds was to Petriashvili. Meshvildishvili was a 2024 European bronze medalist and earned his Paris quota through the European Olympic Qualifier. Baran competed in the 2016 Olympic Games and was seventh at the 2023 Worlds.

The top name unseeded athlete is Lkhagvagerel Munkhtur of Mongolia, a two-time Senior World medalist who was also a 2019 U23 World bronze medalist. Amar Dhesi of Canada, a 2014 U20 World champion, was a star at Oregon State. Another U.S. collegian in the field is Jonovan Smith of Puerto Rico, who wrestled for Cerritos College.

Yusup Batirmurzaev of Kazakhstan won a 2019 U23 World bronze medal. Coming from the African/Oceania Olympic Qualifier were Diaaeldin Abdelmottaleb of Egypt and Ashton Mutuwa of Nigeria. Aiaal Lazarev of Kyrgyzstan was a 2015 Asian champion. 2020 Asian champion Yasup Batirmurzaev of Kazakhstan and Oleksandr Khotsianivskyi of Ukraine, who is a 2019 World bronze medalist and two-time Olympian, are entered.

### THE OLYMPIC FIELD

#### SEEDED ATHLETES

- No. 1 Amir ZARE (IRI)
- No. 2 Geno PETRIASHVILI (GEO)
- No. 3 Mason PARRIS (USA)**
- No. 4 Taha AKGUL (TUR)
- No. 5 Daniel LIGETI (HUN)
- No. 6 Giorgi MESHVILDISHVILI (AZE)
- No. 7 Robert BARAN (POL)
- No. 8 Zhiwei DENG (CHN)

#### UNSEEDED ATHLETES

- Amarveer DHESI (CAN)
- Diaaeldin ABDELMOTTALEB (EGY)
- Yusup BATIRMURZAEV (KAZ)
- Aiaal LAZAREV (KGZ)
- Lkhagvagerel MUNKHTUR (MGL)
- Ashton MUTUWA (NGR)
- Jonovan SMITH (PUR)
- Oleksandr KHOTSIANIVSKYI (UKR)

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W R E S T L I N G





## JOSH WEINTRAUB

Greco-Roman Team Leader

Weintraub is Chief Executive Officer, Residential Opportunities, and Senior Managing Director of Cerberus Capital Management. He has over 30 years of experience and prior to joining Cerberus, led various trading divisions at Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers. Weintraub is an active and avid supporter of many charitable causes including Hire Heroes USA and the Valerie Fund. He serves on the Board of Visitors for the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and launched the Weintraub Family Foundation dedicated to further supporting those in need. Weintraub graduated from Lehigh University, where he was a member of Lehigh’s boxing team and named team captain his junior season.



## STEVE SILVER

Women’s Freestyle Team Leader

Silver is the Chief Executive Officer of Steve Silver Furniture. He attended University of Alabama majoring in Chemical and Biological Engineering, where he also walked on to wrestle under coach Pat Milkovich. Silver won two high school section championships in Spencerport, New York. He founded and coached a youth wrestling club in Forney, Texas, hiring 1988 Olympic gold medalist Kenny Monday to help coach, and supported Bishop Lynch High School, helping it to become a nationally-known program. For four straight years, including the 2008 Olympics in China, Silver served as the team leader for the U.S. men’s freestyle team. He was honored with USA Wrestling’s Man of the Year award in 2006, the NWCA’s Dan Gable America Needs Wrestling Award in 2007, and was inducted into New York’s Section 5 Hall of Fame in 2009.



## RICH TAVOSO

Men’s Freestyle Team Leader

Tavoso is a Wall Street veteran and current Pubco Director and Opco Manager at Galaxy, where he previously served as company President. Formerly, Tavoso was a Managing Director at RBC Capital Markets, Head of the Global Arbitrage & Trading Division, and a member of the Capital Markets Operating Committee. Over his 20 years at RBC, he was responsible for running the firm’s proprietary trading division and oversaw the Central Funding group which offered secured balance sheet funding solutions to clients. Previously, he spent seven years at Kidder Peabody, where he built and managed the Tokyo equity derivatives group. Tavoso holds a degree in History from Princeton University where he was also a member of the wrestling team. He was recently named the 2024 USA Wrestling Man of the Year.



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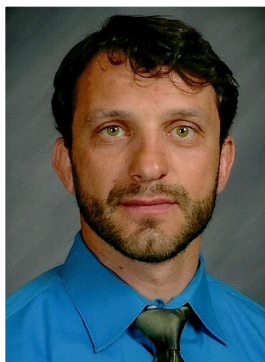
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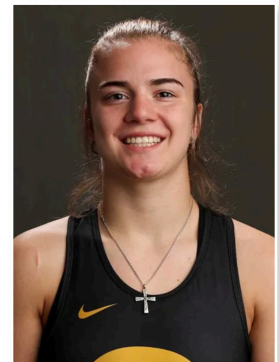
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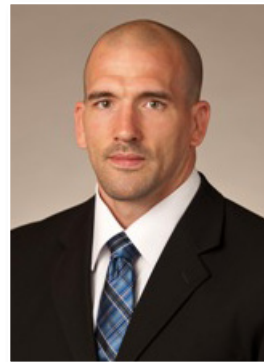
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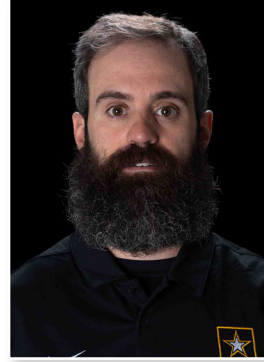




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**NADEGE HOEPER**  
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**JOSE CAMPO**  
Poway, Calif.  
Chaplain



**CASEY BRENNAN GOESSL**  
Osceola, Wis.  
Official/UWW Jury



**SAM JULIAN**  
Schuylkill Haven, Pa.  
Official



**SUSANNA SYLSTAD**  
Columbia, S.C.  
Official

## Americans Brennan Goessl, Julian, Sylstad selected as referees for Olympic Games

United World Wrestling announced the pool of 50 elite international officials set to referee the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France, with standout American officials Casey Brennan Goessl, Sam Julian and Susanna Sylstad among the group.

Both Brennan Goessl and Julian have served as dedicated USA Wrestling officials for over two decades. Sylstad is slightly newer to the game, starting her officiating career with USA Wrestling in 2013 as an 18-year-old.

Brennan Goessl a native of Osceola, Wis., began officiating local wrestling tournaments in his home state of Wisconsin at age 12. He got his start as a USA Wrestling official in 1996 and received his international officiating license in 2004, being promoted to UWW 1S rank in 2013. Brennan Goessl has officiated eight Senior World Championships, three U20 World Championships and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He has served on the UWW Refereeing Commission, holding a variety of international assignments, since 2020.

Julian, who resides in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., picked up the whistle in 2002 and quickly joined the USA Wrestling ranks in 2003. His international career launched in 2008 and he quickly rose to UWW 1S rank after four years. Julian has refereed eight Senior World Championships and three U20 World Championships in addition to his two Olympic Games appearances in 2016 and 2020. In 2022,

Julian was presented the Golden Whistle Award at the Senior World Championships, recognizing him as a top official in the world.

The newcomer to the group, Sylstad has quickly risen in the domestic and international officiating ranks over the past decade. She reached USA Wrestling M1 status in 2016 and started officiating international events in 2017. Currently residing in Columbia, S.C., Sylstad has officiated the past two Senior World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia, and has worked two Pan American Games.

Sylstad will become the second U.S. woman to officiate an Olympic Games in wrestling. Sheila Wager was the first to do so, officiating the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, and the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.

The U.S. will be well-represented in the officiating ranks come Paris. Its three referees are tied with Germany and Turkey for the most of any nation. In total, 36 different countries are represented in the 50-referee pool for the Olympic Games.

The referees for the Olympic Games were determined by members of the UWW Refereeing Commission, who began its selection process in 2023 with extensive evaluation and analysis of all UWW 1S ranked officials, and sent to the UWW Bureau for final approval.





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W R E S T L I N G



## Two-Time Olympic Champions

### Men's Freestyle (3)

George Mehnert.....	1904, 1908
Bruce Baumgartner.....	1984, 1992
John Smith.....	1988, 1992

## Olympic Champions

### Men's Freestyle (49 Individuals, 52 Medals)

Robert Curry.....	1904
George Mehnert.....	1904
Isador Niflot.....	1904
Ben Bradshaw.....	1904
Otto Roehm.....	1904
Charles Erikson.....	1904
Bernhulf Hansen.....	1904
George Dole.....	1908
George Mehnert.....	1908
Charles Ackerly.....	1920
Robin Reed.....	1924
Russell Vis.....	1924
John Spellman.....	1924
Harry Steele.....	1924
Allie Morrison.....	1928
Jack Van Bebber.....	1932
Pete Mehringer.....	1932
Robert Pierce.....	1932
Frank Lewis.....	1932
Glen Brand.....	1948
Henry Wittenburg.....	1948
William Smith.....	1952
Terry McCann.....	1960
Shelby Wilson.....	1960
Doug Blubaugh.....	1960
Dan Gable.....	1972
Wayne Wells.....	1972
Ben Peterson.....	1972
John Peterson.....	1976
Bobby Weaver.....	1984
Randy Lewis.....	1984
Dave Schultz.....	1984
Mark Schultz.....	1984
Ed Banach.....	1984
Lou Banach.....	1984
Bruce Baumgartner.....	1984
John Smith.....	1988
Kenny Monday.....	1988
John Smith.....	1992
Kevin Jackson.....	1992
Bruce Baumgartner.....	1992
Kendall Cross.....	1996
Tom Brands.....	1996
Kurt Angle.....	1996
Brandon Slay.....	2000
Cael Sanderson.....	2004
Henry Cejudo.....	2008
Jordan Burroughs.....	2012
Jake Varner.....	2012
Kyle Snyder.....	2016
David Taylor.....	2020
Gable Steveson.....	2020

### Greco-Roman (3)

Steve Fraser.....	1984
Jeff Blatnick.....	1984
Rulon Gardner.....	2000

### Women's Freestyle (2)

Helen Maroulis.....	2016
Tamyr Mensah Stock.....	2020

## Olympic Medalists

### Men's Freestyle

Robert Curry.....	1904, Gold, 105 lbs.
George Mehnert.....	1904, Gold, 115 lbs.
Isador Niflot.....	1904, Gold, 125 lbs.
Ben Bradshaw.....	1904, Gold, 135 lbs.
Otto Roehm.....	1904, Gold, 145 lbs.
Charles Erikson.....	1904, Gold, 158 lbs.
Bernhulf Hansen.....	1904, Gold, 158+ lbs.
John Hein.....	1904, Silver, 105 lbs.
Gustav Bauers.....	1904, Silver, 115 lbs.
August Wester.....	1904, Silver, 125 lbs.
Theodore McLeer.....	1904, Silver, 135 lbs.
Rudolph Tessing.....	1904, Silver, 145 lbs.
William Beckman.....	1904, Silver, 158 lbs.
Frank Kungler.....	1904, Silver, 158+ lbs.
Gus Thiefebthaler.....	1904, Bronze, 105 lbs.
William Nelson.....	1904, Bronze, 115 lbs.
ZB Strebler.....	1904, Bronze, 125 lbs.
Charles Clapper.....	1904, Bronze, 135 lbs.
Albert Zirkel.....	1904, Bronze, 145 lbs.
Jerry Weinholz.....	1904, Bronze, 158 lbs.
FC Warmbold.....	1904, Bronze, 158+ lbs.
George Dole.....	1908, Gold, 132.5 lbs.
George Mehnert.....	1908, Gold, 119 lbs.
Charles Ackerly.....	1920, Gold, 119 lbs.
Samuel M. Gerson.....	1920, Silver, 119 lbs.
Nathaniel Pendleton.....	1920, Silver, 176+ lbs.
Charles Johnson.....	1920, Bronze, 152 lbs.
Walter Mauer.....	1920, Bronze, 176 lbs.
Fred Meyer.....	1920, Bronze, 176+ lbs.
Robin Reed.....	1924, Gold, 134 lbs.
Russell Vis.....	1924, Gold, 145 lbs.
John Spellman.....	1924, Gold, 191.5 lbs.
Harry Steele.....	1924, Gold, 191.5+ lbs.
Chester Newton.....	1924, Silver, 134 lbs.
Bryan Hines.....	1924, Bronze, 123 lbs.
Allie Morrison.....	1928, Gold, 134 lbs.
Lloyd Appleton.....	1928, Silver, 158.5 lbs.
Jack Van Bebber.....	1932, Gold, 158.5 lbs.
Pete Mehringer.....	1932, Gold, 191.5 lbs.
Robert Pierce.....	1932, gold, 123 lbs.
Edgar Nemir.....	1932, Silver, 134 lbs.
John Riley.....	1932, Silver, 191.5 + lbs.
Frank Lewis.....	1936, Gold, 158.5 lbs.
A. Ross Flood.....	1936, Silver, 123 lbs.
Francis Mallard.....	1936, Silver, 134 lbs.
Richard Voliva.....	1936, Silver, 174 lbs.
Glen Brand.....	1948, Gold, 174 lbs.
Henry Wittenburg.....	1948, Gold, 191.5 lbs.
Gerald Leeman.....	1948, Silver, 125.5 lbs.
Leland Merrill.....	1948, Bronze, 160.5 lbs.
William Smith.....	1952, Gold, 160.5 lbs.
Jay Evans.....	1952, Silver, 147.5 lbs.
Henry Wittenburg.....	1952, Silver, 191.5 lbs.
Josiah Henson.....	1952, Bronze, 136.5 lbs.
Dan Hodge.....	1956, Silver, 174 lbs.
Peter Blair.....	1956, Bronze, 191.5 lbs.
Terry McCann.....	1960, Gold, 125.5 lbs.
Shelby Wilson.....	1960, Gold, 147.5 lbs.
Doug Blubaugh.....	1960, Gold, 160.5 lbs.
Daniel Brand.....	1964, Bronze, 191.5 lbs.
Rick Sanders.....	1968, Silver, 114.5 lbs.
Don Behm.....	1968, Silver, 125.5 lbs.
Dan Gable.....	1972, Gold, 149.5 lbs.
Wayne Wells.....	1972, Gold, 163 lbs.
Ben Peterson.....	1972, Gold, 198 lbs.
Rick Sanders.....	1972, Silver, 125.5 lbs.
John Peterson.....	1972, Silver, 180.5 lbs.
Chris Taylor.....	1972, Bronze, 220+ lbs.
John Peterson.....	1976, Gold, 180.5 lbs.
Lloyd Keaser.....	1976, Silver, 149.5 lbs.
Ben Peterson.....	1976, Silver, 198 lbs.
Russ Hellickson.....	1976, Silver, 220 lbs.
Gene Davis.....	1976, Bronze, 136.5 lbs.
Stan Dziedzic.....	1976, Bronze, 163 lbs.

Bobby Weaver.....	1984, Gold, 105.5 lbs.
Randy Lewis.....	1984, Gold, 136.5 lbs.
Dave Schultz.....	1984, Gold, 163 lbs.
Mark Schultz.....	1984, Gold, 180.5 lbs.
Ed Banach.....	1984, Gold, 198 lbs.
Lou Banach.....	1984, Gold, 220 lbs.
Bruce Baumgartner.....	1984, Gold, 286 lbs.
Barry Davis.....	1984, Silver, 125.5 lbs.
Andy Rein.....	1984, Silver, 149.5 lbs.
John Smith.....	1988, Gold, 136.5 lbs.
Kenny Monday.....	1988, Gold, 163 lbs.
Bruce Baumgartner.....	1988, Silver, 286 lbs.
Nate Carr.....	1988, Bronze, 149.5 lbs.
Bill Scherr.....	1988, Bronze, 220 lbs.
John Smith.....	1992, Gold, 136.5 lbs.
Kevin Jackson.....	1992, Gold, 180.5 lbs.
Bruce Baumgartner.....	1992, Gold, 286 lbs.
Zeke Jones.....	1992, Silver, 114.5 lbs.
Kenny Monday.....	1992, Silver, 121 lbs.
Chris Campbell.....	1992, Bronze, 198 lbs.
Kendall Cross.....	1996, Gold, 125.5 lbs.
Tom Brands.....	1996, Gold, 136.5 lbs.
Kurt Angle.....	1996, Gold, 220 lbs.
Townsend Saunders.....	1996, Silver, 149.5 lbs.
Bruce Baumgartner.....	1996, Bronze, 286 lbs.
Brandon Slay.....	2000, Gold, 167.5 lbs.
Sammie Henson.....	2000, Silver, 119 lbs.
Terry Brands.....	2000, Bronze, 127.75 lbs.
Lincoln McClravy.....	2000, Bronze, 152 lbs.
Cael Sanderson.....	2004, Gold, 185 lbs.
Stephen Abas.....	2004, Silver, 121 lbs.
Jamill Kelly.....	2004, Silver, 145.5 lbs.
Henry Cejudo.....	2008, Gold, 121 lbs.
Jordan Burroughs.....	2012, Gold, 163 lbs.
Jake Varner.....	2012, Gold, 211.5 lbs.
Coleman Scott.....	2012, Bronze, 132 lbs.
Tervel Dlagnev.....	2012, Bronze, 264.5 lbs.
Kyle Snyder.....	2016, Gold, 213.75 lbs.
J'den Cox.....	2016, Bronze, 189 lbs.
Thomas Gilman.....	2020, Bronze, 125 lbs.
Kyle Dake.....	2020, Bronze, 163 lbs.
David Taylor.....	2020, Gold, 189 lbs.
Kyle Snyder.....	2020, Silver, 213 lbs.
Gable Steveson.....	2020, Gold, 275 lbs.

### Greco-Roman

Steve Fraser.....	1984, Gold, 198 lbs.
Jeff Blatnick.....	1984, Gold, 286 lbs.
Greg Gibson.....	1984, Silver, 220 lbs.
Jim Martinez.....	1984, Bronze, 149.5 lbs.
Dennis Koslowski.....	1988, Bronze, 220 lbs.
Dennis Koslowski.....	1992, Silver, 220 lbs.
Rodney Smith.....	1992, Bronze, 149.5 lbs.
Brandon Paulson.....	1996, Silver, 114.5 lbs.
Dennis Hall.....	1996, Silver, 125.5 lbs.
Matt Ghaffari.....	1996, Silver, 286 lbs.
Rulon Gardner.....	2000, Gold, 286 lbs.
Matt Lindland.....	2000, Silver, 187.25 lbs.
Garrett Lowney.....	2000, Bronze, 213.75 lbs.
Rulon Gardner.....	2004, Bronze, 264.5 lbs.
Adam Wheeler.....	2008, Bronze, 211.5 lbs.

### Women's Freestyle

Sara McMann.....	2004, Silver, 138 lbs.
Patricia Miranda.....	2004, Bronze, 105 lbs.
Randi Miller.....	2008, Bronze, 138 lbs.
Clarissa Chun.....	2012, Bronze, 105 lbs.
Helen Maroulis.....	2016, Gold, 117 lbs.
Sarah Hildebrandt.....	2020, Bronze, 110 lbs.
Helen Maroulis.....	2020, Bronze, 125 lbs.
Tamyr Mensah Stock.....	2020, Gold, 150 lbs.
Adeline Gray.....	2020, Silver, 167 lbs.



## 2020 - Tokyo, Japan

### Men's Freestyle

125.5 lbs. - Thomas Gilman.....	Bronze
162 lbs. - Kyle Dake.....	Bronze
189 lbs. - David Taylor.....	Gold
213.75 lbs. - Kyle Snyder.....	Silver
275 lbs. - Gable Steveson.....	Gold

### Greco-Roman

132 lbs. - Ildar Hafizov.....	12th
147.5 lbs. - Alejandro Sancho.....	10th
191.5 lbs. - John Stefanowicz.....	12th
213.75 lbs. - Tracy Hancock.....	7th

### Women's Freestyle

110 lbs. - Sarah Hildebrandt.....	Bronze
116.5 lbs. - Jacarra Winchester.....	5th
125.5 lbs. - Helen Maroulis.....	Bronze
136.5 lbs. - Kayla Miracle.....	12th
149.75 lbs. - Tamyra Mensah-Stock.....	Gold
167.5 lbs. - Adeline Gray.....	Silver

## 2016 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### Men's Freestyle

125.5 lbs. - Daniel Dennis.....	19th
143 lbs. - Frank Molinaro.....	5th
163 lbs. - Jordan Burroughs.....	9th
189 lbs. - J'den Cox.....	Bronze
213 lbs. - Kyle Snyder.....	Gold
275 lbs. - Tervel Dlagnev.....	5th

### Greco-Roman

130 lbs. - Jesse Thielke.....	9th
165 lbs. - Andy Bisek.....	12th
187 lbs. - Ben Provisor.....	12th
286 lbs. - Robby Smith.....	12th

### Women's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Haley Augello.....	9th
116.5 lbs. - Helen Maroulis.....	Gold
138.75 lbs. - Elena Pirozhkova.....	5th
165 lbs. - Adeline Gray.....	7th

## 2012 - London, England

### Men's Freestyle

121 lbs. - Sam Hazewinkel.....	dnp
132 lbs. - Coleman Scott.....	Bronze
145.5 lbs. - Jared Frayer.....	dnp
163 lbs. - Jordan Burroughs.....	Gold
185 lbs. - Jake Herbert.....	7th
211.5 lbs. - Jake Varner.....	Gold
264.5 lbs. - Tervel Dlagnev.....	Bronze

### Greco-Roman

121 lbs. - Spenser Mango.....	9th
132 lbs. - Ellis Coleman.....	dnp
145.5 lbs. - Justin Lester.....	8th
163 lbs. - Ben Provisor.....	dnp
185 lbs. - Chas Betts.....	9th
264.5 lbs. - Dremiel Byers.....	9th

### Women's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Clarissa Chun.....	Bronze
121 lbs. - Kelsey Campbell.....	dnp
138.75 lbs. - Elena Pirozhkova.....	dnp
158.5 lbs. - Ali Bernard.....	dnp

## 2008 - Beijing, China

### Men's Freestyle

121 lbs. - Henry Cejudo.....	Gold
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132 lbs. - Mike Zadick.....	dnp
145.5 lbs. - Doug Schwab.....	dnp
163 lbs. - Ben Askren.....	7th
185 lbs. - Andy Hrovat.....	dnp
211.5 lbs. - Daniel Cormier.....	dnc
264.5 lbs. - Steve Mocco.....	7th

### Greco-Roman

121 lbs. - Spenser Mango.....	8th
145.5 lbs. - Jake Deitchler.....	dnp
163 lbs. - T.C. Dantzler.....	dnp
185 lbs. - Brad Vering.....	dnp
211.5 lbs. - Adam Wheeler.....	Bronze
264.5 lbs. - Dremiel Byers.....	7th

### Women's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Clarissa Chun.....	5th
121 lbs. - Marcie Van Dusen.....	9th
138.75 lbs. - Randi Miller.....	Bronze
158.5 lbs. - Ali Bernard.....	5th

## 2004 - Athens, Greece

### Men's Freestyle

121 lbs. - Stephen Abas.....	Silver
132 lbs. - Eric Guerrero.....	dnp
145.5 lbs. - Jamill Kelly.....	Silver
163 lbs. - Joe Williams.....	5th
185 lbs. - Cael Sanderson.....	Gold
211.5 lbs. - Daniel Cormier.....	4th
264.5 lbs. - Kerry McCoy.....	7th

### Greco-Roman

121 lbs. - Dennis Hall.....	dnp
132 lbs. - Jim Gruenwald.....	10th
145.5 lbs. - Oscar Wood.....	dnp
185 lbs. - Brad Vering.....	dnp
211.5 lbs. - Garrett Lowney.....	dnp
264.5 lbs. - Rulon Gardner.....	Bronze

### Women's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Patricia Miranda.....	Bronze
121 lbs. - Tela O'Donnell.....	6th
138.75 lbs. - Sara McMann.....	Silver
158.5 lbs. - Toccarra Montgomery.....	7th

## 2000 - Sydney, Australia

### Men's Freestyle

119 lbs. - Sammie Henson.....	Silver
127.75 lbs. - Terry Brands.....	Bronze
138.75 lbs. - Cary Kolat.....	dnp
152 lbs. - Lincoln McClravy.....	Bronze
167.5 lbs. - Brandon Slay.....	Gold
187.25 lbs. - Charles Burton.....	5th
213.75 lbs. - Melvin Douglas.....	dnp
286 lbs. - Kerry McCoy.....	5th

### Greco-Roman

119 lbs. - Steven Mays.....	dnp
127.75 lbs. - Jim Gruenwald.....	6th
138.75 lbs. - Kevin Bracken.....	6th
152 lbs. - Heath Sims.....	dnp
167.5 lbs. - Matt Lindland.....	Silver
187.25 lbs. - Quincey Clark.....	dnp
213.75 lbs. - Garrett Lowney.....	Bronze
286 lbs. - Rulon Gardner.....	Gold

## 1996 - Atlanta, Ga.

### Men's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Rob Eiter.....	8th
114.5 lbs. - Lou Rosselli.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Kendall Cross.....	Gold

136.5 lbs. - Tom Brands.....	Gold
149.5 lbs. - Townsend Saunders.....	Silver
163 lbs. - Kenny Monday.....	6th
180.5 lbs. - Les Gutches.....	7th
198 lbs. - Melvin Douglas.....	7th
220 lbs. - Kurt Angle.....	Gold
286 lbs. - Bruce Baumgartner.....	Bronze

### Greco-Roman

114.5 lbs. - Brandon Paulson.....	Silver
125.5 lbs. - Dennis Hall.....	Silver
136.5 lbs. - David Zuniga.....	10th
149.5 lbs. - Rodney Smith.....	9th
163 lbs. - Gordy Morgan.....	9th
180.5 lbs. - Dan Henderson.....	dnp
198 lbs. - Derrick Waldroup.....	7th
220 lbs. - Jason Gleasman.....	dnp
286 lbs. - Matt Ghaffari.....	Silver

## 1992 - Barcelona, Spain

### Men's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Tim Vanni.....	5th
114.5 lbs. - Zeke Jones.....	Silver
125.5 lbs. - Kendall Cross.....	6th
136.5 lbs. - John Smith.....	Gold
149.5 lbs. - Townsend Saunders.....	7th
163 lbs. - Kenny Monday.....	Silver
180.5 lbs. - Kevin Jackson.....	Gold
198 lbs. - Chris Campbell.....	Bronze
220 lbs. - Mark Coleman.....	7th
286 lbs. - Bruce Baumgartner.....	Gold

### Greco-Roman

105.5 lbs. - Mark Fuller.....	dnp
114.5 lbs. - Shawn Sheldon.....	4th
125.5 lbs. - Dennis Hall.....	8th
136.5 lbs. - Buddy Lee.....	6th
149.5 lbs. - Rodney Smith.....	Bronze
163 lbs. - Travis West.....	dnp
180.5 lbs. - Dan Henderson.....	10th
198 lbs. - Michial Foy.....	6th
220 lbs. - Dennis Koslowski.....	Silver
286 lbs. - Matt Ghaffari.....	dnp

## 1988 - Seoul, South Korea

### Men's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Tim Vanni.....	4th
114.5 lbs. - Ken Chertow.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Barry Davis.....	dnp
136.5 lbs. - John Smith.....	Gold
149.5 lbs. - Nate Carr.....	Bronze
163 lbs. - Kenny Monday.....	Gold
180.5 lbs. - Mark Schultz.....	6th
198 lbs. - Jim Scherr.....	5th
220 lbs. - Bill Scherr.....	Bronze
286 lbs. - Bruce Baumgartner.....	Silver

### Greco-Roman

105.5 lbs. - Mark Fuller.....	dnp
114.5 lbs. - Shawn Sheldon.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Anthony Amado.....	dnp
136.5 lbs. - Ike Anderson.....	6th
149.5 lbs. - Andy Seras.....	dnp
163 lbs. - David Butler.....	dnp
180.5 lbs. - John Morgan.....	7th
198 lbs. - Michial Foy.....	dnp
220 lbs. - Dennis Koslowski.....	Bronze
286 lbs. - Duane Koslowski.....	8th

## 1984 - Los Angeles, Calif.

### Men's Freestyle

105.5 lbs. - Bobby Weaver.....	Gold
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114.5 lbs. - Joe Gonzales.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Barry Davis.....	Silver
136.5 lbs. - Randy Lewis.....	Gold
149.5 lbs. - Andy Rein.....	Silver
163 lbs. - Dave Schultz.....	Gold
180.5 lbs. - Mark Schultz.....	Gold
198 lbs. - Ed Banach.....	Gold
220 lbs. - Lou Banach.....	Gold
Hwt - Bruce Baumgartner.....	Gold

**Greco-Roman**

105.5 lbs. - Mark Fuller.....	dnp
114.5 lbs. - Bert Govig.....	dnc
125.5 lbs. - Frank Famiano.....	5th
136.5 lbs. - Abdurrahim Kuzu.....	4th
149.5 lbs. - Jim Martinez.....	Bronze
163 lbs. - Chris Catalfo.....	dnp
180.5 lbs. - Dan Chandler.....	dnp
198 lbs. - Steve Fraser.....	Gold
220 lbs. - Greg Gibson.....	Silver
Hwt - Jeff Blatnick.....	Gold

**1980 - Moscow, Soviet Union**

Note: The United States did not compete because of the U.S. government boycott.

**1976 - Montreal, Canada**

**Men's Freestyle**

105.5 lbs. - William Rosado.....	dnp
114.5 lbs. - James Haines.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Joe Corso.....	dnp
136.5 lbs. - Gene Davis.....	Bronze
149.5 lbs. - Lloyd Keaser.....	Silver
163 lbs. - Stan Dziedzic.....	Bronze
180.5 lbs. - John Peterson.....	Gold
198 lbs. - Ben Peterson.....	Silver
220 lbs. - Russ Hellickson.....	Silver
Hwt - Jimmy Jackson.....	dnp

**Greco-Roman**

105.5 lbs. - Michael Farina.....	8th
114.5 lbs. - Bruce Thompson.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Joseph Sade.....	dnp
136.5 lbs. - Gary Alexander.....	dnp
149.5 lbs. - Patrick Marcy.....	dnp
163 lbs. - John Matthews.....	dnp

180.5 lbs. - Dan Chandler.....	dnp
198 lbs. - Evan Johnson.....	dnp
220 lbs. - Brad Rheingans.....	4th
Hwt - Pete Lee.....	5th

**1972 - Munich, Germany**

**Men's Freestyle**

105.5 lbs. - Sergio Gonzalez.....	7th
114.5 lbs. - Jimmy Carr.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Richard Sanders.....	Silver
136.5 lbs. - Gene Davis.....	dnp
149.5 lbs. - Dan Gable.....	Gold
163 lbs. - Wayne Wells.....	Gold
180.5 lbs. - John Peterson.....	Silver
198 lbs. - Ben Peterson.....	Gold
220 lbs. - Henk Schenk.....	dnp
Hwt - Chris Taylor.....	Bronze

**Greco-Roman**

105.5 lbs. - Wayne Holmes.....	dnp
114.5 lbs. - James Steiger.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - David Hazewinkel.....	dnp
136.5 lbs. - James Hazewinkel.....	dnp
149.5 lbs. - Robert Buzzard.....	dnp
163 lbs. - Gary Neist.....	dnp
180.5 lbs. - J Robinson.....	dnp
198 lbs. - Wayne Baughman.....	dnp
220 lbs. - Buck Deadrich.....	dnp
Hwt - Chris Taylor.....	dnp

**1968 - Mexico City, Mexico**

**Men's Freestyle**

114.5 lbs. - Richard Sanders.....	Silver
125.5 lbs. - Donald Behm.....	Silver
139 lbs. - Bobby Douglas.....	dnp
154.5 lbs. - Wayne Wells.....	4th
172 lbs. - Steve Combs.....	7th
192 lbs. - Thomas Peckham.....	4th
213.5 lbs. - Jesse Lewis.....	6th
Hwt - Larry Kristoff.....	5th

**Greco-Roman**

114.5 lbs. - Richard Tamble.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - David Hazewinkel.....	dnp
139 lbs. - James Hazewinkel.....	7th
154.5 lbs. - Werner Holzer.....	6th

172 lbs. - Larry Lyden.....	dnp
192 lbs. - Wayne Baughman.....	5th
213.5 lbs. - Henk Schenk.....	dnp
Hwt - Robert Roop.....	dnp

**1964 - Tokyo, Japan**

**Men's Freestyle**

114.5 lbs. - Elliott Simons.....	7th
125.5 lbs. - David Auble.....	4th
139 lbs. - Bobby Douglas.....	4th
154.5 lbs. - Gregory Ruth.....	6th
172 lbs. - Charles Tribble.....	dnp
192 lbs. - Daniel Brand.....	Bronze
214 lbs. - Gerald Conine.....	6th
Hwt - Larry Kristoff.....	7th

**Greco-Roman**

114.5 lbs. - Richard Wilson.....	4th
125.5 lbs. - Andrew Fitch.....	dnp
139 lbs. - Ron Finley.....	4th
154.5 lbs. - James Burke.....	dnp
172 lbs. - Russell Camilleri.....	7th
192 lbs. - Wayne Baughman.....	7th
214 lbs. - Patrick Lovell.....	dnp
Hwt - Robert Pickens.....	6th

**1960 - Rome, Italy**

**Men's Freestyle**

114.5 lbs. - Elliott Simons.....	5th
125.5 lbs. - Terry McCann.....	Gold
139 lbs. - Louis Gianni.....	dnp
147.5 lbs. - Shelby Wilson.....	Gold
161 lbs. - Doug Blubaugh.....	Gold
174 lbs. - Ed DeWitt.....	4th
192 lbs. - Daniel Brand.....	5th
Hwt - Bill Kerslake.....	8th

**Greco-Roman**

114.5 lbs. - Richard Wilson.....	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Larry Lauchle.....	dnp
134.5 lbs. - Lee Allen.....	8th
147.5 lbs. - Ben Northrup.....	dnp
160 lbs. - Fritz Fivian.....	dnp
174 lbs. - Russell Camilleri.....	8th
192 lbs. - Howard George.....	dnp
Hwt - Dale Lewis.....	dnp



## 1956 - Melbourne, Australia

### Men's Freestyle

114.5 lbs. - Richard Delgado	5th
125.5 lbs. - Lee Allen	dnp
139 lbs. - Myron Roderick	4th
147.5 lbs. - Jay Evans	5th
161 lbs. - Ernest Fischer	8th
174 lbs. - Dan Hodge	Silver
192 lbs. - Peter Blair	Bronze
Hwt - William Kerlake	7th

### Greco-Roman

114.5 lbs. - Richard Wilson	dnp
125.5 lbs. - Kent Townley	dnp
134.5 lbs. - Alan Rice	dnp
147.5 lbs. - Jay Evans	dnp
160 lbs. - James Holt	5th
174 lbs. - James Peckham	7th
192 lbs. - Dale Thomas	5th
Hwt - Dale Lewis	dnp

## 1952 - Helsinki, Finland

### Men's Freestyle

114.5 lbs. - Robert Peery	7th
125.5 lbs. - Bill Borders	dnp
139 lbs. - Josiah Henson	Bronze
147.5 lbs. - Jay Evans	Silver
161 lbs. - William Smith	Gold
174 lbs. - Dan Hodge	dnp
192 lbs. - Henry Wittenberg	Silver
Hwt - Bill Kerlake	5th

## 1948 - London, England

### Men's Freestyle

114.5 lbs. - William Jernigan	7th
125.5 lbs. - Gerald Leeman	Silver
139 lbs. - Hal Moore	6th
147.5 lbs. - William Koll	5th
161 lbs. - Leland Merrill	Bronze
174 lbs. - Glen Brand	Gold
192 lbs. - Henry Wittenberg	Gold

## 1936 - Berlin, Germany

### Men's Freestyle

123.5 lbs. - Ross Flood	Silver
134.5 lbs. - Francis Millard	Silver
145.5 lbs. - Harley Strong	5th
158.5 lbs. - Frank Lewis	Gold
174 lbs. - Richard Voliva	Silver
192 lbs. - Ray Clemons	5th
Hwt - Roy Dunn	dnp

## 1932 - Los Angeles, Calif.

### Men's Freestyle

123.5 lbs. - Robert Pearce	Gold
134.5 lbs. - Edgar Nemir	Silver
145.5 lbs. - Melvin Clodfelter	4th
158.5 lbs. - Jack Van Bebber	Gold
174 lbs. - Robert Hess	4th
192 lbs. - Peter Mehringer	Gold
Hwt - John Riley	Silver

## 1928 - Amsterdam, Holland

### Men's Freestyle

123.5 lbs. - Robert Hewitt	5th
134.5 lbs. - Allie Morrison	Gold
145.5 lbs. - Clarence Berryman	6th
158.5 lbs. - Lloyd Appleton	Silver
174 lbs. - Ralph Hammond	4th

192 lbs. - Heywood Edwards	4th
Hwt - Ed George	4th

## 1924 - Paris, France

### Men's Freestyle

123.5 lbs. - Bryant Hines	Bronze
123.5 lbs. - Milton MacWilliam	dnp
134.5 lbs. - Robin Reed	Gold
134.5 lbs. - Chester Newton	Silver
145.5 lbs. - Russell Vis	Gold
145.5 lbs. - Perry Martter	dnp
158.5 lbs. - Guy Lookabaugh	4th
158.5 lbs. - William Johnson	5th
174 lbs. - Herschel Smith	dnp
174 lbs. - Walter Wright	dnp
192 lbs. - John Spellman	Gold
192 lbs. - Charles Strack	dnp
Hwt - Harry Steel	Gold
Hwt - Roger Flanders	dnp

## 1920 - Antwerp, Belgium

### Men's Freestyle

132 lbs. - Charles Ackerly	Gold
132 lbs. - Samuel Gerson	Silver
149 lbs. - George Metropoulos	dnp
149 lbs. - Joseph Shimmon	dnp
165.5 lbs. - Charles Johnson	Bronze
165.5 lbs. - Angus Frantz	4th
186.5 lbs. - Walter Maurer	Bronze
186.5 lbs. - John Redman	4th
Hwt - Nathan Pendleton	Silver
Hwt - Fred Meyer	Bronze

### Greco-Roman

132.5 lbs. - Adrian Brian	dnp
132.5 lbs. - Daniel Gallery	dnp
149 lbs. - George Metropoulos	dnp
149 lbs. - Oral Swigart	dnp
165.5 lbs. - Henry Szymanski	dnp
165.5 lbs. - Paul Zanoline	dnp
182 lbs. - Frank Maichle	dnp
182 lbs. - Nathanael Pendleton	dnp
Hwt - Alexander Weyand	4th
Hwt - Edward Wilkie	5th

## 1912 - Stockholm, Sweden

### Greco-Roman

132.5 lbs. - William Lyshon	dnp
132.5 lbs. - George Retzer	dnp

## 1908 - London, England

### Men's Freestyle

119 lbs. - George Mehnert	Gold
132.5 lbs. - George Dole	Gold
147 lbs. - John Krug	5th
161 lbs. - John Craige	dnp
161 lbs. - Frank Narganes	dnp
Hwt - Lee Talbot	dnp

## 1904 - St. Louis, Mo.

### Men's Freestyle

105 lbs. - Robert Curry	Gold
105 lbs. - John Hein	Silver
105 lbs. - Gustav Thieffenthaler	Bronze
115 lbs. - George Mehnert	Gold
115 lbs. - Gustav Bauer	Silver
115 lbs. - William Nelson	Bronze
125 lbs. - Isidor Niflot	Gold
125 lbs. - August Wester	Silver
125 lbs. - Z.B. Strebler	Bronze

135 lbs. - Benjamin Bradshaw	Gold
135 lbs. - Theodore McLeer	Silver
135 lbs. - Charles Clapper	Bronze
145 lbs. - Otto Roehm	Gold
145 lbs. - Rudolph Tesing	Silver
145 lbs. - Albert Zirkel	Bronze
145 lbs. - William Hennessy	4th
158 lbs. - Charles Erickson	Gold
158 lbs. - William Beckmann	Silver
158 lbs. - Jerry Winholtz	Bronze
158 lbs. - William Hennessy	4th
158 lbs. - Otto Roehm	5th
Hwt - Bernhuff Hansen	Gold
Hwt - Frank Kungler	Silver
Hwt - Fred Warmbold	Bronze





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