

2026 World Team Trials Procedures

Greco-Roman

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These are the style-specific procedures for the Greco-Roman World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2026 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on:

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

US Open/Senior World Team Trials – April 21-26, 2026 @ Las Vegas, NV (all 10 weights)

- 1) Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the US Open/Senior World Team Trials:
 - a. All eligible athletes, whom are currently USA Wrestling members, can enter the 2026 US Open/Senior World Team Trials.
 - b. Athletes are only allowed to enter ONE weight category, per age level style, at the US Open/Senior World Team Trials.
- 2) If there are no automatic berths, the finalists of the US Open/Senior World Team Trials will be a best-of-three series.
- 3) Weights will be wrestled in their entirety at the selected dates as noted above in a best-of-three series.
- 4) Automatic berth to the US Open/Senior World Team Trials finals: athletes who medaled in the 2025 Senior Greco-Roman World Championships, at the weight being contested, will receive an automatic berth to the US Open/Senior World Team Trials at that same weight category. Athletes who receive automatic berth will face the US Open/Senior World Team Trials champion in a best-of-three series for the 2026 Senior World Team spot.
 - a. To receive an automatic berth in the US Open/Senior World Team Trials, the 2025 Senior Greco-Roman World Medalists must declare, in writing via email to: cbickley@usawrestling.org their intent to accept the automatic berth, as well as the weight they will compete at, by:
6:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Monday, April 13th, 2026
 - b. Should any 2025 Senior World Championship Medalist choose to compete at a different weight in which he medaled; he will NOT earn the automatic berth to the finals in the new weight category he enters.
- 5) For the purposes of selection to the National Team, true third rankings will be utilized.
 - a. True Third: if the 2nd and 3rd place finishers from the US Open/Senior World Team Trials, for that weight, did NOT meet; they will wrestle one match at the US Open/Senior World Team Trials. If they met during the tournament, that match will count for true third purposes. This match will determine the 3rd place ranking for the National Team (Top 3) spot. Athletes are only allowed to wrestle for ONE national team spot per style.
 - b. A true third scenario can only occur in weights that have a 2025 Senior Greco-Roman World medalist sitting to best-of three series at the US Open/Senior World Team Trials.
- 6) Delays or Replacement Due to Injury or Illness
 - a. Only a 2025 Senior Greco-Roman World Championship medalist, who earned an automatic berth into the finals of the US Open/Senior World Team Trials, can request a delay of the US Open/Senior World Team Trials best-of-three series for medical reasons. This request must be submitted as set forth below at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled weigh-in time (no request for delay will be allowed or granted otherwise). The request must be submitted in writing (email is sufficient) to the respective Greco-Roman Sport Committee Chair for review, to include a written certification of the injury or illness from a USA Wrestling approved medical doctor. USAW's approval of a medical doctor will not be unreasonably withheld.
 - i. Further information on the Greco-Roman Sport Committee Chair may be obtained by contacting Cody Bickley at cbickley@usawrestling.org

- b. If a certified medical doctor's note is provided within the appropriate timeframe to support a 2025 Senior Greco-Roman World Championship medalist's request for a delay, the request for a delay in competition will be granted. If a delay is granted, the National Coach and the two athletes involved shall determine the date for conducting the wrestle-off. If an agreement cannot be reached, then the Greco-Roman Sport Committee will determine the date and place for the wrestle-off. The wrestle-off must be completed at least 14 days prior the first day of the Greco-Roman competition at the 2026 Senior World Championships. If a World Team member at any weight is incapacitated after US Open/Senior World Team Trials and prior to the World Championships, the Sport Committee shall assign the World Team spot to the next-ranked alternate at the weight in question down to the fourth-ranked wrestler from the US Open/Senior World Team Trials; provided the next-ranked wrestler is able to make the weight and is substantially completing the requirements of World Team training.
 - i. For the purposes of this provision, the term 'incapacitated' shall mean an athlete has an injury or illness, as certified by USA Wrestling medical staff, which inhibits peak performance at the World Championships.