

2022 World Team Trials Qualification & Procedures

Men's Freestyle

September 21, 2021

March 23, 2022

These are the style-specific procedures for the Men's Freestyle World Team Trials and are subject to the general 2022 World Team Trials Procedures which are available on:

www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/team-usa/team-selection-criteria

World Team Trials Challenge Tournament – May 20-22, 2022 @ Coralville, IA (all 10 weights)

- 1) Wrestlers who meet the following criteria will qualify for the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament:
 - a. 2020 Senior Men's Freestyle Olympic Trials Top 4 place finisher
 - b. 2021 Senior Men's Freestyle World Team Trials Top 4 place finisher
 - c. 2021 U23 Men's Freestyle World Medalist
 - d. 2021 Junior Men's Freestyle World Medalist
 - e. 2022 NCAA Division I Top 3 place finisher
 - f. 2022 Senior Pan American Championships Medalist
 - g. April 2022 Bill Farrell International highest placing U.S. athlete, who has yet to qualify, will earn a spot in the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament
 - h. April 2022 Senior Men's Freestyle U.S. Open Championships - top 7 place finisher per weight class
 - i. U.S. Open champions will receive the #1 seed at the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.
 - i. May 2022 Northeast Regional - the highest placed Men's Freestyle USA athlete per weight category winning a medal who has yet to qualify will earn a spot in the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament
- 2) The finals of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament is a best-of-three series.
- 3) The winner of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament will advance to the Final X.
 - a. If there is neither a 2021 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championship medalist (Oslo) nor a 2020 U.S. Men's Freestyle Olympic Medalist (Tokyo), the two finalists of the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament will advance directly to Final X.
- 4) True Third: if the 2nd and 3rd place finishers from the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament did not meet each other in the challenge tournament, a wrestle-off will occur during a Final X event.
 - a. The date, place, and time will be determined following the completion of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.
 - b. A true third scenario can only occur in weights that have a World/Olympic medalist sitting to Final X.

Final X – June 3, 2022 @ Stillwater, OK

June 8, 2022 @ New York City, NY

- 5) Weights will be wrestled in their entirety at the selected dates as noted above in a best-of-three series.

- 6) Automatic Berth to the Final X: athletes who medaled in the 2021 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championships at the weight being contested will receive an automatic berth to the Final X. In weights without a 2021 Senior Men's Freestyle World Championship medalist, the 2020 U.S. Men's Freestyle Olympic Medalist will receive an automatic berth to the Final X at that respective weight. Athletes who receive automatic berth will face the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament Champion in a best-of-three series for the 2022 World Team spot.
- a. In a situation where there is a 2021 Senior Men's Freestyle World Medalist and a 2020 Men's Freestyle Olympic Medalist, at the same weight class, the 2020 Men's Freestyle Olympic Medalist will be placed in the finals of the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.
 - b. An athlete who has qualified to compete in the 2022 World Team Trials through any of the methods outlined above may declare any weight category he chooses to compete in at Trials regardless of the weight category in which he qualified. Should any 2021 Senior World Championship Medalist or 2020 Olympic Medalist choose to compete at a different weight in which he medaled, he will NOT earn the automatic berth to Final X in the new weight category he enters.
 - i. Each athlete must declare his weight category change at the scheduled weigh-ins at the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament. A 2021 Senior World Championship Medalist or 2020 Olympic Medalist will receive an automatic berth to the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament semi-finals, at that respective weight.
 - ii. If a 2021 Senior World Championship Medalist or 2020 Olympic Medalist 97kg moves to 125kg (or vice versa, 125kg medalist moves to 97kg), that individual will receive an automatic berth to the semifinals of the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament. NOTE: The above two weight categories (97kg & 125kg) are specifically noted because of the nature of them being immediately adjacent World weight categories. A 2021 Senior World Championship Medalist or 2020 Olympic Medalist at an adjacent weight class will receive an automatic berth to the semifinals of the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.
 - iii. A 2021 Senior World Championship Medalist or 2020 Olympic Medalist may only move one World weight category up or down immediately adjacent to their 2021 World Championships or 2020 Olympic Games weight in order to receive the automatic berth to the semifinals of the 2022 World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.
- 7) Delays or Replacement Due to Injury or Illness
- a. Only a 2021 World Medalist or 2020 Olympic Medalist who earned an automatic berth into the Final X may request a medical delay for competing in the Final X Wrestle-Off.
 - i. Wrestle-offs must occur before the departure for the 2022 World Team Acclimation Camp.
 - b. The request for delay must occur at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled weigh-in time. No request for delay will be allowed if requested after this time.
 - c. The request must be submitted in writing to the respective Sport Committee Chair for review, to include a written certification of the injury or illness from a USA Wrestling-

approved medical doctor. USA Wrestling's approval of a medical doctor will not be unreasonably withheld.

- d. The request will be granted if a certified medical doctor's note is provided within the appropriate timeframe. In the case of a delayed Final Wrestle-Off, the National Coach and athletes involved shall determine the date, time, and place for the Final Wrestle-Off. If consensus cannot be reached, the Men's Freestyle Sport Committee shall make this determination.
- e. If a World Team member at any weight is incapacitated after the World Team Trials and prior to the World Championships, the Sport Committee shall assign the World Team spot to the next-ranked alternate at the weight in question down to the fifth-ranked wrestler from the World Team Trials; provided the next-ranked wrestler is able to make the weight and is substantially completing the requirements of World Team training.
 - i. For the purposes of this provision, the term 'incapacitated' shall mean an athlete has an injury or illness, as certified by USA Wrestling medical staff, which inhibits peak performance at the World Championships.