2022 UWW U20 Men’s Freestyle
Pan American & World Team Trials Procedures

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World Team Selection

In Men’s Freestyle, the 2022 UWW U20 Men’s Freestyle World Team Trials will be a two-stage process. The winner of the 2022 UWW U20 National Championships (Las Vegas, NV) will earn an automatic berth to the best-of-three wrestle-off series against the World Team Trials challenge tournament champion. If you are unable to attend the 2022 UWW U20 National Championships (Las Vegas), you can qualify into the final 2022 UWW U20 World Team Trials Event (Geneva, OH) by meeting one of the criteria stated below.

In Men’s Freestyle, the Pan American representative will be selected following rank order 1st-8th place from the 2022 UWW U20 National Championships (Las Vegas). The Pan American Championships is a partially funded tour to be held July 8-10, 2022, in Oaxtepec, MEX.

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

UWW U20 Men’s Freestyle (*only) Division

Qualifying Criteria: Must be born 2002-2005

➢ Previous Junior World Team Member
➢ Previous Cadet World Team Member
➢ Any medalist from a UWW scheduled event from 2021 & 2022 calendar years
➢ Top six place winners from the 2021 Junior Nationals (Fargo)
➢ Top eight place winners from the 2021 & 2022 UWW U20 National tournament
➢ Any All-American from the 2021 U23 Nationals
➢ Top 4 place winners from the 2021 U23 World Team Trials
➢ Any All-American from the 2021 or 2022 NCAA I, II or III Nationals
➢ Any All-American from the 2021 Folk-style Nationals
➢ Top eight place winners from the April 2022 U.S. Senior Men’s Freestyle Open
➢ Any All-American from the 2022 NAIA Nationals
➢ Any All-American from the 2022 Junior College Nationals

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

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

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

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

- Approximately two weeks of preparation, focusing on techniques and drills. The athletes will be expected to arrive in competition shape with their weight under control. Hard wrestling will not be required between wrestlers in the same weight category unless requested.
- Any required expenses on the athlete’s part will be discussed and guidance will be given to help athletes get expense money together with dates established for receiving any funds needed.

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

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

**UWW U20 Men’s Freestyle World Team Trials (Geneva, OH)**

June 3-5, 2022

*Please check USAW Events Schedule for specific details.*

[https://usawrestlingevents.com/national_regional](https://usawrestlingevents.com/national_regional)

The UWW U20 World Championships is a funded tour. There will be extended camps in the U.S. prior to the UWW U20 World Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria from August 15th -21st, 2022.

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