

United States Olympic Committee



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURE FORMS

for the OLYMPIC GAMES

VERSION 3



USA Wrestling
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2008 Olympic Games
(Women's Freestyle)
May 31, 2007

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a USA Citizen, or have proof of swearing in date to become a US citizen prior to the nomination date and have a valid US passport at the time of nomination.

2. Minimum IF standards for participation (if any):

Athlete must turn a minimum 18 years of age on or before December 31, 2008 and must carry a passport of the country of which they will be representing.

3. Other Requirements (if any):

Athlete must be a current Athlete member of USA Wrestling.

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team.

USA Wrestling will be using the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials as the selection process. Athletes qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials through several different competitions from July 1, 2007 to the May 2008 USA Wrestling Northern Plains Regional at a site to be determined. The 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials will be held June 15-16, 2008 in Las Vegas NV. The winner of each of the 4 weight categories will be USA Wrestling's designee to the Olympic Games Team.

C. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.



2008 Olympic Games Team Trials June 15-16, 2008 Las Vegas, NV

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).

Athletes qualify into the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials through the following:

- Past USA World and Olympic Team members
- Top 7 per Olympic weight category and top 4 from non-Olympic weight category from the 2008 Senior National Championships.
- Champion per weight category from the Regional qualifier held after the 2008 Senior National Championships. Sites and date TBD.
- Finalists from the 4 Olympic weights and Champion from the 3 non-Olympic World Championship weights at the 2008 USA Wrestling University National Championships
- Champions from the 7 World Championship weight categories from the Women’s College National Championships. Format of the competition is at the discretion of the WCNC.

Dates and locations of all competitions can be found on the USA Wrestling web site www.themat.com.

For the National Championship and the Regional the athlete must meet the eligibility requirements of I.A. There is an age criteria for the USA Wrestling University National Championships where the athlete must be born in the years of 1984 through 1990 and there high school class must have graduated.

3. Provide the event name, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine “start positions” (if any).

N/A

- D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

1) Qualification



The athlete must first qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials through the following process.

- Any past World and/or Olympic Team member is automatically qualified to enter the Final Trials; otherwise athletes must qualify through any of the following means.
- Finalists of each Olympic weight category and Champion from the non-Olympic weight categories in the 2008 USA Wrestling University National Championship.
- Champion from the Regional qualifier held after the National Championship. Sites and dates TBD.
- Top 7 at each Olympic weight category and top 4 from non-Olympic weight category from the 2008 Senior National Championships.
- Champion from the Senior World Championship weight categories from the 2008 Women's College National Championships

The individuals that qualify from the events listed above will compete in the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials to be held June 15-16, 2008 in Las Vegas NV.

2) 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials

The 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials will be held in a one day format. Athletes will be seeded by the seeding committee, members of which will be determined by USA Wrestling's Federation of Clubs. The highest two (2) place finishers from the 2008 Senior National Championship competing in the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials will be given the top two (2) seeds. Any changes from the 2008 Senior National Championships for the remaining seeds other than the top two (2) seeds will require 2/3 majority vote of the seeding committee.

The 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials will be a line bracket double elimination to third place format. The 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials finals will be a single match competition, with the exception as stated in Section I.D.3 (delay by National Champion). If this situation happens the finals will be a best of three format.

Olympic Qualification

If USA Wrestling must participate in the final Olympic Qualifier and the person participating is not the 2008 National Champion at the weight category: if the individual qualifies the weight that individual will be moved into the number two position and will wrestle the winner of the Olympic Trials in a single match. The



winner will then wrestle the 2008 National Champion in a best of three to determine the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials Champion.

3) National Champion Conditional Exception

The winner of the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials will face the 2008 Senior National Champion from the Olympic weight in a best of three competition the same day.

The 2008 Senior National Champion from the Olympic weight categories can request a delay in the final best of three competition for injury or illness prior to the weigh-ins. After the start of weigh-ins no delay will be granted. In this case the Olympic Games Team trials tournament finals will be a best of three competition. If the delay in the final wrestle-off goes beyond the final entry date for the submission of the Olympic Games Team the winner of the Final Trials tournament will be USA Wrestling's designee for the Olympic Games.

If the 2008 National Champion fails to make weight then the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials finals will be a best of three competition with the winner being USA Wrestling's designee for the Olympic Games.

The winner of each weight category will be USA Wrestling's nominee for the 2008 Olympic Games.

- E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

The National Staff at USA Wrestling is responsible for making sure the Trials procedures are followed. The National Teams Director is the main person on staff that oversees the process.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Discretion may be needed in the case of a replacement athlete. USA Wrestling needs to make sure that athlete is prepared to compete at the highest level.

- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:



If the Olympic Games Team member at any weight category is removed for injury, illness or extenuating circumstances after the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials and before the final entry deadline for the Olympic Games, the Women's Sport Committee shall assign the position to the next place finisher at the weight in question up to and including the sixth placed wrestler from the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials. This is provided the next placed wrestler is present and substantially completing the requirements of the 2008 Team Training camp as determined by the Women's Sport Committee of USA Wrestling and approved by the Executive Committee.

Should the Women's Sport Committee be unable to fill the Olympic Games Team position based on the above criteria, the Women's Sport Committee shall invite wrestlers that placed in the top eight in the Olympic Games Team trials to a challenge tournament to determine the Olympic Games replacement athlete. The winner of the challenge tournament will become the replacement athlete.

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

Women's Sport Committee and approved by the Executive Committee of USA Wrestling.

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

Nancy Schultz	Chairman
Jim Ravannack	1 st Vice President
Mike Duroe	Coach
Rusty Davidson	Junior Olympic
Jackie Berube	At-large
Joe Corso	At-large
Tadaaki Hatta	At-large
Marci Van Dusen	Athlete
Tela O'Donnell	Athlete

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. Prior to acceptance of nomination by the USOC, USA Wrestling has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

1. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Wrestling may be removed from the Nominations for any of the following reasons, as



determined by USA Wrestling.

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the National Teams Director of USA Wrestling.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USA Wrestling physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USA Wrestling approved physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USA Wrestling's Code of Conduct. (Attachment A)

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Wrestling's Constitution and Bylaws per Article XI-XIV or USOC Bylaws, Article 9.

- B. After acceptance of nomination by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, FILA, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

The replacement athletes will come from the athletes that participated in the 2008 Olympic Games Team trials.

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected to replace a previously nominated athlete, should a vacancy occur.

The Women's Sport Committee will be notified upon the need to replace an athlete. The Women's Sport Committee will place the next placed athlete at the weight in question up to and including the sixth placed athlete from the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials provided they are substantially completing the requirements of the Team Training Camp as determined by



the Women's Sport Committee of USA Wrestling and approved by the Executive Committee.

Should the Women's Sport Committee be unable to fill the Olympic Team position based on above criteria, the Sport Committee will invite the wrestlers that placed in the top eight in the 2008 Olympic Games Team Trials to a challenge tournament to determine the Olympic Games replacement athlete. The winner of the challenge tournament will become the replacement athlete.

C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

1. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

N/A

2. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

Women's Sport Committee and approved by the Executive Committee of USA Wrestling.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Wrestling will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination in the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Wrestling Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Wrestling in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

A. NGB website: www.themat.com

The website information will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.



B. NGB Official Publication (if any):

USA Wrestler magazine

C. Other:

USA Wrestling will send an e-mail to the National Coaching Pool and the athlete data base. A copy of the selection procedures will also be mailed to the top 8 ranked athletes at the senior level at each weight, the Coaches of Women College wrestling programs and USA Wrestling registered senior clubs.

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC by July 1st, 2008.

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Date of Training camp has yet to be determined. The Team will be required to participate. Training camp schedule will be set at least six months prior to the Team selection.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, FILA, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, FILA, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Women's Sport Committee See Section II.C.2

XII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES



The USA Wrestling Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found:

USA Wrestling Bylaws can be found on the website www.themat.com. There is a link to the Bylaws on the Homepage. Copies of the Bylaws are also available upon request from the USA Wrestling office. Articles XI through XIV deal with the grievance procedures.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or FILA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, and/or FILA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Wrestling. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Wrestling may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Wrestling.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or Executive Director	Rich Bender		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Mitch Hull		
USOC Athletes' Advisory	Shawn Sheldon		



Council Representative*			
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*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

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NGB President or Executive Director	Rich Bender		6/21
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Mitch Huff		6/21
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Shawn Shelton		6/20

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Attachment A USA Wrestling Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Wrestling Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the National Team. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the National Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Wrestling;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the FILA rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of FILA;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;



- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings;
- am aware that USA Wrestling sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Wrestling apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Wrestling sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Wrestling apparel;
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Wrestling under conditions authorized by USA Wrestling and give event organizers and USA Wrestling the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Wrestling or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Wrestling apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Wrestling logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of the USA Wrestling (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Wrestling and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman,
toll free at 888.ATHLETE (888.284.5383) or John.Ruger@usoc.org
for further information regarding my rights under this Code
that are not answered by USA Wrestling.



PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature

Date

NGB Name

Sport

<p>PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION (For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</p>

Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)