



## **JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA 2018-2019**

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## **1 – INTRODUCTION**

This document outlines the criteria that will be used by Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) to nominate athletes for the 2018 Junior Pan American Championship Team, 2018 Junior World Championship Team, as well as any other domestic or international training/competitive opportunities.

## **2 – DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

The High Performance Director (HPD) is responsible for the development and implementation of a selection process that is fair and equitable for all candidates. The High Performance Manager (HPM) will assist the HPD in overseeing that the process outlined in this document is properly followed.

All team nominations will be reviewed by the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC).

## **3 – ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible to be considered for nomination to a team, all athletes must meet the following requirements at the time of nomination and maintain these requirements throughout the 2018 – 2019 competitive season:

- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Hold a valid Canadian passport (where deemed necessary by WCL);
- Sign and submit the WCL Athlete Agreement Form (including athlete testing, monitoring, and CCES compliance);
- Be a member in good standing of their respective PTSO and WCL;
- Be in compliance with all relevant United World Wrestling (UWW) regulations and requirements;
- Be in compliance with any other major Games franchise holders' regulations and requirements (where applicable).

Please refer to specific event information for-eligibility / entry requirements and any other conditions of eligibility.

Male athletes will NOT be permitted to compete in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman styles if they are nominated and selected to both teams.

## **4 – FUNDING**

Event funding is determined by the WCL 2018-19 budget. Priority will be given to athletes in the six Olympic weight classes. As such, weight classes may not be funded, may not be funded equally and athletes may be required to self-fund. Any funding allocation will be performance based and at the discretion of the HPD and HPM. Any funding that is allocated to athletes for national / international training and/or competitive opportunities will be specific to that opportunity only.

Funding policies will be communicated prior to each event.

## 5 – WCL NOMINATING EVENT

### 5.1 – 2018 JUNIOR FREESTYLE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Complexe Sportif Claude-Robillard, Montréal. March 16 – 18, 2018

The Junior Canadian Championships will be run using the United World Wrestling weight classes and additional WCL development weights:

Women’s Freestyle (WW):	46* kg, 50 kg, 53 kg, 55 kg, 59 kg, 62 kg, 65 kg, 68 kg, 72 kg, 76 kg, 82* kg
Men’s Freestyle (FS):	54* kg, 57 kg, 61 kg, 65 kg, 70 kg, 74 kg, 79 kg, 86 kg, 92 kg, 97 kg, 125 kg
Greco-Roman (GR):	55 kg, 60 kg, 63 kg, 67 kg, 72 kg, 77 kg, 82 kg, 87 kg, 97 kg, 130 kg

\*represents non UWW weight class with no national team selection opportunities.

Athletes who plan on competing in both the Junior and Senior Canadian Championships will be required to make weight for both tournaments (+2 kg for Senior weigh in if the athlete has weighed for the Junior Championships).

True ranking from the Junior Canadian Championships as well as any wrestle-offs will determine the final nominations for team selection.

If the top ranked athlete declines their nomination from the Junior Canadian Championships for team selection, the HPD, with consultation from personal coaches, NextGen Coaches, International Coach and HPM may make a performance-based nomination or no nomination may be made.

## 6 – WRESTLE-OFF PROCEDURES

Please refer to the 2018-2019 Wrestle-Off Procedures for detailed information on all WCL sanctioned wrestle-offs.

## 7 – 2018 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men’s & Women’s Freestyle:

The highest ranked athlete in each weight class at the 2018 Junior Canadian Championships will be selected for team selection. Where the top ranked athlete declines their selection, the true second ranked athlete may be considered for a performance-based selection or no selection may be made.

Men’s Greco-Roman

Athletes will have an opportunity to submit a request for team selection. Selection will be at the HPD discretion with HPAC review.

The minimum standard for athlete nomination is as follows:

- #1 ranked GR athlete from the Junior Canadian Championships
- Proven track record of training and competing in a Greco-Roman program

## **8 – 2018 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

September 17 – 23. Trnava, Slovakia

### **Men's & Women's Freestyle**

The highest ranked athlete in each weight class at the 2018 Junior National Championships will be eligible, pending evaluation by and selection from the HPD, NextGen Coaches, International Coach and 2018 Pan Am Event coaches. Final team selection will be based on performance criteria.

The following performance criteria will be used to help guide athlete nomination:

- Top 3 ranking at the 2018 Junior Pan Am Championships
- Top 5 ranking at the 2018 Canada Cup
- Evaluation at various National Team training and competitive opportunities
- Evaluation of overall performance and commitment to the 2018 Junior National Team program

Where the top ranked athlete declines their selection, the true second ranked athlete may be considered for a performance-based selection or no selection may be made.

### **Men's Greco-Roman**

Athletes will have the opportunity to submit a request for team selection.

The minimum standard for athlete nomination is as follows:

- #1 ranked athlete from the Junior Canadian Championships (or #2 if the #1 competes Freestyle)
- Competed in the Junior Pan American Championships (Greco-Roman) with a podium result.

## **9 – INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS FOR NOMINATED TEAM MEMBERS**

Nominated team members will be required to demonstrate a commitment to an approved training and competition program, leading into and throughout the 2018-2019 competitive season. National Team training camps and scheduled competitions are a necessary part of an athlete's preparation program and are, therefore, mandatory. Athletes aspiring to compete at the world championships are expected to be competing at multiple international or high level competitions prior to their World's debut as well as committed to a year round training program.

Both athletes and personal coaches must be in constant communication with either the HPD, HPM, NG Coaches, or IC where appropriate, and National IST leads in order to collaborate on best practices and ensure optimal preparation for the benchmark event.

In addition to programs identified, the personal coach, National coaching staff will identify specific competitive and training program requirements for each National Team member. These requirements will be based upon the athletes' individual needs and performance benchmarks.

## **10 – CLUB ATHLETES ON WCL SANCTIONED TRIPS**

Provincial / club athletes must be sanctioned by the HPD prior to participating in WCL National Team trips. Considerations for sanction include, but not limited to, having achieved a Top 6 ranking in an Olympic weight class or a Top 3 ranking in a non-Olympic weight class at the 2017 or 2018 Senior or Junior Canadian Championships. These athletes must demonstrate the ability to participate safely in the desired event and must comply with WCL and UWW regulations. Athletes/coaches may be required to provide an athlete's recent competitive and training history.

## **11 – CLUB ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN NON-WCL SANCTIONED UWW OR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

Any athletes intending to compete in a non-WCL sanctioned UWW event must be sanctioned by the HPD prior to participating. Requests for consideration to the HPD must be received no later than 2 months prior to the event in question. These athletes must demonstrate the ability to participate safely in the desired event and must comply with WCL and UWW regulations to be considered. Athletes/coaches may be required to provide an athlete's recent competitive and training history.

## **12 – ADDITIONAL UWW SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Where an event appears on the UWW calendar and deemed by WCL to warrant participation, selection criteria for the event will be clearly communicated prior to any nominating event(s) or nomination occurring.

## **13 – DOPING CONTROL**

Doping control will be conducted throughout the 2017 and 2018 calendar year. National Team athletes may be requested to submit to doping control as selected on a random basis by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) in Canada and/or by the recognized International Doping Association outside of Canadian borders. It should be noted that those named to any National Team are subject to doping control. Should a doping infraction occur, that individual, in addition to other sanctions, will be removed from the National Team.

All National Team members will be required to complete the CCES e-learning course prior to competing internationally.

## **14 – APPEALS PROCEDURE**

WCL nominations may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the WCL Appeal Policy.

## **15 – GENERAL**

This document will be circulated via email to all PTSOs as well as posted on the WCL website. All subsequent amendments to the approved nominating procedures will be circulated via email to all PTSOs as well as posted on the WCL website.

## **16 – MODIFICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT/UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of WCL, that prevents the fair implementation of these nomination procedures as written, the HPC reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the right to review and change any part of the international nomination procedures in the case of a rule or policy change from United World Wrestling or UWWA.