



WRESTLE-OFF PROCEDURES 2018-19

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1 – INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the procedures to be used by Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) for determining all sanctioned wrestle-offs, where these procedures are not outlined in an event specific Internal Nomination Process (INP). WCL will endeavour to communicate to the affected parties prior to the competition.

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) is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed.

All wrestle-off nominations will be reviewed by the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC).

WRESTLE OFF CRITERIA

3 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (JUNIOR)

Any athlete who is unable to compete at the Junior Canadian Championships due to injury or competition at another event may still be considered for nomination, providing they meet the following criteria and satisfy the following conditions:

- INJURY:

1. The official WCL “Inability to Participate Medical Form” is completed by an approved WCL physician and submitted to the HPM, or WCL designate, prior to the official weigh-in for the Junior Canadian Championships. Upon request, the injured athlete may be subject to additional examination by the WCL Medical Director. The athlete must also clearly indicate, in writing, at the time of the submission, the weight class he / she is submitting an injury provision wrestle-off request for.
2. Performance Benchmarks:
 - i. Has placed in the top 8 at the most recent Junior World Championships;
 - ii. OR

- iii. Achieved an international tiering index¹ of at least 0.6 (women) or 0.5 (men) in the current qualification period (From the end of the 2017 Senior Canadian Championships to the end of the 2018 Senior Canadian Championships), specific to the weight class he or she is requesting to petition

- COMPETITION AT ANOTHER EVENT (CONFLICT WITH THE 2018 JUNIOR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS):

1. The athlete must advise the WCL HPM, or WCL designate, of the conflict prior to the weigh-ins.
2. The HPD or WCL designate(s) must be satisfied that the conflicting event is of a similar competitive level as the Nominating Event; for example, NCAA Division 1 Championships, World Cup, etc.

4 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (SENIOR)

Women's Freestyle

Any athlete who is unable to compete at the Senior Canadian Championships, due to injury or competition at another approved event, or who is unable to compete at the 2018 Senior Women World Team Trials (Olympic Weight Classes) or 2018 Senior Women World Team Trials (Non-Olympic Weight Classes) due to injury may still be considered for a wrestle-off, providing they meet the following criteria and satisfy the following conditions:

Men's Freestyle

Any athlete who is unable to compete at the Senior Canadian Championships due to injury or competition at another approved event, or who is unable to compete at the 2018 Senior Men World Team Trials (Non-Olympic Weight Classes) due to injury may still be considered for wrestle-offs, providing they meet the following criteria and satisfy the following conditions:

4.1 - INJURY:

1. The official WCL "Inability to Participate Medical Form" is completed by an approved WCL physician and submitted to the HPM, or WCL designate, prior to the official weigh-in for the event in question. Upon request, the injured athlete may be subject to additional examination by the

¹ Injured athletes, currently holding a senior card, can obtain tiering points as outlined in the injury provisions of the 2018-1,9 Carded Athlete Program.

WCL Medical Director. The athlete must also clearly indicate, in writing, at the time of the submission, the weight class he / she is submitting an injury provision wrestle-off request for.

2. Performance Benchmarks:

Women's Freestyle:

- Achieved an international tiering index¹ of at least 1.2 in the current qualification period (From the end of the 2017 Senior Canadian Championships to the end of the 2018 Senior Canadian Championships), specific to the weight class she is requesting to petition; OR
- Is a defending Senior World Championships medallist.

Men's Freestyle:

- Achieved an international tiering index¹ of at least 1.0 in the current qualification period (From the end of the 2017 Senior Canadian Championships to the end of the 2018 Senior Canadian Championships), specific to the weight class he is requesting to petition; AND
- Has placed in the top 10 at the Senior World Championships or has defeated an opponent who ranks in the top 10 at the Senior World Championships in the last 2 years (2016, 2017) or is a Junior World Championships medallist in the previous year (2017).

4.2 - COMPETITION AT ANOTHER EVENT (CONFLICT WITH THE 2018 SENIOR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS):

1. The athlete must advise the WCL HPM, or WCL designate, of the conflict prior to weigh-ins.
2. The HPD, or WCL designate(s), must be satisfied that the conflicting event is of a similar competitive level as the Nominating Event; for example, NCAA Division 1 Championships, World Cup, etc.

5 – APPROVED WRESTLE-OFFS (JUNIOR AND SENIOR)

The will be no weight allowance for wrestle-offs.

The date, time, and location for the wrestle-off will be determined by the HPD, or WCL designate(s), taking into consideration:

- The most economical and cost-effective location;
- The injury status and any other restrictions of the athletes involved (if applicable);
- Nomination requirements and deadlines for selection.

Women's Freestyle

- Junior Canadian Championships Wrestle-Off Request

The wrestle-off will be conducted between the number one ranked athlete from the Junior Canadian Championships and the challenger in a best two (2) of three (3) matches. The number one ranked athlete from the Canadian Championships will be credited with one match up.

- Senior Canadian Championships Wrestle-Off Request*

The wrestle-off will be conducted between the number one ranked athlete from the Senior Canadian Championships and the challenger in a best two (2) of three (3) matches. The number one ranked athlete from the Canadian Championships will be credited with one match up.

*This wrestle-off must occur before the 2018 Senior Women World Team Trials (Olympic Weight Classes) to determine athlete entries into said Trials.

- 2018 Senior Women World Team Trials (Olympic Weight Classes)

The wrestle-off will be conducted between the number one ranked athlete from the 2018 Senior Women World Team Trials (Olympic Weight Classes) and the challenger in a best two (2) of three (3) matches. The number one ranked athlete from the trials will be credited with one match up.

Clarification: Athletes named to the 2018 Women's World Cup Team, who are unable to compete at the 2018 Women's World Cup due to injury, will be eligible to compete at the Team Trials without a prior wrestle-off.

- 2018 Senior Women World Team Trials (Non-Olympic Weight Classes)

The wrestle-off will be conducted between the number one ranked athlete from the 2018 Senior Women World Team Trials (Non-Olympic Weight Classes) and the challenger in a best two (2) of three (3) matches. The number one ranked athlete from the trials will be credited with one match up.

Men's Freestyle

- Junior Canadian Championships Wrestle Off Request

The wrestle-off will be conducted between the number one ranked athlete from the Junior Canadian Championships and the challenger in a best two (2) of three (3) matches. The number one ranked athlete from the Junior Canadian Championships will be credited with one match up.

- Senior Canadian Championships Wrestle Off Request

The wrestle-off will be conducted between the number one at the Senior Canadian Championships and the challenger in a best two (2) of three (3) matches. The number one ranked athlete from the Senior Canadian Championships will be credited with one match up.

Once the date of any wrestle off is set, if either wrestler misses the wrestle-off, the wrestler who has missed the match will forfeit that match. If both wrestlers miss the 1st wrestle-off, the number one will be nominated for team selection.

If more than one wrestler is eligible for a wrestle-off in the same weight class then those eligible for the wrestle-off must first compete against one another, in a single elimination, one match wrestle-off, before having the opportunity to challenge the number.

6 – APPEALS PROCEDURE

WCL sanctioned wrestle-offs may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the WCL Appeal Policy.

7 – MODIFICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT/UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of a circumstance that prevents the fair implementation of these procedures as written, the HPD, or WCL designate(s), reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action, which will be reviewed by the HPAC, and which may include the right to review and change any part of these procedures in the case of a rule or policy change from United World Wrestling (UWW), UWW Americas, other major Games franchise holders, or WCL.

8 – LANGUAGE

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English version of this document, then the English version shall prevail.