



## **JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA 2019-2020**

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## **1 – INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Wrestling Canada Lutte (WCL) to select or nominate athletes to 2019-2020 Junior Team events, as well as any other domestic or international training/competitive opportunities.

This document will be in effect from the start of the 2019 Junior Canadian Wrestling Championships to the start of the 2020 Junior Canadian Wrestling Championships.

## **2 – DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

The High Performance Director (HPD), or their designate, is responsible for the development and implementation of a selection process that is fair and equitable for all candidates. The process outlined in this document was drafted and prepared by the HPD, International Coach and High Performance Manager (HPM). Oversight was provided by the High Performance Advisory Committee. Final approval of the policy was made by the Board.

The High Performance Manager (HPM) will assist the HPD in ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed.

## **3 – REFERENCES**

The following documents are referenced in this document:

- 2019-2020 WCL Wrestle-Off Procedures
- WCL Athlete Agreement;
- WCL Code of Conduct
- WCL Discipline Policy
- National Team YTP
- WCL Appeal Policy

## **4 – 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 2019 – 2020 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 holder 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.

## 5 – EVENT FUNDING

Event funding is determined by the WCL 2019-20 budget. Funding will follow the WCL tiering model. As such, some athletes may be required to self-fund. Any funding that is allocated to athletes for national / international training and/or competitive opportunities will be specific to that opportunity only.

Athletes participating in NON WCL sanctioned events will be required to cover the costs of their participation as well as any costs incurred from referees, coaches, and medical staff. Athletes participating on a self-pay in a WCL sanctioned event may be required to contribute to any costs incurred from referees, coaches, and medical staff. Funding policies will be communicated prior to each event.

## 6 – WCL RANKING EVENTS

### 6.1 – 2019 Junior Canadian Championships

The Junior Canadian Championships will be run using the ten United World Wrestling weight classes in both genders as well as additional WCL weight classes:

Women (WW):	46 kg*, 50kg, 53kg, 55kg, 57kg, 59 kg, 62kg, 65kg, 68kg, 72kg, 76kg, 82kg*
Men’s Freestyle (FS):	54kg*, 57 kg, 61kg, 65 kg, 70kg, 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

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

\*\* Greco Roman athletes are subject to Section 7 for consideration for participation at an international event

Athletes who plan on competing in both the Junior and Senior Canadian Championships will be required to make scratch weight for both tournaments.

Final ranking for team selection and carding will occur after all wrestle-off and/or challenge matches are completed, unless otherwise specified in any WCL INPs. Final ranking must be determined no later than 4 weeks prior to start of event, or UWW final entry deadline (whichever occurs first).

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.

## **7 – WRESTLE-OFF PROCEDURES**

Please refer to the 2019-2020 Wrestle-Off Procedures for detailed information on all WCL sanctioned wrestle-offs.

## **8 – GRECO-ROMAN**

Athletes who wish to participate in an international Greco-Roman event must follow the procedure outlined below as well as meet the following criteria. Nomination is at the discretion of the HPD, or their designate.

Criteria:

- Top ranked athlete in an Olympic Weight category in the Greco-Roman style at the 2019 Junior Canadian Championships;

Process:

- Athletes and their coaches must apply to the HPD, or their designate. Applications must include the following:
  - Training history pertinent to Greco-Roman;
  - Greco-Roman competition history and results;
  - 2019-2020 Training plans and YTP pertinent to Greco-Roman submitted as part of the event application process.

## **9 – 2019 JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Freestyle (Men and Women)**

The top 2019 junior nationally ranked athlete (after all wrestle-off and/or challenge matches are completed) in each weight class will be nominated to the 2019 Junior Pan American Championship Team. Participation at the 2019 Pan American Championships will be a mandatory part of the selection process for eligibility to the 2019 Junior World Championships.

## **10 – 2019 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Freestyle (Men and Women)**

The top 2019 junior nationally ranked athlete (after all wrestle-off and/or challenge matches are completed) in each weight class will be eligible, pending evaluation by and selection from the HPD, NextGen Coaches, International Coach and 2019 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 2019 Junior Pan Am Championships
- Top 5 ranking at the 2019 Canada Cup
- Evaluation at various National Team training and competitive opportunities
- Evaluation of overall performance and commitment to the 2019 Junior National Team program.

Where the top ranked athlete declines their 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.

## **11 – INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS FOR NOMINATED TEAM MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

Selected team members and alternates will be required to demonstrate a commitment to an HPD (or alternate) approved training and competition program, leading into and throughout the 2019-2020 competitive season.

WCL Team training camps and identified competitions are a necessary part of an athlete's preparation program and are mandatory. All nominated athletes will have their injury / health status assessed by the approved IST after nomination and during lead up to benchmark events, to ensure a proper approach to their health management. The HPD in tandem with the International Coach, will work closely with the personal coaches and nominated athletes to ensure each program has the required elements for success.

Both athletes and personal coaches must-maintain regular communication with the WCL high performance and IST staff to ensure optimal preparation. Where the HPD deems that an athlete is not following the WCL mandated YTP, WCL reserves the right to remove that athlete from the program and funding structure.

Once selected, athletes who do not remain competition ready because of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level. Notification must be sent to the HPD.

## **12 – REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED**

The HPD reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from nomination:

- If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities with respect to mandatory training camps, testing, and competitions;
- If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the WCL Athlete Agreement;

- If the athlete has not fulfilled his/her responsibilities as identified in the WCL Code of Conduct or WCL Discipline Policy;
- If the athlete has not adhered to his/her responsibilities as they pertain to WADA, and CCES anti-doping protocols;
- If the athlete is unable to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons as supported by the WCL Chief Medical Officer.

### **13 – CLUB ATHLETES ON WCL DESIGNATED 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 2 ranking in an Olympic weight class or a Top 1 ranking in a non-Olympic weight class at the 2018 or 2019 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 will be required to provide an athlete's recent competitive and training history, including the submission of 2019-2020 training plans and YTP as part of the event application process. Where there is a restriction in registrants per weight class, priority will be given to athletes who are part of the WCL High Performance Program.

### **14 – CLUB ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN NON WCL DESIGNATED UWW EVENTS**

Any athletes intending to compete in a non-WCL designated 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 will be required to provide an athlete's recent competitive and training history, including the submission of 2019-2020 training plans and YTP as part of the event application process. Athletes must be in good standing with their provincial organization as well as Wrestling Canada Lutte.

### **15 – 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.

### **16 – DOPING CONTROL**

Doping control will be conducted throughout the 2019-2020 competition season. Athletes selected to WCL teams are subject to doping control and may be requested to submit to doping control by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) in Canada and/or by the recognized International Doping Association outside of Canadian borders. Should a doping infraction occur, that individual will be immediately removed from the National Team. Other sanctions may also apply.

## **17 – APPEALS PROCEDURE**

WCL nominations may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the WCL Appeal Policy: [https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Appeal\\_Policy.pdf](https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Appeal_Policy.pdf).

## **18 – COMMUNICATION**

This document will be circulated via email to all PTSOs as well as posted on the WCL website. WCL respectfully requests that the PTSOs share this document to their constituents by posting on their respective websites and email distribution.

The policy will be presented to athletes in attendance of a National Team Gold Medal Profile (GMP) camp.

All subsequent amendments to the Selection Criteria will be circulated via email to all PTSOs as well as posted on the WCL website.

Communication of the final team (athletes and staff) and any changes in nomination will be posted on the WCL website and circulated via email to all PTSOs.

Additional recommendations on communication from the Athlete Council will be forthcoming.

## **19 – MODIFICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT**

In the event of circumstances beyond the control of WCL, including but not limited to changes made by United World Wrestling, COC, IOC or WCL, that prevents the fair implementation of these nominating procedures, as written, WCL reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the right to review and change any part of the nominating procedures.