



## **WRESTLE-OFF PROCEDURES 2019-2020**

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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.

These procedures are in effect from the beginning of the 2019 Senior Canadian Championships up to, but not including the 2020 Senior Canadian Championships.

## **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 injury provision wrestle-off requests will be reviewed by the WCL Chief Medical Officer who will advise the HPD.

Additional oversight will be provided by the High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC).

## **3 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (JUNIOR)**

Any athlete who is unable to compete at the 2019 Junior Canadian Championships, or a WCL approved international event selection, due to injury or competition at another approved event may still be considered for nomination, providing they meet the following criteria and satisfy the following conditions:

### ***3.1 - INJURY:***

3.1.1 The official WCL “Inability to Participate Medical Form” is completed by an approved WCL physician and submitted to the HPD, 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 Chief Medical Officer. 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.

3.1.2 Performance Benchmarks:

a) Has placed in the top 8 at the 2018 Junior World Championships;

OR

b) Achieved an international tiering index<sup>1</sup> of at least 1.2 (women) or 1.0 (men) in the current qualification period (from the end of the 2018 Senior Canadian Championships to the end of the 2019 Senior Canadian Championships), specific to the weight class he or she is requesting to petition

*3.2 - COMPETITION AT ANOTHER EVENT (CONFLICT WITH THE 2019 JUNIOR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS):*

3.2.1 The athlete must advise the WCL HPD, or WCL designate, of the conflict prior to the weigh-ins.

3.2.2 The HPD or WCL designate(s) must be satisfied that the conflicting event is of a similar competitive level as the Nominating Event (e.g. NCAA Division 1 Championships):

a) Where an event conflict exists, there is a requirement that:

i. If the athlete is already an identified or targeted WCL athlete, the athlete has participated in WCL programming through the year (including but not limited to regional testing, domestic event participation, WCL YTP programming); OR

ii. Where the athlete is not an identified or targeted WCL athlete, provide details of their daily training environment, YTP and Sport Science and Sport Medicine support and results.

b) If the conflict is the NCAA Division 1 Championships, the athlete has placed in the Top 5.

## **4 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (SENIOR)**

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

Any athlete who is unable to compete at the Senior Canadian Championships, or a WCL approved international event selection, due to injury or competition at another approved event, may still be considered for a wrestle-off, providing they meet the following criteria and satisfy the following conditions, as stated in 4.1 and 4.2.

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<sup>1</sup> Injured athletes, currently holding a senior card, can obtain tiering points as outlined in the injury provisions of the 2019-2020 Carded Athlete Program.

#### 4.1 - INJURY:

4.1.1 The official WCL “Inability to Participate Medical Form” is completed by an approved WCL physician and submitted to the HPD, 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 WCL Chief Medical Officer. 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.

#### 4.1.2 Performance Benchmarks:

##### **Women’s Freestyle:**

- a) Achieved an international tiering index<sup>2</sup> of at least 2.5 in the current qualification period (from the end of the 2018 Senior Canadian Championships to the end of the 2019 Senior Canadian Championships), specific to the weight class she is requesting to petition;  
OR
- b) Is a defending 2018 Senior World Championships medallist.

##### **Men’s Freestyle:**

- a) Achieved an international tiering index<sup>2</sup> of at least 2.0 in the current qualification period (From the end of the 2018 Senior Canadian Championships to the end of the 2019 Senior Canadian Championships), specific to the weight class (s)he is requesting to petition;  
AND
- b) Has placed in the top 10 at the 2018 Senior World Championships or has defeated an opponent in the current qualification period, who ranks in the top 10 at the Senior World Championships in the past two years or is a Junior World Championships medallist in the previous year (2017).

#### 4.2 - COMPETITION AT ANOTHER EVENT (CONFLICT WITH THE 2019 SENIOR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS):

- 4.2.1 The athlete must advise the WCL HPD, or WCL designate, of the conflict prior to weigh-ins.
- 4.2.2 The HPD, or WCL designate(s), must be satisfied that the conflicting event is of a similar competitive level as the Nominating Event (e.g. NCAA Division 1 Championships):
  - a) Where an event conflict exists, there is a requirement that:

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<sup>2</sup> Injured athletes, currently holding a senior card, can obtain tiering points as outlined in the injury provisions of the 2019-2020 Carded Athlete Program.

- i. If athlete is already an identified or targeted WCL athlete, the athlete has participated in WCL programming through the year (including but not limited to regional testing, domestic event participation, WCL YTP programming); OR
  - ii. Where the athlete is not an identified or targeted WCL athlete, provide details of their daily training environment, YTP and Sport Science and Sport Medicine support and results.
- b) If the conflict is the NCAA Division 1 Championships, the athlete has placed in the Top 3.

## **5 – APPROVED WRESTLE-OFFS (JUNIOR AND SENIOR)**

There will be no weight allowance for wrestle-offs.

Where there is a separately published Internal Nominating Procedures (INP) with an existing wrestle-off process, that wrestle-off process will apply for that event.

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;
- Appropriate preparation time for the nominee.

### *WOMEN'S AND MEN'S FREESTYLE*

#### **Junior Canadian Championships or International Event Selection 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 or any International Selection Event with AAP Ranking Implications**

The wrestle-off will be conducted as follows:

- The athlete requesting the wrestle off (challenger) will wrestle the third place finisher in a single match;
- If the challenger is successful against the third place winner, they will wrestle the true second place finisher in a single match;
- If the challenger is again successful, 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.

### *FINAL RANKING AND CARDING POINTS FOR ALL INVOLVED ATHLETES*

- For a challenger to receive ranking or carding points, they must win over, at a minimum, the current third place finisher;
- Ranking and carding points awarded will be determined on the challenger's final ranking from the wrestle-off.

## **International Selection Event without AAP Ranking Implications**

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

## **6 - GENERAL**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 designated athletes as defined above.

## **7 - COMMUNICATION**

Once a wrestle off has been approved, the HPM, or designate, will communicate this to the affected parties via email.

## **8 - APPEALS PROCEDURE**

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

## **9 – 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, but not limited to, a rule or policy change from United Word Wrestling (UWW), UWW Americas, other major Games franchise holders, or WCL.