



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

2025 / 2026 CANADIAN WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS (U19, U17, U15)

May 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Wrestling Championships (U19, U17, U15), together referred to as the “Age Group Championships” are operated under sanction of Wrestling Canada Lutte (“WCL”) in accordance with the Hosting Regulations: Canadian Wrestling Championships (U19, U17, U15) (“Regulations”) (<https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Hosting-Regulations-Canadian-Wrestling-Championships-U19-U17-U15-2023.pdf>).

WCL is seeking bids from Host Organizing Committees (HOCs) to host the Age Group Championships under the defined Regulations on a best bid basis for 2025 and 2026. Bids can be made for one or more of the events. The events will take place on April 25-27, 2025 and April 24-26, 2026, respectively.

Please note that these Regulations are subject to change in order to respond to additional COVID protocols or other government (Federal, Provincial or Municipal) or Public Health Agency requirements, restrictions or approvals.

EVENTS

The Age Group Championships will include the following schedule:

In odd years:

- Thursday: Team arrivals, set-up, weigh-ins (for Friday) and technical meetings
- Friday: U19 & U15 Men’s Freestyle (FS) and U15 Women’s (WW) competition; weigh-ins (for Saturday)
- Saturday: U19 & U17 Women (WW) & U17 Men’s Freestyle (FS)
- Sunday: U19, U17, & U15 Women & Men’s Greco-Roman competition, tear-down & team departures
- Monday: Team departures

In even years:

- Thursday: Team arrivals, set-up, weigh-ins (for Friday) and technical meetings
- Friday: U19 & U17 Women (WW) & U17 Men’s Freestyle (FS) competition; weigh-ins (for Saturday)
- Saturday: U19 & U15 Men’s Freestyle (FS) & U15 Women’s (WW) competition
- Sunday: U19, U17, & U15 Women & Men’s Greco-Roman competition, tear-down & team departures
- Sunday evening / Monday: Team departures

Note: Venue setup typically occurs on the Thursday.

Note: Venue takedown typically occur on the Sunday evening.

PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Participation at the Age Group Championships will vary depending on location and local athlete participation, however WCL estimates that there will be 525 wrestlers, 120 coaches and support staff, 50 officials & pairing masters and 6 WCL staff, VIPs & dignitaries.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Anticipated arrival and departure of participants is characteristically driven by the location of the event and access to flights.

Most participants will arrive on the Thursday and depart on the Sunday, with a minority arriving on Wednesday and departing on Monday. The majority of participants will double up in rooms with two beds. See Regulations for minimum commitment of rooms.

BID PROCESS

Interested parties should provide WCL with a letter of interest by June 26th, 2023. Interested parties can submit any questions or requests for additional information through email (info@wrestling.ca) prior to June 26th, 2023. WCL will provide written responses to any and all parties that have provided WCL with the above letter of interest.

Interested parties will have until July 25th, 2023 to submit their completed and signed bid application electronically in a single document (PDF) to WCL (refer to Appendix B).

All applications will be reviewed and assessed by WCL's Events and Hosting Advisory Committee ("EHAC"). Applications that fail to meet the required hosting regulations may be rejected unilaterally by the EHAC. Each remaining submission will be assessed by the EHAC, based on the scoring matrix in Appendix A.

Based on the scoring matrix, the EHAC will make a recommendation to WCL's Board of Directors, who will approve the successful applicant and award the event. WCL will inform all applicants, in writing, of the outcome of the bid process, within 14-calendar days of the WCL Board decision.

It is expected, an announcement will be made by the end of July or early August 2023.

The successful applicant will be required to provide WCL with contracts for both the venue and hotel and sign a hosting agreement within 6 weeks of being awarded the bid.

SUBMISSION OF BID APPLICATIONS


Completed bids for the Age Group Championships must be submitted electronically by no later than July 25th, 2023 to WCL and include the following:

- Sign & complete bid application document (please use format as per Appendix B)
- Event budget (should support the size and nature of the event)
- Details on Host Organizing Committee and key personnel
- Venue confirmation
- Hotel confirmation
- Rental car confirmation
- Letters of support from tourism/municipal office; and
- Any other optional letters of support (eg. PTSO, local club, etc.)


In completing your bid, it is critically important for the candidate to be very familiar with the requirements outlined in the hosting regulations. Submissions should be succinct but provide sufficient information to enable WCL to analyze, assess and compare the submission (do not assume that evaluators know your venue, location or personnel). It is optimal if the applicant is able to secure funding agreements prior to submitting their bid, however it is acceptable for applicants to simply identify unconfirmed sources (provide details) as well.

Bids are to be submitted electronically to Wrestling Canada Lutte at: info@wrestling.ca.

APPENDIX A

	<h1>Bid Evaluation Matrix</h1>	Score 0=low /none 1= weak/poor 2=average 3=good 4=outstanding / strong	Weighting	Weighted Score
Financial	Financial capacity of HOC		5	0
	External fundraising			
	Government grants			
	Tourism support			
Location	Costs to participants & ease of travel (based on location)		3	0
Support	PTSO		2	0
	Club			
	Tourism / municipality office			
HOC History	Prior experience hosting events		3	0
	Past compliance			
	Volunteer strength			
Enhancements	Venue capacity (meeting requirements)		4	0
	Accommodations (meeting requirements)			
	Capacity to elevate event beyond basic requirements (venue upgrades/raised podium/enhanced video)			
	Proximity between airport - hotel - venue			
	Access to food & parking at venue			
	Tourism & other opportunity			
Participant Experience	Athletes / Coaches / Officials / WCL / Parents & Friends		2	0
Legacy Impact on Local Community	Equipment		1	0
	Other			
Rotation	If the event was held in a different region the prior year, a bonus will be applied (6 points)		1	0
Total				0

APPENDIX B

	Application to Host the Canadian Wrestling Championships (U19, U17, U15)
Years Applied: (Wednesday to Saturday)	April 25-27, 2025 ONLY
	April 24-26, 2026 ONLY
	EITHER April 25-27, 2025 OR April 24-26, 2026
	BOTH April 25-27, 2025 AND April 24-26, 2026
Applicant HOC (Host Organizing Committee): (contact name) (address) (phone) (email)	
Applicant Tourism Agency (co-host): (contact name) (address) (phone) (email)	
Hosting Application Questionnaire Please provide details and information to the following areas related to your bid to host the indicated WCL event. Information should be brief, but include sufficient details and specifics to support the application. Where possible, provide written confirmations and documentation to support. Applications that lack details and specifics are difficult to be evaluated and greatly reduce the potential for a successful application.	
Host City (description of city / access from across Canada / transportation options for participants)	
COMPETITION VENUE (must be confirmed to apply)	
Competition Venue Name	
Venue Address	
Contact Name & Title	
Telephone Number	
Venue website	
Year of construction	
Year of last major renovations	
Availability	Is the venue available from Thursday to Sunday from 8 AM-11 PM?
WEIGH-IN VENUE	
Location	Where (hotel / venue & room name) will weigh-ins be held?
Size	Is your weigh-in area a minimum of 18 m x 25 m?
Requirements	Does the room have a separate entrance and exit? Does the room have a hard surface under scales? Do you have 5 electronic scales (type)?

FIELD OF PLAY	
Competition floor (provide dimensions & diagram of competition area, warm-up/training area)	Do you have 5 regulation (11 m x 11 m) mats? Do you have additional 1.5 M of protection mats to add to top, bottom and ends? Is the competition area at least 61 m x 24.5 m?
Type of Facility (Arena/Gym/Conference Centre)	
Lighting (lux amount)	
Floor Covering Type	
Seating Capacity (must be able to support a minimum of 500 people)	Describe (number & type) proposed seating (attach diagram).
Dressing Rooms / Showers (description of rooms, #s, etc.)	
Does the venue have concessions?	
Venue Accessibility (describe)	
Meeting spaces available?	
Warm Up / Corral Area (dimensions)	Is the warm-up / corral area a minimum of 242 m ² that can hold 2 wrestling mats? How far are warm-up mats from competition mats?
Training Area (dimensions)	Is the training area a minimum of 363 m ² that can hold 3 wrestling mats? Is this facility separate from the warm-up / corral? Does this facility have a sauna and cardio equipment?
DOPING CONTROL (must be confirmed to apply)	
Location	Where will Doping Control occur in the competition venue?
Size	
Requirements (# of toilet stalls / fridge availability / seating capacity)	
HOST HOTEL <i>Hotels with a minimum of 120 total rooms must be confirmed to apply.</i>	
Hotel Name	
Hotel Owner	
Hotel Address	
Telephone	
Hotel Website Address	
Opening Year	
Last Renovations	
ROOM TYPE	Hotel Capacity Rooms Secured Room Rates Extra Guests Taxes/Fees
Single (king or queen)	
Double (2 beds)	
Double (1 bed & 1 pullout)	
Triple (3 beds)	
CHARACTERISTICS – AVAILABILITY / DATES	
Number of stars	
Meeting space availability (provide details)	
# of restaurants in hotel	
Services available in rooms	

TRANSPORTATION		
	Travel Time (min by car)	Travel Distance (km)
Hotel to Airport		
Hotel to Competition Venue		
Hotel to Training Venue (if different)		
FINANCIAL		
Financial Having existing resources with the ability to access and secure external funding is vital to successfully hosting WCL events.	Existing Resources (list cash resources on hand)	
	External Fundraising & Sponsorship	
	Government (Provincial / Municipal) Resources	
	Tourism Agencies Resources	
HOC ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY		
Organizational Support Having the support of other organizations to assist the HOC is important to the successful operation of a WCL event.	PTSO	Letter of support attached.
	Club(s)	Letter of support attached.
	Others	Letter of support attached.
HOC History Prior successful experience in hosting WCL and other events is a strong indicator for being able to successfully host future WCL events.	Prior Experience Hosting WCL Events	
	Prior Experience Hosting International Events	
	Have you had any past issues complying with WCL Technical Requirements or Hosting Regulations?	
	What is your ability to access volunteers for this event?	

		EVENT ENRICHMENT	
Event Enhancements Successfully hosting a WCL event is more than meeting the required minimums. Beyond the competition, successful WCL events also provide other experiences to the participants.	Plans (commitments) to elevate Event (upgrade venue / raised podium / enhanced video, etc.)		
	Access to food at venue		
	Parking at venue (cost / availability / distance)		
	Tourism Opportunity (additional activities that would appeal to participants)		
	Other		
Legacy Impact on Local Community After the competition is over, successful WCL events leave a legacy for the local community.	Equipment & infrastructure		
	Participants (wrestlers / coaches / officials)		
	Other		
Other Provide any other information that is unique to your bid.			

Required Attachments:

- Event budget (preliminary budget should support the expectations of meeting the requirements as well as any enhancements being proposed)
- Venue confirmation (confirming tentative availability and rate)
- Hotel confirmation (confirming tentative availability and rate)
- PTSO and / or local tourism agency letter of support attached
- Details on organizing committee and background / experience of key HOC personnel

HOC Applicant's Commitment

We, the HOC applicant, agree, acknowledge and undertake to the following:

- That the contents and representations in this application have been made in good faith and to the best of our knowledge are true; and
- That if our bid is successful that we will:
 - Accept the awarding of the event to our HOC, as proposed in our application, and will enter into a formal hosting agreement with Wrestling Canada Lutte;
 - Meet and fulfill all of the minimum requirements outlined in the Hosting Regulations: Canadian Wrestling Championships (U19, U17, U15); and
 - Understand and acknowledge that failure to meet our commitments and obligations will result in the financial consequences outlined in the Regulations.

HOC Applicant: _____

Date: _____